

# PRIOR LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

2023-2024 SCHOOL PROFILE



## SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Prior Lake High School provides a quality education to students in grades 9-12 who live in the Prior Lake-Savage Area School District or choose to join us through open enrollment. The high school has approximately 3,000 students enrolled. We offer a variety of innovative learning opportunities during a six period day over the four quarters throughout the school year.

## GRADING SCALE

GPA is determined by two methods, weighted and unweighted. Weighted classes include a 1.1 GPA boost. All Advanced Placement, honors, and concurrent enrollment classes include the weighted grade boost.

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|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| A: 93.5% and above | B+: 89.49- 86.5% | C+: 79.49- 76.5%  | D+: 69.49- 66.5%   |
| A-: 92.49- 89.5%   | B: 86.49- 82.5%  | C: 76.49 -72.5%   | D: 66.49- 62.5%    |
|                    | B-: 82.49- 79.5% | C-: 72.49 - 69.5% | D-: 62.49-59.5%    |
|                    |                  |                   | F: 59.49 and lower |

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Courses are assigned grades and .75 credits at the end of each quarter. It is required to have 63 total credits to graduate.

### 12 Credits of English

English 9 (H), English 10 (Pre-AP/H), English 11 (AP/H), English 12 (AP/College Prep Composition)

### 9 Credits of Math

Int. Algebra, Geometry (H), Algebra 2 (H), Math Analysis, Precalculus (H), Calculus (AB/BC/H), Pre-College Algebra

### 10.5 Credits of Social Studies

Geography (AP), World History (AP), US History (AP), Government (AP), Economics (AP)

### 9 Credits of Science:

Physical Science 9 (H), Biology (AP), Chemistry (AP/H/S2S), Physics (AP/S2S)

### 3 Credits of Art

### 1.5 Credits of Physical Education

### 1.5 Credits of Health

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## POST-GRADUATE PLANS

|               | 4 year | 2 year/Technical |
|---------------|--------|------------------|
| Class of 2023 | 69%    | 17%              |
| Class of 2022 | 67%    | 15%              |
| Class of 2021 | 68%    | 14%              |

## ACT COMPOSITE AVERAGE

|             | Average |
|-------------|---------|
| 2022 - 2023 | 22.4    |
| 2021 - 2022 | 22      |
| 2020 - 2021 | 22.4    |

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Advanced Placement

Prior Lake High School offers an ever-growing list of Advanced Placement courses. In 2021, we offered a total of 1,297 exams for 794 students in subjects including:

US History, World History, Economics, Government, Psychology, Biology, Environmental Science, Physics C, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Computer Science, Literature & Composition, Language & Composition, and Studio Art

### MNCAPS

The Minnesota Center for Advanced Professional Studies (MNCAPS) is a partnership of education, industry and community, immersing all students in profession-based learning experiences. The vision is to develop innovative leaders for the global economy. Prior Lake High School's profession-based immersion program, MNCAPS, is an example of innovation in modern education. MNCAPS offers a unique way for high school students to apply their course work in real-world settings through hands-on learning, solving authentic problems through project-based assessments, personalized learning, and working one-on-one with mentors in the community, all while earning high school and college credits. All MNCAPS classes are given the weighted boost in the GPA. We currently offer the following pathways:

Design and Marketing, Foundations of Business, Education, Trades, and Medicine/Healthcare

### Dual Enrollment & Articulated Credit

A variety of classes are offered as dual enrollment classes where students earn credits at the high school and at a partnering post secondary institution. Dual enrollment classes are weighted in the GPA. Articulated college credits are offered for select electives.

St. Cloud State University: Physics, Chemistry, and German 3

Minnesota State University, Mankato: American Sign Language 3, Spanish 4 and 5

Normandale Community College: NCEE English 11 and 12, Articulated Credit: Accounting 1 & 2 and Word Processing

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities: French 3/4 and German 3/4

### Post Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO)

Students have the option to apply to attend a post secondary institution part-time or full-time during their junior or senior year. These courses are not weighted in the GPA. PLHS students have attended the following institutions:

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Crown College, Normandale Community College, University of Northwestern, Hennepin Technical College, Dakota County Technical College, Winona State University, Bethel University, and Concordia College