



**Central High School** is the oldest high school in the state of Minnesota. Its many rich traditions, including academic excellence, are widely acclaimed and adapted throughout the state. Founded in 1866 in downtown Saint Paul, Central has educated leaders in business, government, literature, arts, sciences, and education throughout the state of Minnesota and the United States. Central is a model for public education serving diverse populations.

### Many Traditions, One School

Central is located in Saint Paul, Minnesota's Capital City, which is home to 311,000 people. Central often has the largest enrollment in Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS).

<b>Principal</b>	Cherise Ayers
<b>Counseling Dept.</b>	Wendy Eidem & Mai Sue Lee
<b>Co-Chairs</b>	Lee
<b>Accreditation</b>	AdvancED
<b>Control</b>	State of Minnesota
<b>CEEB Code</b>	242230
<b>Class Size</b>	Up to 40 students
<b>Stud./Counselor Ratio</b>	229:1
<b>9th grade</b>	404 students
<b>10th grade</b>	408 students
<b>11th grade</b>	445 students
<b>12th grade</b>	349 students
<b>Total enrollment</b>	1,606 students
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<b>White</b>	45%
<b>Black/not Hispanic</b>	28%
<b>Asian/Pacific Islander</b>	12%
<b>Multiracial</b>	13%
<b>Hispanic/Latino</b>	1%
<b>Native</b>	1%
<b>43 Languages spoken in students' homes.</b>	
<b>47% of students qualify for free/reduced lunch.</b>	

### GRADE POINT DETERMINATION\*

Grade	Grade	Grade	Grade
A	4.0	**C	2.0
A-	3.7	**C-	1.7
B+ (above avg)	3.3	**D+ (below avg)	1.3
B	3.0	**D	1.0
B-	2.7	**D-	.7
**C+ (average)	2.3	N/NP (fail)	0/NA
		I (incomplete)	NA

\*Students may take up to 8 courses per quarter. *All grades except for P and NP are used for GPA and class rank.*

\*\*In quarters 3 and 4 of 2020, all students in SPPS received a "Pass" for any grade below a B- (including NP). From Fall 2020 to Spring 2022, passing grades below B- automatically changed to P on transcripts; students had the option to request a change to P for a grade of A to D-. *Grading this school year is A through D-, with N indicating a failing grade.*

### Weighted honor points are earned in the following courses:

- *International Baccalaureate (IB)\**: 44 IB courses;
- *Advanced Placement (AP)\**: 15 AP courses;
- *Honors*: 25 courses (listed as Accelerated, Honors, Immersion, or Quest on transcript);
- *Language classes*: Chinese, French, German, Latin, and Spanish are offered, levels III through VI are awarded honor points;
- *College in the Schools (CIS)\**: 4 courses; Instructors trained by U of M faculty teach English for University credit at the high school;
- *PSEO\**: Students in grades 11 and 12 may enroll in courses at colleges or technical institutes through the MN Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program.

All grades from courses designated as honors will be figured for GPA via a 1.25 multiplier effect, e.g. an "A" in an honors course will be multiplied by 1.25 to yield a weighted grade point of 5.0: (4 x 1.25 = 5.0).

\*See description on additional page.

### Class of 2023 Highest GPA:

Weighted **4.90**  
Unweighted **4.00**

### ACT DATA

#### Central Composite Averages:

2023 (366 students) **22**  
2022 (509 students) **22**  
2021 (339 students) **23**  
2020 (339 students) **22**

### NATIONAL MERIT COMPETITION

#### 2024 Merit Program

Commended **1**  
Semifinalists **4**  
Finalists **TBD**

#### 2023 Merit Program

Commended **11**  
Semifinalists **1**  
Finalists **1**

#### 2022 Merit Program

Commended **7**  
Semifinalists **2**  
Finalists **2**

### SURVEY OF THE CLASS OF 2023

Students surveyed **359**  
Four-year college **69%**  
Community/Technical college **17%**  
Workforce **5%**  
Military **1%**  
Gap Year **4%**  
Apprenticeship **1%**  
Other **3%**

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM	
Number of exams, May 2023	<b>876</b>
Students taking exams	<b>587</b>
Subject areas	<b>24</b>
Passing rate	<b>57%</b>
AP Scholars Awarded	<b>59</b>
AP Scholars with Honors	<b>21</b>
AP Scholars with Distinction	<b>31</b>
AP National Scholars Awarded	<b>0</b>
Total Scholars	<b>111</b>

**Advanced Placement Tests:** Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Chinese Language and Culture, Computer Science A, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, French, German Language and Culture, Human Geography, Japanese, Macroeconomics, Physics 1, Physics C: EM, Physics C: Mech, Spanish Language and Culture, Statistics, US Government and Politics, US History, World History: Modern

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA PROGRAM	
Number of exams, May 2023	<b>881</b>
Students taking exams	<b>356</b>
Full Diplomas Awarded	<b>30</b>
Highest Diploma Points	<b>36</b>

**IB Program Tests:** English Lit, German, French, French Language and Lit, Latin, Mandarin, Spanish, Philosophy, Economics, History, Biology, Physics, Chemistry; Sports, Exercise, and Health Science; Math Analysis, Math Applications, Visual Arts, Music

### TOP 10 COLLEGES ENROLLED IN CLASS OF 2022\*:

\*2023 data not yet available  
University of Minnesota Twin Cities  
Saint Paul College  
Century College  
University of Wisconsin Madison  
St Olaf College  
Augsburg University  
University of St Thomas  
University of Wisconsin Eau Claire  
Concordia University St Paul  
Hamline University

## Class of 2023 Graduation Requirements

86 credits must be earned in the following areas  
(2 credits equal one semester):

- English – 16 credits
- Social Studies – 16 credits, including 4 in US History, 2 in Economics, 2 in US Government, 4 in World History, and 4 in Geography
- Math – 12 credits, through Algebra II
- Science – 12 credits, including 4 in Biology and 4 in Chemistry or Physics
- Physical Education – 2 credits
- Health – 2 credits
- FACS/Industrial Tech – 2 credits
- Fine Arts – 4 credits
- Electives – 20 credits

Can meet the graduation assessment requirements by having the opportunity to take a college entrance/placement exam, including but not limited to ACT, SAT, and ACCUPLACER.

## Academic Specialties

Central offers students six options for rigorous college preparation:

### 1. International Baccalaureate - IB

Central HS has been an IB World School authorized to offer the Diploma Program since 1987. Our Diploma Program offers 17 testing subjects: Chinese (Mandarin); French; German; Latin; Spanish; Russian; English Lit; French Lang & Lit; Biology; Chemistry; Physics; Math Analysis; Math Applications; History; Economics; Philosophy; Music; Visual Arts, and Theory of Knowledge. About 50% of our 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders register for one or more IB Exams; and Central scores have consistently been above average for IB students throughout the world.

The IB Diploma Program is a global pre-university program that provides an interdisciplinary curriculum and incorporates multi-cultural perspectives and internationally-based standards of achievement. IB courses develop and refine higher level thinking skills, writing techniques and oral communications.

### 2. Middle Years Program – MYP

Central HS in partnership with Ramsey Middle School has been authorized to offer the IB MYP since 2009. The partnership shares a common philosophy of commitment to challenging and high quality international education.

### 3. Advanced Placement

Central High School has been offering AP courses and exams since 1994. The school currently offers 14 courses and continues to have a significant number of AP award recipients including National AP Scholars.

### 4. Quest

For over 30 years, Quest classes are honors courses combining traditional group learning with individual pursuit of academic interests and artistic talents. Students are trained to think independently and to learn from each other and from the instructor. The humanities-based curriculum delves into ancient and modern texts by multiethnic authors of all genders. Quest classes stress analysis and synthesis of ideas as well as critical thinking processes articulated in written and oral assignments.

### 5. College in the Schools (CIS)

Instructors trained by U of M faculty teach English, Latin, Psychology, and African American Studies for University credit at our high school.

### 6. Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program

Students in grades 11 and 12 may enroll in courses at colleges or technical institutes through the MN Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEO).

## Other Specialties

### Media Communications

Central has a dedicated recording studio. In the audio studio, musicians, singers and technicians rehearse daily to prepare, perform, and record original compositions with state-of-the-art equipment. In the TV studio, broadcast journalism students produce CMN, the Central Morning News.

### Performing Arts

Experience is available in acting, band, choir, jazz band and orchestra. Central has an accomplished theater club, that performs three full shows each year. All

aspects of the productions are student driven: acting, music, stage management, costumes, and technical production. Our dance classes perform a recital annually. Vocalists and instrumentalists in Central's Music Department perform throughout the school year in our community. These large organizations tour nationally every two years. Central musicians have a tradition of first place awards and superior ratings at local, state and national festivals and competitions.

### Visual Arts

The visual arts department provides a solid introduction to the formal, technical, and expressive qualities of several art media. After completing introductory courses, many students continue work focusing on ceramics, drawing, jewelry, photography, painting, and art history in upper level, honors, IB and AP courses. Central's visual artists participate in several juried exhibits throughout the year, including an end-of-the-year exhibit put on in partnership with Concordia University.

## Extracurricular Activities

Extracurricular activities at Central support optimal youth development and engage every segment of the school's diverse student population. Central's athletic program includes swimming, tennis, football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, badminton, wrestling, gymnastics, track and field, cross-country running, and skiing. Central teams consistently participate in postseason competition for regional and state championships.

Central also has a rich variety of extracurricular activities including theater, jazz band, honor society, community service activities (Fresh Force, Roots & Shoots), speech, debate, math team, yoga, and much more.

