



ACCREDITATION

Leyden is accredited by Cognia and the Illinois State Board of Education.

ATHLETICS

Leyden students have the opportunity to participate in 27 IHSA sports. Leyden competes in the West Suburban Conference. Participation is offered on several levels, including Varsity, Jr. Varsity, Sophomore, and Freshman. Outstanding facilities include two competition gyms/field houses, aquatic center, fitness centers, and a multi-purpose turf field.

COMMUNITY

Leyden High School District 212 is a comprehensive high school district located in Chicago’s near west suburbs. Students live in Franklin Park, Northlake, River Grove, Schiller Park, portions of Rosemont, and unincorporated areas of Melrose Park.

FACULTY

There are 283 licensed teachers of which 88.9% have a master’s degree or higher. There are 15 full-time counselors, six social workers, three full-time speech pathologists, and two health care aides.

GRADE WEIGHTING

Leyden High School District 212 does not utilize class rank. Academic awards are determined based on summed weighted grades of all courses taken. Subject weights are established as follows:

	A	B	C	D	F
Advanced Placement	5.0	4.5	3.5	1.5	0.0
Honors	4.5	3.5	2.5	1.0	0.0
College Prep	4.0	3.0	2.0	1.0	0.0

GRADE EXPLANATION

- A - Superior
- B - Above Average
- C - Average
- D - Passing
- I - Incomplete
- F - Failing
- TF - Truancy Fail

Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year, Leyden High Schools adopted a standardized assessment framework to align grading practices, assessments, and outcomes throughout the District. This change established uniform grade categories and weights for all disciplines, as follows:

- Summative Assessments: 70% of the overall grade
- Formative Assessments: 30% of the overall grade

This updated framework replaces the district’s previous approach, where individual teachers and course teams determined grade weights and categories. This move also eliminated the use of categories such as ‘practice’ and ‘participation’ to ensure that grades more accurately reflect student learning, not behaviors.

SAT TEST — 11th Grade Mean Scores

Reading & Writing.....	459
Math	455
Overall.....	914

SCHEDULE

Leyden uses a schedule that allows students to take seven courses per semester and includes an Advisory period for all students.

SENIOR GRADUATING CLASS of 2024

	East Students	West Students
Illinois State Scholars	34	18
Attending Community Colleges	40%	39%
Attending Four-Year Colleges	39%	36%

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Principal



LEYDEN

HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 212

2024-2025 SCHOOL PROFILE

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Principal

STUDENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Leyden offers so many opportunities to get involved, including joining clubs, attending special events, participating in spirit days, volunteering in the community, and much more. Leyden has over 70 clubs, including: academic, cultural, general interest, honors, music / performing arts, and service. Leyden's Fine Arts program (music and drama) also offer challenging experiences for pupils with special talents and interests.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

East Leyden — 1,854 and Class of 2024 Graduates — 419
West Leyden — 1,674 and Class of 2024 Graduates — 387

SPECIAL FEATURES

East Leyden Nardini Library/West Leyden Media Center —

The Leyden Libraries are integral parts of East and West Leyden High School as they serve to foster student literacies through print and digital texts, innovative programming, and author visits. The libraries are warm, inviting spaces conducive to studying, collaborating, reading, and thinking. The library programming challenges students with a variety of diverse texts to explore current issues, celebrate cultural backgrounds, and research using a wide array of databases at varied reading levels. Our libraries and our work help to engage students with texts, foster excitement about reading, and make the resources accessible to students at all academic levels.

Dual Degree — In the Dual Degree Program, students take classes to fulfill high school graduation requirements as well as earn an Associate's degree by the end of their senior year. Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) courses are selected for easy transfer to a four-year institution. During their junior and senior years, students will participate in college courses at Triton College.

Career Centers — Supervised by the counseling staff, are open multiple times a week to support students' postsecondary planning. The Centers also host workshops on topics such as college applications, scholarships, financial aid, and career counseling.

College Seminars — College representatives are frequently scheduled to talk to our students, including local state and national colleges and universities.

Comprehensive Career Programming — Leyden High School offers fourteen state-approved career pathways with early college, team-based challenges, and alignment towards the Illinois College and Career Pathway Endorsement.

Co.Lab Program — Co.Lab is a Freshmen program open to all students. Through participation, students will become confident, creative problem-solvers in an interdisciplinary project based environment that fosters inquiry, leadership, communication, and reflection to help students discover their passions and advocate for their learning.

Four-Year Sequence of Honors Level Classes — The academic areas listed have Advanced Placement courses: Art, English, Calculus, Statistics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Italian, French, Spanish, Computer Science, Psychology, European History, U.S. History, and Government/Politics.

The Excellence Award — This recognition is earned over four years as students strive to meet goals in the following areas: G.P.A., Attendance, Citizenship, Service, Participation, Credits, and taking an Advanced Placement or Capstone class.

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2024-2025 COURSE OFFERINGS

ART

Art Survey
Drawing I & II
Painting I & II
Advanced Art
AP Art & Design
Ceramics I, II, III & IV
Photography I & II
Photography & Digital Video
Graphic Design I & II
Animation & Motion Graphics
Art Production

BUSINESS EDUCATION

Digital Literacy
Sports & Entertainment Marketing
Intro to Business & Entrepreneurship
Introduction to Accounting
Video Game Design I & II
Coding/Hardware and AI
Cybersecurity I
Technical Support Internship
College Accounting Honors
Consumer Education
AP Computer Science Principles
Business Incubator
Work Based Learning
Related Work Based Learning
Barbering Related Work Based Learning
Cosmetology Related Work Based Learning
Business Education Independent Study

ENGLISH

English I, II, & III
English Honors I, II, & III
AP English II Seminar
English II Honors Journalism
English III American Studies
AP English III Language & Composition
English IV Transitional
English IV
English IV Broadcast Journalism Honors
English IV Print Journalism Honors
English IV Creative Writing Honors
English IV Honors
AP English IV Literature & Composition
AP English IV: Research
Theater I & II
Theater Technology & Design I & II

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Culinary Basics
Pastry Chef
Cake Decorating
Cuisine Chef
Catering I & II
Gold & Bold Cafe
Fashion & Design I, II, & III
Fashion Basics Dual Credit
Child Development
Human Development
Exploring Education
Preschool
Education Academy I & II
Taste of Travel
Medical Careers
Medical Careers Independent Study
Work Based Learning
Related Work Based Learning
Barbering Related Work Based Learning
Cosmetology Related Work Based Learning
Elmhurst Educator Prep Dual Enrollment

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Exploring Technology
Autos I & II
Automotive Service
Intro to Eng Design Honors
Principles of Engineering Honors
Aerospace Engineering PLTW
Woods I & II
Home Repair
Construction
Metals I & II
Work Based Learning
Related Work Based Learning
Barbering Related Work Based Learning
Cosmetology Related Work Based Learning
Industrial Tech Independent Study

MATHEMATICS

Pre-Algebra
Intensified Algebra I
Algebra I & II
Advanced Algebra Honors
Geometry
Geometry Honors
Intermediate Algebra II
Advanced Algebra II w/
Precalculus Honors A
AP Precalculus
Precalculus Honors B w/
Calculus A

Statistics & Applied Math
Precalculus
AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Computer Science A
Transition to College Algebra

MODERN LANGUAGES

French I, II, & III
French IV Honors
AP French Language & Culture
Italian I, II, & III
Italian IV Honors
AP Italian Language & Culture
Spanish I, II, & III
Spanish Heritage I & II
Spanish IV Honors
AP Spanish Language & Culture
AP Spanish Literature & Culture
Spanish & Latin American Film
Latin American Popular Culture

MULTILINGUAL LEARNERS AND LITERACY

English For Language Learners
Sheltered Education
Bilingual Education

MUSIC

Concert Choir
Bel Canto Chorale
A Cappella Choir Honors
Varsity Choir Honors
Concert Band I & II
Symphonic Band Honors
String Orchestra Honors
Digital Music Production

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Freshman Health
Freshman P.E.
Sophomore P.E.
Sophomore Athletic P.E.
Driver Education & Safety
Junior/Senior P.E.
Adventure Education
Athletic PE I & II
Physical Management
Sports Officiating
Physical Education Independent Study

SCIENCE

Physical Science
Biology
Bilingual Biology
Biology Honors
Chemistry
Bilingual Chemistry
Chemistry Honors
Physics
Physics Honors
Anatomy and Physiology
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics I & II
Environmental Science
Medical Careers
Medical Careers Independent Study
Earth Science
Chemistry of Foods

SOCIAL STUDIES

Global Studies
Global Studies Honors
Civics
Law
Psychology
Economics Honors
Sociology Honors
AP U.S. Government & Politics
AP European History
AP Psychology
United States History
U. S. History American Studies
United States History Honors
AP United States History
Latin American Studies
Social Studies Seminar

EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT

Dual Degree Program
Criminal Justice Cohort
Education Cohort
Fire Science Cohort
Welding Cohort
Emergency Medical Tech Cohort
Heating and Cooling Cohort

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