



HINSDALE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Hinsdale Township High School District 86

Hinsdale Central High School

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Community

Hinsdale Central High School is located 17 miles west of Chicago in DuPage County and serves a suburban residential area. Students live in the communities of Hinsdale, Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Oak Brook, Westmont, and Willowbrook.

School

Hinsdale Central is one of two comprehensive high schools in Hinsdale Township High School District 86. Fall 2025 enrollment at Central is approximately 2,425 students, with 605 seniors in the class of 2025. More than 99% of Central's students complete high school, with 88.2% of the class of 2024 pursuing a four-year college education, 7.85% choosing two-year colleges, and 3.95% pursuing other opportunities/ undecided at the time of graduation. Hinsdale Central is a member of the North Central Association, The College Board and NACAC/IACAC. It was also named a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. The district's per pupil operating cost is approximately \$28,362.

School Organization

The school year consists of two semesters. The first semester ends on December 20, 2024 and the second semester ends on May 29, 2025. Students have the option to enroll in six or seven 50-minute classes per semester.

Faculty Stats

Of the 217 certified faculty members, 202 hold a master's degree and three hold a doctorate's degree. Fifty three percent of the faculty have 20 or more years of experience in education. Fourteen teachers are Nationally Board Certified.

Student Services

A comprehensive program of student services is provided. Twelve counseling professionals assist students with academic, social and personal concerns, college selection, and career/ vocational plans. Complementing the counselors are social workers, school psychologists, deans, nurses and a fully-inclusive special education program.

Extracurricular Activities

Hinsdale Central students are highly involved in numerous extracurricular programs and activities. There are 31 athletic teams and over 85 clubs available to students. Hinsdale Central athletes have captured over 121 state championships and 246 state trophies. In 2014-2015, Hinsdale Central broke the IHSA state record for the most state championships in one year, capturing 10 in athletics and ac-tivities combined. More than 90% of the student body partici-pates in at least one of the 85+ active clubs and organizations. Our athletic and activity programs are considered an extension of our classrooms; we strive to teach lifelong lessons as well as sportsmanship, leadership and character. Hinsdale Central was recognized as a State School of Character in 2007, a State and National School of Character in 2008 and a School of Excellence for student athletes in 2017.

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Academic Information

District 86 does not maintain class rank. Semester grades earned in all courses, exclusive of physical education and driver education, are used to determine dean's list and honor roll according to the grade point system noted below. Both weighted and unweighted GPAs are reported.

During the 2022-23 school year, District 86 launched an earned honors credit pilot designed to provide students with another opportunity to engage in and demonstrate honors level work. Students who complete assignments and activities to earn honors credit for the course will receive the honors designation at the end of the course.

Honors & Advanced Placement Courses

Weighted

A = 6, B = 5, C = 4, D = 2, F = 1

All Other Courses / Unweighted

A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, F = 1

Dean's List

4.5 GPA / No grade below a "C"

Honor Roll

4.0 GPA / No grade below a "D"

GPA for seniors in the class of 2025 through six semesters: 605 Students

	Weighted	Unweighted
Top Decile	5.784 - 5.976	4.973 - 5.000
1st Quartile	5.440 - 5.976	4.829 - 5.000
2nd Quartile	4.919 - 5.439	4.472 - 4.821
3rd Quartile	4.206 - 4.917	4.000 - 4.471
4th Quartile	2.000 - 4.194	2.000 - 3.974

Class of 2024 Stats

586 Graduates

96.05%

of graduates are college bound

88.2%

4 Year college bound

7.85%

2 Year college bound

51

National Merit Commended

22

National Merit Semi-Finalist

20

National Merit Finalist

4

National Hispanic Recognition Scholar

1

National Indigenous Recognition Scholar

220

Illinois State Scholars

Class of 2024 Tests

ACT Score Breakdown

Score	Total	%
33 – 36	50	20
28 – 32	90	6
24 – 27	55	21
20 – 23	46	18
16 – 19	12	5
13 – 15	0	<10

Average Composite Score:
27.7 for 253 Students

SAT Reasoning Test Score Breakdown

Score	Evidenced Based Reading/Writing (Mean = 622 Total)	Math (Mean = 627 Total)
750 – 800	57	120
700 – 749	84	71
650 – 699	110	65
600 – 649	102	69
550 – 599	85	78
500 – 549	53	79
450 – 499	34	35
400 – 449	24	26
200 – 399	8	14

2024 Advanced Placement Examinations

1,043 students took **2,660** examinations as follows:

91.7% of students earned a **3, 4, or 5** on at least one test. **89.5%** of test scores were **3, 4, or 5**.

Art History	11	German Language	6
Biology	141	Govt & politics: US	88
Calculus AB	174	Physics 1	85
Calculus BC	121	Physics C – E & M	24
Chemistry	42	Physics C – Mechanics	49
Chinese Lang.	5	Psychology	173
Comp Science A	62	Seminar: Research	12
Comp Sci Prin	62	Seminar: Science	22
Econ – MACRO	109	Spanish Language	88
Econ – MICRO	85	Spanish Literature	1
English Language	372	Statistics	97
English Literature	204	Studio Art - 2D	11
Environmental Science	85	Studio Art - Drawing	3
European History	124	US History	301
French Language	18	World History	62

Graduation Requirements

To graduate, a student must earn a minimum of **24.0 credits** and successfully meet the following requirements:

English	4.0	Elective Arts	2.0
Mathematics	3.0	Physical Education / Health	3.5/0.5
Science	2.0	Consumer Education	0.5
US History	1.0	Civics	0.5
World History	1.0		

Earned Honors Credit (EHC), Honors (H) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered at HCHS

Department	Honors Classes	AP Classes	Department	Honors Classes	AP Classes
Art	Exploring Visual Arts (EHC) Ceramics 2 (EHC) Ceramics 3 (EHC) Digital Imaging & Graphic Design 2 (EHC) Digital Imaging & Graphic Design 3 (EHC) Drawing & Painting 2 (EHC) Drawing & Painting 3 (EHC) Glass & Metalsmithing 2 (EHC) Glass & Metalsmithing 3 (EHC) Photography 2 (EHC) Photography 3 (EHC)	AP Art History AP 2D Art & Design AP 3D Art & Design	Science	Biology Honors Earth Science Honors Chemistry Honors Chemistry 10 Honors Physics Honors Physics 9 Honors	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics 1 AP Physics C Ap Physics C-M AP Seminar: Science AP Research: Science
Business	Intro to Business (EHC) Business Law 1 Honors Business Law 2 Honors Accounting Honors Internship Honors Tech Support Internship Honors		Social Studies	World History Honors Philosophy Honors	AP European History AP US History AP Psychology AP Macroeconomics AP Microeconomics AP Gov & Politics, US
English	English 1 Honors English 2 Honors Creative NonFiction (EHC) Psychology in Literature (EHC) Journalism 2: Yearbook Honors Journalism 2: Newsmagazine Honor	AP English Language & Comp AP English Literature & Comp	Technology	Pre-Engineering 1 Honors Pre-Engineering 2 Honors Architecture & Design Honors Engineering & Manufacturing Honors Engineering Capstone Honors	
FACS	Invitation to Teaching Honors Interior Design & Housing Honors		World Language	German 1 Honors German 2 Honors German 3 Honors German 4 Honors Latin 1 Honors Latin 2 Honors Latin Literature Honors French 1 Honors French 2 Honors French 3 Honors French 4 Honors French 5 Honors Spanish 2 Honors Spanish 3 Honors Spanish 5 Honors: Spanish Studies Spanish 5 Honors: Latin Am Studies	AP Latin AP French Language AP Spanish Language AP Spanish Literature AP German Language
Mathematics	Algebra & Geometry Honors Geometry Honors Algebra 2/Trig Honors Integrated Algebra & Geo Honors Pre-calculus Honors Computer Science Topics Math Topics Honors Multivariable Calculus	AP Computer Science A AP Computer Science Principles AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics			
Music	Honors level is available in all music courses with Department approval.	AP Music Theory			