



Vel Phillips Memorial High School

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2022-23 Student Enrollment:

2,009

2023 Senior Class:

530

Percentage of students with free/reduced lunch:

43%

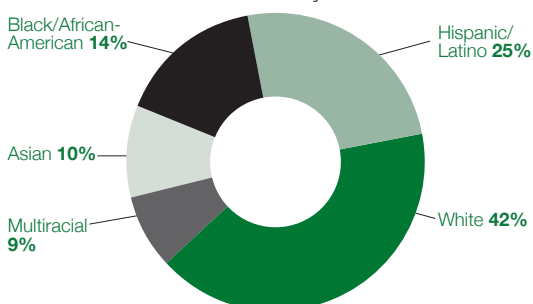
Percentage of Identified English Learners:

34%

Count of District Identified Languages Spoken Other than English:

49

Student Race and Ethnicity:



Located in the south central portion of the state, Madison, Wisconsin, has an estimated population of 252,551 and is the home of the University of Wisconsin and the State Capitol. Although Madison has long been considered a leading medical, cultural and educational center of the Midwest. Memorial High School is a microcosm of the city of Madison, reflecting its rich ethnic cultural and economic diversity. The University of Wisconsin provides numerous enrichment opportunities and brings many national and international experts into our school community to live and work.

Equity Statement

We are VPM, where students thrive because we believe in identifying and disrupting educational inequities, creating opportunities for all students that are rigorous, engaging, and relevant to student's lives, creating a community where students, staff, and families feel a sense of belonging and all identities, abilities, and personal assets are valued, and we believe in being responsive to student needs and invested in student success.

MMSD Vision Connection

Our school supports MMSD's vision that all students acquire the skills and abilities needed to be successful, including a mastery of content areas, growth mindset, self-knowledge, creativity, wellness, interpersonal skills, confidence, cultural competence, and community connection. We have an even greater sense of responsibility to work every day with students, parents, and staff to see that each student feels part of the Memorial community and graduates with the skills and abilities to be successful in college, career, and community.



Grading System

Grades are not weighted for Accelerated or AP courses. MMSD does not implement a class ranking system. In order to comply with Wisconsin Act 95, students who are in the Top 5% or Top 10% of their classes have this denoted on their transcript under “Comments.” This designation is only on transcripts sent to University of Wisconsin Schools.

2020-2022 “No Pass (NP)” was used in lieu of “F” in the grading scale. No Pass is not included in the student’s calculated GPA.

2022-2024 “No Credit (NC)” was used in lieu of “F” in the grading scale. No Credit is not included in the student’s calculated GPA.

Letter grade point averages are calculated in a four point scale. If a student has successfully completed and earned credit for a course, a grade of A, B, C, D, or P will be recorded.

- A = excellent
- B = above average
- C = average
- D = below average
- F = failure
- P = passing

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AP Courses Offered:

- AP Studio Art
- AP English Lit & Composition
- AP Language & Composition
- AP PreCalculus
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics 1
- AP Physics 2
- AP African American Studies
- AP European History
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Psychology
- AP US Government & Politics
- AP US History
- AP World History
- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- AP Spanish Literature & Culture
- AP Chinese Language & Culture
- AP French Language & Culture

Graduation requirements

Students graduating in June of 2024 need a total of 22 credits to earn their diploma. In addition, students need to pass the State of Wisconsin Civics Exam.

English: **4 credits**

Math: **3 credits**

Social Studies: **3 credits**

Science: **3 credits**

Physical Education: **1.5 credits**

Health: **.5 credits**

Financial Literacy: **.5 credit**

Humanities: **1 credit**

Civics Exam: **Must Pass**

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Dual Enrollment Courses Offered:

- Advanced Accounting
- Business Technologies
- Civil Engineering & Architecture
- Computer Hardware Essentials
- Engineering Design
- Medical Terminology
- Principles of Engineering
- Wood Fabrication 4

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Honors Courses Offered:

- Algebra 1 Honors
- Geometry Honors
- Algebra 2/Trig Honors
- English 1 Honors
- English 2 Honors
- Integrated Science Honors
- US History Honors
- US History in Spanish Honors
- World History Honors
- World History in Spanish Honors

2023-2024 Course Catalog

Number of AP tests taken (2024)

1043

Number of students that took AP test (2024)

551

Percentage of students that took AP exams (2024)

27%

Percentage of students who took at least one AP Exam and earned a 3 or better on at least one AP exam (2024)

77%

Percentage of students who took at least one AP Exam and earned a 4 or better on at least one AP exam (2024)

55%

Average Composite ACT Score (2024)

19.6

Average ACT English Score

18.6

Average ACT Math Score

19.8

Average ACT Reading Score

19.8

Average ACT Science Score

19.8

Number of National Merit Semifinalists (2023)

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Unique Curricular Offerings:

- Early College Education Academy
- Early College STEM Academy
- Dual Language Immersion (DLI)



Post Graduate Plans for the class of 2023*

Immediate Enrollment in 4 year

47%

Immediate Enrollment in 2 year

23%

Military

0%

Colleges Memorial High Students Attend

- Madison College *
- Edgewood College
- Marquette University
- Macalester College
- St. Thomas University
- Tennessee State University
- UW Madison
- UW Milwaukee
- UW Eau Claire
- University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
- UW La Crosse
- UW Whitewater
- University of Colorado-Boulder
- University of California-Berkeley
- University of Iowa

**Percentages reported are from National Student Clearinghouse enrollment data.*

***Madison College is the top 2-year transfer college in the area.*