



# Orono High School • Minnesota • 2025-2026 Profile

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**Orono High School** is a four-year, public high school in the western suburbs of Minneapolis/St. Paul, serving 988 students from six surrounding communities and through Minnesota's Open Enrollment program.

**Class of 2026** | 248 students  
**OHS Course Catalog** | <https://bit.ly/COURSE-CATALOG>  
**High School Administration**

**Principal** | Amy Steiner, Ed.D.  
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**Extracurricular Activities** | Orono High School offers a variety of activities, organizations and academic/athletic interscholastic competitions. More than 90 percent of our students participate in at least one activity or sport.



**#9 in Minnesota**  
*(#5 traditional high school)*

**#3 College Readiness**  
*(in Minnesota)*

**#2 College Curriculum Breadth**  
*(in Minnesota)*

**Achievement** | The district has a strong tradition of excellence, rooted in community and connectedness. Orono Schools' programs, students and staff are frequently distinguished at the state and national level, performing as well as—if not better than—surrounding public and private institutions.



**Rigorous, College Preparatory Curriculum** | Orono runs a seven-period schedule requiring students to earn 24 credits to graduate. Orono offers 23 AP courses, 9 honors/enriched courses and 6 Dual Enrollment Courses. More than 95% of Orono students enroll in these courses with nearly 75% passing one or more AP exams prior to graduation.

Academic Area	Credits
English	4.0
Social Studies	3.5
Science	3.0
Math	3.0
Fine Arts	1.0
Health	0.5
Physical Ed	0.5
Electives	8.5
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>24.0</b>

## Class of 2025 | Matriculation Highlights

*(percentages are a subset of total matriculation)*

<b>Percent Graduating - Class size 221 students</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Total Matriculation</b> <i>95% after gap year</i>	<b>93%</b>
2-year College	8%
4-year College	92%
Public 4-year	63%
Private 4-year	37%
In State	34%
Out of State	66%



# Advanced Placement

“AP for All” encourages all Orono High School students to complete at least one AP course during high school.



AP Exams & Enrollment	2022	2023	2024	2025	AP Awards	2022	2023	2024	2025
Number of students tested	388	421	454	562	AP Scholar	79	70	74	70
Number of exams administered	772	810	855	1,020	AP Scholar with Honor	40	28	36	46
Percent of exams resulting in a score of 3+	83%	79%	82%	91%	AP Scholar with Distinction	68	74	55	89
Percent of graduating class taking and passing at least one AP exam	65%	66%	69%	76%	Total AP Scholars	187	172	165	205
Percent of graduating class completing at least one AP course	81%	86%	84%	90%	AP Capstone Diploma*	21	6	1	5
					Seminar & Research Certificate*	5	2	0	0

2025 AP Scores by Test	Total	% Passing
Seminar*	111	99%
Precalculus	21	43%
Calculus AB	69	93%
Calculus BC	35	91%
Computer Science Principles	19	79%
Statistics	57	53%
Biology	42	95%
Chemistry	12	83%
Environmental Science	22	95%
Physics C - Mechanics	13	77%
Physics C - E & M	13	69%
2-D Art and Design	5	100%
English Literature	73	93%
Human Geography**	157	90%
Psychology	130	92%
European History	23	83%
U.S. History	29	93%
World History	120	93%
Chinese	5	80%
German	4	100%
Spanish	39	100%
Music	12	83%

\*AP Seminar offered as English Language Arts 10, 2024-25

\*\*AP Human Geography offered to grade 9, 2024-25

## COURSE NOTES:

- **Advanced Topics in Mathematics** is the capstone of our mathematics program and covers topics in Differential Equations, Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra, and Discrete Mathematics.
- The **Minnesota Bilingual Language Seal** is awarded to students who have demonstrated proficiency in languages other than English. The required proficiency levels are ACTFL Advanced Low for a Platinum Seal; ACTFL Intermediate High for a Gold Seal in all of the four modalities—listening, reading, speaking and writing.
- **Marketing Seminar** is our highest-level business course requiring students to create a business plan and/or community-based project to present at the state DECA competition.
- The **Senior Spartan Experience** is a culminating career-development project giving seniors an interactive mentorship experience that connects high school learning to post-secondary aspirations.

College Prep Curriculum	AP Courses
<b>Honors Courses</b>	
Advanced Topics in Math	AP Research
Honors Biology	AP Seminar
Honors Chemistry	AP Music Theory
Honors Physics	AP English Language & Comp
Honors Algebra II	AP English Literature & Comp
Honors Functions & Trig	AP European History
Honors Spanish IV	AP Human Geography
Honors German IV	AP Psychology
Honors Chinese IV	AP U.S. History
<b>Dual Enrollment</b>	AP World History
College Accounting	AP Precalculus
Computer Applications for College	AP Calculus AB
Project Lead the Way (PLTW)	AP Calculus BC
PLTW Intro to Engineering Design	AP Computer Science Principles
PLTW Principles of Engineering	AP Statistics
PLTW Computer Integrated Mfg.	AP Biology
PLTW Engineering Design & Devel	AP Chemistry
<b>Capstone Experiences</b>	AP Environmental Science
Advanced Topics in Math	AP Physics C: E & M
AP Capstone Diploma	AP Physics C: Mechanics
MN Bilingual Language Seal	AP Chinese Language & Culture
Marketing Seminar	AP Spanish Language & Culture
MN Scholars of Distinction	AP German Language & Culture
Senior Spartan Experience	

As part of their four-year plan, **98%** of the OHS Class of 2025 enrolled in academic programs that could lead to college credit: AP; Dual Enrollment (PLTW, College Accounting, Computer Applications for College); PSEO; and Hennepin Technical College Career Pathways.

# GPA, ACT, National Merit Scholars, Awards & Recognition

## GPA Calculations

GPA is calculated on a four-point scale. Honors, Enriched, and AP courses are given a weighting of one extra point (A=5). Transcripts reflect BOTH weighted and standard GPAs.\*

An historical snapshot, by graduating class, of the overall sixth-semester median GPA and the mean GPA (mid 50%) is included below.

MEDIAN GPA	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Weighted	3.81	3.68	3.60	3.60	3.70
Standard	3.55	3.44	3.37	3.40	3.46
MEAN GPA (Mid 50%)	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Weighted	3.76	3.61	3.54	3.60	3.69
Standard	3.52	3.40	3.37	3.40	3.45

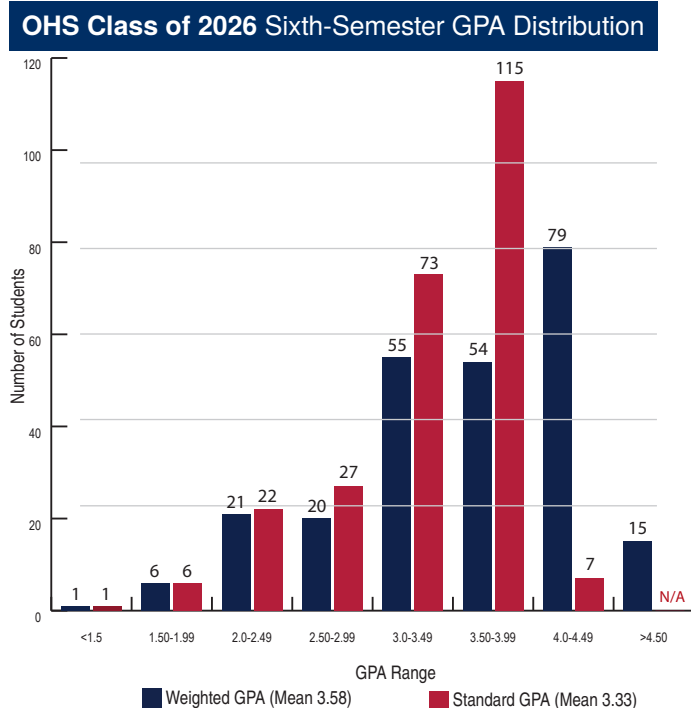
\*Classes taken at local colleges via post-secondary dual enrollment are NOT weighted.

## National Merit Scholars

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Semifinalists	3	4	3	2	2
Commended Scholars	5	5	5	4	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>

## GPA Distribution - Class of 2026

Orono High School does not report individual class rank. To assist in the interpretation of GPA data, we are providing a frequency distribution of sixth-semester weighted and standard GPAs for the Class of 2026.



## ACT Data - Class of 2025

Orono Students Testing: 88%

ACT	Middle 50%-ile: All students	Middle 50%-ile: Top 100
English	19-28	24-32
Math	20-28	26-32
Reading	21-30	26-32
Science Reasoning	22-27	25-31
Composite	21-28	25-31

## Strategic Goals and Intended Results

**Scholarship** | Through personalized and rigorous learning across all disciplines, we will ensure all students possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to thrive in any post-secondary experience and achieve their life goals.

**Character** | We will instill in every child a strong foundation of ethical decision making, responsibility, and integrity, nurturing them to become caring and trustworthy individuals who contribute to their communities.

**Connectedness** | We will foster a connected learning community in which empathy, belonging, and strong relationships are cultivated to empower students and staff.

## Awards & Recognition

### National Recognition

- 2025-26 America's Best High Schools, *U.S. News & World Report*
- Orono High School ranked #3 in Minnesota in College Readiness and #2 in College Curriculum Breadth, *U.S. News & World Report*
- 2023-24 AP School Honor Roll Platinum recognition
- Four students in the Class of 2025 qualified for the NSDA National Speech Tournament
- Orono High School earned the national designation, "Unified Champion School" by Special Olympics for its culture of inclusion
- In 2024, Orono Schools was named one of only three U.S. recipients of the CHARACTER COUNTS! Exemplary School District Award

### State Awards, 2024-25

- DECA sent 75 students to the state conference; there, 11 students qualified for the International Conference. Daniel Kinzer ('26) placed in the International Top 20.
- Orono sent athletic teams or individual qualifiers to 22 state tournaments. State Champions were: Girls Swimming & Diving team; Boys Doubles Tennis; and Girls Golf, individual.
- At the Minnesota State High School League Art Show, nine students earned Superior awards, the highest honor.

# 2015-2025 | College Matriculation

93 percent of graduates from the class of 2025 have plans to go on to post-secondary education at 97 different institutions. In total, more than 70 percent of college applications resulted in offers of admission.

## ALABAMA

Auburn Univ.  
Samford Univ.  
The Univ. of Alabama  
Univ. of South Alabama

## ARIZONA

Arizona State Univ.  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.  
Grand Canyon Univ.  
Northern Arizona Univ.  
The Univ. of Arizona

## ARKANSAS

Harding Univ.  
Univ. of Arkansas

## CALIFORNIA

Azusa Pacific Univ.  
California Baptist Univ.  
California Polytechnic State Univ.  
Chapman Univ.  
Harvey Mudd College  
Loyola Marymount Univ.  
Mount Saint Mary's Univ.  
Pepperdine Univ.  
Point Loma Nazarene Univ.  
San Diego State Univ.  
Santa Clara Univ.  
Univ. of Calif., Berkeley  
Univ. of Calif., Los Angeles  
Univ. of Calif. - Santa Barbara  
Univ. of Calif. - Santa Cruz  
Univ. of San Diego  
Univ. of San Francisco  
Univ. of Southern California

## COLORADO

Colorado Christian Univ.  
Colorado College  
Colorado Mesa Univ.  
Colorado Mountain College  
Colorado School of Mines  
Colorado State Univ.  
Regis Univ.  
United States Air Force Academy  
Univ. of Colorado at Boulder  
Univ. of Colorado at Colorado Springs  
Univ. of Colorado at Denver  
Univ. of Denver  
Univ. of Northern Colorado

## CONNECTICUT

Central Connecticut State Univ.  
Connecticut College  
Quinnipiac Univ.  
Sacred Heart Univ.  
Taft School  
Trinity College  
Univ. of Hartford  
Yale Univ.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The George Washington Univ.  
Georgetown Univ.

## FLORIDA

Broward College  
Eckerd College  
Flagler College  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ. - Daytona Beach  
Florida Gulf Coast Univ.  
Florida Southern College  
Florida State Univ.  
Lynn Univ.  
New College of Florida  
Palm Beach Atlantic Univ.  
Rollins College  
Univ. of Central Florida  
Univ. of Florida  
Univ. of Miami  
Univ. of Tampa

## GEORGIA

Emory Univ.  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Georgia Southern Univ.  
Savannah College of Art and Design  
Univ. of Georgia

## HAWAII

Brigham Young Univ., Hawaii  
Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa

## IDAHO

Brigham Young Univ., Idaho  
Lewis-Clark State College

## ILLINOIS

Bradley Univ.  
DePaul Univ.  
Judson Univ.  
Lake Forest College  
Lewis Univ.  
Loyola Univ. Chicago  
Northwestern Univ.  
Olivet Nazarene Univ.  
Univ. of Chicago  
Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Wheaton College

## INDIANA

Butler Univ.  
DePauw Univ.  
Indiana Univ. at Bloomington  
Purdue Univ.  
Rose-Hulman Institute of Tech.  
Univ. of Notre Dame  
Valparaiso Univ.

## IOWA

Buena Vista Univ.  
Cornell College  
Drake Univ.  
Grinnell College  
Iowa State Univ.  
Luther College  
Northwestern College  
Univ. of Dubuque  
Univ. of Iowa  
Univ. of Northern Iowa  
Upper Iowa Univ.  
Waldorf Univ.

## KANSAS

Benedictine College  
Kansas State Univ.  
Newman Univ.  
Ottawa Univ.  
Univ. of Kansas

## KENTUCKY

Univ. of Kentucky  
Univ. of Louisville

## LOUISIANA

Louisiana State Univ.  
Tulane Univ.

## MAINE

Bowdoin College  
Colby College  
Univ. of Maine

## MARYLAND

Goucher College  
Johns Hopkins Univ.  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
United States Naval Academy  
Univ. of Maryland, College Park

## MASSACHUSETTS

Bentley Univ.  
Boston College  
Boston Univ.  
College of Holy Cross  
Emerson College  
Endicott College

Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering  
Gordon College  
Harvard College  
Hillsdale College  
Mount Holyoke College  
Northeastern Univ.  
Smith College  
Springfield College  
Stonehill College  
Suffolk Univ.  
Tufts Univ.  
Univ. of Mass., Amherst  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

## MICHIGAN

Hope College  
Northern Michigan Univ.  
Univ. of Michigan - Ann Arbor

## MINNESOTA

Augsburg College  
Bemidji State Univ.  
Bethel Univ.-MN  
Carleton College  
College of Saint Benedict  
College of St. Scholastica  
Concordia College - Moorhead  
Concordia Univ. at St. Paul  
Crown College  
Gustavus Adolphus College  
Hamline Univ.  
Lake Superior College  
Macalester College  
Minnesota State Univ., Mankato  
Minnesota State Univ., Moorhead  
North Central Univ.  
Northwestern Health Sciences Univ.  
Saint John's Univ.  
Saint Mary's Univ. of Minnesota  
St. Catherine Univ. - St. Paul  
St. Cloud State Univ.  
St. Olaf College  
Univ. of Minnesota, Crookston  
Univ. of Minnesota, Duluth  
Univ. of Minnesota, Morris  
Univ. of Minnesota, Twin Cities  
Univ. of Northwestern  
Univ. of St. Thomas  
Winona State Univ.

## MISSISSIPPI

Univ. of Mississippi

## MISSOURI

Culver-Stockton College  
Maryville Univ. of Saint Louis  
Saint Louis Univ.  
Univ. of Missouri Columbia  
Washington Univ. in St. Louis

## MONTANA

Montana State Univ., Bozeman  
The Univ. of Montana, Missoula  
The Univ. of Montana - Western

## NEBRASKA

College of St. Mary  
Creighton Univ.  
Univ. of Nebraska at Lincoln  
Univ. of Nebraska at Omaha

## NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dartmouth College  
Univ. of New Hampshire

## NEW JERSEY

Princeton Univ.  
Stevens Institute of Technology

## NEW MEXICO

Univ. of New Mexico

## NEW YORK

Colgate Univ.  
Columbia Univ.  
Cornell Univ.

Fordham Univ.  
Hamilton College - NY  
Hofstra Univ.  
LIM College  
Marist College  
New York Univ.  
Pace Univ.  
St. Francis College  
St. Lawrence University  
Syracuse Univ.  
Union College  
United States Military Academy  
Univ. of Rochester

## NORTH CAROLINA

Davidson College  
Duke Univ.  
Elon Univ.  
High Point Univ.  
Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
North Carolina State Univ. at Raleigh  
Wake Forest Univ.

## NORTH DAKOTA

Lake Region State College  
North Dakota State Univ.  
Univ. of North Dakota

## OHIO

Case Western Reserve Univ.  
Kenyon College  
Miami Univ., Oxford  
Denison Univ.  
Ohio State Univ.  
University of Akron - Main Campus  
Xavier Univ.

## OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Christian Univ.

## OREGON

Lewis & Clark College  
Oregon State Univ.  
Portland State Univ.  
Reed College  
Univ. of Oregon  
Univ. of Portland

## PENNSYLVANIA

Bucknell Univ.  
Carnegie Mellon Univ.  
Drexel Univ.  
Durham Univ.  
Haverford College  
Lehigh Univ.  
Pennsylvania State Univ. - Main Campus  
Univ. of Pennsylvania  
Univ. of Pittsburgh  
Villanova Univ.

## RHODE ISLAND

Brown Univ.  
Bryant Univ.  
Univ. of Rhode Island

## SOUTH CAROLINA

Clemson Univ.  
Coastal Carolina Univ.  
College of Charleston  
Furman Univ.  
Univ. of South Carolina  
Wofford College

## SOUTH DAKOTA

Augustana College  
Dakota State Univ.  
Northern State Univ.  
South Dakota State Univ.  
Univ. of Sioux Falls

## TENNESSEE

Belmont Univ.  
The Univ. of Tennessee-Knoxville  
Vanderbilt Univ.

## TEXAS

Baylor Univ.  
LeTourneau Univ.  
Southern Methodist Univ.  
Texas A&M Univ.  
Texas Christian Univ.  
Texas Tech Univ.  
Univ. of Texas at Austin  
Univ. of Texas at Dallas

## UTAH

Brigham Young Univ.  
Univ. of Utah  
Weber State Univ.

## VERMONT

Middlebury College  
Univ. of Vermont

## VIRGINIA

George Mason Univ.  
Hampden-Sydney College  
Virginia Military Institute  
Virginia Polytechnic  
Washington and Lee Univ.  
Liberty Univ.  
Sweet Briar College  
Univ. of Richmond

## WASHINGTON

Gonzaga Univ.  
Seattle Univ.  
Univ. of Puget Sound  
Univ. of Washington  
Washington State Univ.  
Whitman College  
Western Washington Univ.

## WEST VIRGINIA

Mountain State Univ.

## WISCONSIN

Alverno College  
Carroll Univ.  
Carthage College  
Lawrence Univ.  
Marquette Univ.  
Northland College  
Saint Norbert College  
Univ. of Wisc., Eau Claire  
Univ. of Wisc., Green Bay  
Univ. of Wisc., La Crosse  
Univ. of Wisc., Madison  
Univ. of Wisc., Milwaukee  
Univ. of Wisc., Oshkosh  
Univ. of Wisc., River Falls  
Univ. of Wisc., Stevens Point  
Univ. of Wisc., Stout  
Univ. of Wisc., Superior  
Univ. of Wisc., Whitewater  
Viterbo Univ.

## WYOMING

Univ. of Wyoming

## INTERNATIONAL

Durham University  
King's College London  
McGill Univ.  
New York Univ. Abu Dhabi  
Richmond; The American International School In London  
Royal Holloway University of London  
The Univ. of Auckland  
The Univ. of Edinburgh  
Univ. College - Cork  
Univ. of British Columbia  
Univ. of Manitoba  
Univ. of St. Andrews  
London School of Economics and Political Science