

# NILES WEST HIGH SCHOOL

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## 2024-2025 SCHOOL PROFILE

High School Code 143926

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### ACCREDITATION

Illinois State Board of Education

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College Board, Illinois and National Associations for College Admission Counseling.

Through the Illinois Student Assistance Commission FAFSA Completion Initiative, Niles West High School received the Gold Medal for the Class of 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024

## DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY

Niles Township High School District 219 is comprised of two public, four-year (9-12), comprehensive high schools; Niles West and Niles North. Niles West is located approximately 8 miles north of the heart of Chicago in Cook County, the two schools serve the communities of Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Skokie, and Niles.

In the district's Fall Housing Report, over 60% of the student body reported speaking another language; identifying 90 different languages with Urdu, Spanish, and Assyrian as the most common.

## STUDENTS

The class size for 2025 is 644. Of Niles West Enrollment of 2,582 student population, the self-reported demographics are as follows: 43% White, 5% Black, 14% Hispanic, 34% Asian, and 4% two or more races. *(Data reflects federal race and ethnicity reporting categories.)*

According to the 2022-2023 Illinois School Report Card, 30% of students qualified for the Free or Reduced Lunch program. However, ISAC's Gap Access FAFSA Completion reports that 42% of the 2024 class were Pell Grant eligible.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school year consists of 178 school days: two 18-week semesters, nine 42-minute periods, and an assigned 10-minute homeroom (M-F. Laboratory classes meet twice a week for an additional 42 minutes). The school day starts at 8:10 a.m. and concludes at 3:23 p.m. For the 23-24 School Year, the BOE approved weekly Wednesday 90-minute late-starts to support Student Learning Objectives. The first semester ends on December 20, 2024, and the second semester on May 22, 2025.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate, students must earn a minimum of thirty-six academic credits, plus 1 credit of PE for each semester enrolled at Niles West, totaling 8 credits for most students, plus meeting the health proficiency. The Health Graduation Requirement is embedded in Sophomore PE.

99% of graduates earn more than 44 total credits. Graduation rate: 93%

|                |   |                          |   |                    |   |
|----------------|---|--------------------------|---|--------------------|---|
| English        | 8 | Consumer Education       | 1 | Public Speaking    | 1 |
| Mathematics    | 6 | Health Education         | 1 | Physical Education | 8 |
| Lab Science    | 6 | Fine Arts/Practical Arts | 2 | Electives          | 7 |
| Social Studies | 6 |                          |   |                    |   |

## GRADES

Starting with the Class of 2014, class rank is no longer computed. Students of Niles Township High Schools are graded on a scale of A, B, C, D and F. *Note: AU grades were issued during the pandemic for multiple reasons to support students. Please contact the registrar if you have any questions.*

## GRADE POINT AVERAGE

The GPA is cumulative based on all courses which a student has taken, excluding Driver Education (behind the wheel) and Pass-Fail classes. The GPA is calculated as the total of grades divided by the sum of the attempted credits. Weighted and unweighted GPA is computed three times a year: at the end of each semester and at the end of the summer term.

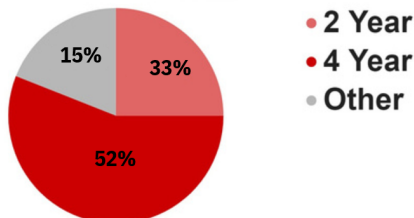
| GENERAL GPA | HONOR GPA | ADVANCED PLACEMENT / EQUIVALENT GPA |
|-------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| A = 4.0     | A = 4.5   | A = 5.0                             |
| B = 3.0     | B = 3.5   | B = 4.0                             |
| C = 2.0     | C = 2.5   | C = 3.0                             |
| D = 1.0     | D = 1.5   | D = 2.0                             |
| F = 0.0     | F = 0.0   | F = 0.0                             |

| COURSE TYPE |                      |
|-------------|----------------------|
| AP/APE      | AP Equivalent        |
| D           | Dual Credit          |
| EL          | English Language     |
| G           | General              |
| H           | Honors               |
| L           | Lab                  |
| PLTW        | Project Lead The Way |

Weighted and unweighted GPAs are based on a 4.0 scale, with Honors and Advanced Placement classes (or equivalent courses) receiving bonus points as outlined to left. After six semesters, the highest GPA for the Class of 2025: Unweighted = 4.0/4.0 Weighted = 4.61/4.0

## RECOGNIZED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

### Distribution of Post-High School Plans Class of 2024



-Attending a public university: 64%  
-Attending a private university: 36%

-Attending In-State school: 78%  
-Attending Out-of-State school: 22%

#### Source:

Maia Learning. This report is from 493 surveyed based upon a class of 607

# NILES WEST COURSE OFFERINGS FOR INTERPRETATION OF COURSE ABBREVIATIONS

## INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSES AVAILABLE IN ALL SUBJECTS

### ENGINEERING, COMP SCI & BUSINESS

#### Engineering:

Auto Tech 1, 2, 3, 4, (G, H, D)  
 Civil Engineering & Architecture (PLTW, D)  
 CNC Programming & Machinery Tech (D)  
 Computer Integrated Manufact. (PLTW, D, APE)  
 Digital Electronics (PLTW, D, APE)  
 Engineering (PLTW, D)  
 Engineering, Design & Development (PLTW, APE)  
 Introduction to Engineering Design (PLTW, D, APE)  
 Introduction to Engineering Design - Women in  
 Maker Studio (D)  
 Principles of Engineering (PLTW, D)  
 Welding & Metal Fabrication (G, H, D)  
 Advanced Welding (G, H, D)

#### Computer Science:

Advanced App Development (AP)  
 AP Computer Science A  
 AP Computer Science Principles  
 Artificial Intelligence  
 Computer Repair & Networking  
 Cybersecurity (H, D)  
 Introduction to Computer Science

#### Business:

Business Incubator (H)  
 Business Strategies & Entrepreneurship (H)  
 Business & Technology 1, 2  
 College Accounting - Financial (APE)  
 College Accounting - Managerial (APE)  
 College Business (G, H, D)  
 Financial Literacy & Consumer Education  
 Investing & Finance  
 Marketing  
 Work Study

### ENGLISH

*The Board of Education eliminated Freshmen Honors English during the first semester. Freshmen have the option of taking Honors English during their second semester. This applies to the Class of 2025 and beyond.*

American Literature and Composition (H)  
 American Studies (ALCUSH) (G, H)  
 AP English Language  
 AP English (Literature)  
 AP Seminar  
 Asian American Literature (G, H)  
 Bible & Mythology (H)  
 Broadcast Production (G, H)

#### College Prep:

College Preparatory English (G, H)  
 Literature of Moral Conflict (G, H)  
 Literature of Peace & Non-Violence (G, H)  
 Lit of Sports & American Culture (G, H)  
 Social Justice & Equity (G, H)  
 Senior English (G)  
 Women and Gender Studies (G, H)  
 World Literature (G, H)  
 Composition and Rhetoric (G, H)  
 Creative Writing  
 Digital Storytelling  
 Reading/Freshman English (G, H)  
 Freshman English (G, H)  
 Images of Literature  
 Journalism  
 Newspaper Production (H)  
 Public Speaking  
 Sophomore English (G, H)  
 Stories of the African Diaspora (G, H)  
 Yearbook Production (H)

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE

EL 1, 2, 3  
 EL Algebra 1,2  
 EL Algebra Fundamentals  
 EL American Literature & Comp  
 EL Biology  
 EL Business & Technology  
 EL Civics  
 EL Engineering  
 EL Freshman Rdg & Lit

EL Geometry  
 EL Grammar 1, 2, 3  
 EL Literature 1, 2, 3  
 EL Modern World History  
 EL Physical Science  
 EL Reading 1, 2  
 EL Social Justice  
 EL Sophomore Rdg & Lit  
 EL United States History Assyrian  
 Bilingual Modern World History  
 Assyrian Bilingual Physical Science

### FINE & APPLIED ARTS

#### Art:

Advanced 2-D Design  
 Advanced Studio Art  
 AP 2-D Design  
 AP 3-D Design  
 AP Studio Art  
 Art Foundations  
 Ceramics 1 & 2  
 Digital Photography 1 & 2  
 Drawing/Painting  
 Graphic Design 1

#### Drama:

Acting  
 Advanced Theatre Studio  
 Directing  
 Play Production  
 Theatre Workshop

#### Family & Consumer Sciences:

Early Childhood Education - ECE Level 1  
 Early Childhood Education - ECE Level 2 (D)  
 Chefs' Course Gourmet and International  
 Foods Commercial Foods Workshop Fashion  
 1 & 2 Fashion Studio  
 Fashion Workshop

#### Music:

##### Band

Jazz Band  
 Percussion Techniques  
 Symphonic Wind Ensemble (Audition only)  
 Concert Band  
 Symphonic Band

##### Chorus

Choral Tenor & Bass  
 Choral Soprano & Alto  
 Chamber Choir  
 Concert Choir, Soprano & Alto  
 Concert Choir, Tenor & Bass  
 Advanced Choir

##### Orchestra

Beginning Orchestra  
 Concert Orchestra  
 Philharmonic Orchestra  
 Symphonic Orchestra

##### Non-Performing

AP Music Theory  
 Arts Appreciation  
 Digital Piano 1-2  
 Electronic Music  
 Guitar 1  
 Guitar 2  
 Guitar Ensemble  
 Music Theory

### MATHEMATICS

Algebra I  
 Algebra II (G, Adv, H)  
 Algebra Essentials  
 AP Calculus AB  
 AP Calculus BC  
 AP Statistics  
 Calculus  
 Geometry (G, Adv, H)  
 Intermediate Algebra  
 Mathematical Modeling  
 Post Calculus Topics  
 Precalculus (G, Adv, H)  
 Probability & Statistics

### PHYSICAL WELFARE

Advanced Dance  
 Adventure Education 1-2  
 Aerobics Dance 1-2  
 Driver Education  
 Freshman Foundations Physical Education  
 Integrated Physical Education Leaders 2, 3  
 Sophomore Health and Fitness  
 Sports Fitness  
 Strength and Conditioning  
 Varsity Physical Education

### READING

Reading 1-2  
 Reading 3-4

### SCIENCE

Anatomy & Physiology (2 levels) (L)  
 AP Biology (L)  
 AP Chemistry (L)  
 AP Environmental Science (L) (D)  
 AP Physics 1 (L)  
 AP Physics C (L)  
 AP Research (L)  
 Astronomy + Modern Physics (L)  
 Basic Nurse Assistant Training (BNAT) (L) (D)  
 Biology (2 levels) (L)  
 Chemistry (3 levels) (L)  
 Exploratory Chemistry & Physics (L)  
 Forensics (L)  
 Health Careers (D)  
 Physics (2 levels) (L)  
 Science Topics (L)  
 STEM Inquiry and Research (L)  
 Astronomy and Modern Physics (L)  
 Zoology (L)

### SOCIAL STUDIES

American Studies (ALCUSH) (G, H)  
 AP African American Studies  
 AP European History  
 AP Government & Politics  
 AP Macroeconomics  
 AP Microeconomics  
 AP Psychology  
 AP World History  
 AP United States History  
 Asian American Studies-History (G, H)  
 Black & LatinX Studies (G, H)  
 Civics  
 Global Problems (G, H)  
 Law (G, H)  
 Modern World History  
 Psychology (G, H)  
 Sociology (G, H)  
 United States History (G, H)  
 World Religions (G, H)  
 World War II (G, H)  
 Advanced Debate (H)  
 Debate (H)  
 Intro to Debate

### WORLD LANGUAGES

Assyrian 1 (G, H)  
 Chinese (4 years: G, H, AP)  
 French (4 years: G, H, AP)  
 German (4 years: G, H, AP)  
 Hebrew (4 years: G, H)  
 Advanced Hebrew Topics  
 Advanced Spanish Heritage (G, H)  
 AP Spanish Literature and Cultures  
 Spanish Introduction 1-2  
 Spanish (5 years: G, H, AP)  
 Spanish Conversation  
 Spanish Heritage (G, H)