



# 2024-2025 High School Profile

## Our School

**Website:** [hs.slpschools.org/](https://hs.slpschools.org/)

**School Code:** 242-205

Four-year public high school,

**Grades:** 9-12

**Enrollment:** 1,416

**Size of Senior Class:** 388

**School Year:** 2 semesters, 7 period days

## Distinctions

- Nationally Designated School of Excellence
- Named 32nd Best Public High School for College Prep in Minnesota by Niche
- International Baccalaureate School
- Four-year graduation rate of 87%

## Administration

### Superintendent

Dr. Carlondrea Hines

### Principal

LaNisha Paddock

### Assistant Principals

Alyssa Gardner

Alonzo Parks

### Student Services Staff

Barb Nelson, Gr. 9 Counselor

Sara Lindsay, Gr. 10 Counselor

Kelsey Milne, Gr. 11 Counselor

Heidi Cosgrove, Gr. 12 Counselor

Marlee Nirenstein, Social Worker

Kjirsten Hanson, Social Worker

Kara Mueller, CCR/CTE Coordinator

Carley Kragness, BARR Coordinator

Faduma Adeed, Enrichment

Coordinator Teresa Petta, Testing

Coordinator



## Our Community

St. Louis Park is a first-ring suburban community located west of Minneapolis. It is known for its diverse, family-friendly atmosphere and strong sense of community. With a population around 50,000 residents, the city blends urban amenities with suburban living. St. Louis Park places a strong emphasis on education with the school district being highly regarded for its commitment to academics, inclusion, and student support.

## International Baccalaureate

St. Louis Park High School became an IB World School in 2000. The IB Program is a rigorous two-year college preparatory program. Juniors and seniors can self-select to enroll in individual IB courses or be a full diploma candidate. If you have any questions concerning the IB Program, please contact Faduma Adeed at 952-928-6127 or [adeed.faduma@slpschools.org](mailto:adeed.faduma@slpschools.org).

## Faculty

St. Louis Park High School has 84 licensed teachers on staff, including 70 that hold advanced degrees.

## 15 AP Courses Offered

- AP African American Studies
- AP Calculus
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Environmental Science
- AP European History
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Pre-Calculus
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Statistics
- AP Spanish Literature & Culture
- AP U.S. History & Culture
- AP World History

## 36 IB Courses Offered

- IB English A Language and Literature SL-1 & SL-2
- IB English A Literature HL-1 & HL-2
- IB Film SL
- IB Extended Essay
- IB Math SL Analysis Year 1 & Year 2
- IB Math HL Analysis Year 1 & Year 2
- IB Chemistry SL
- IB Physics SL
- IB Biology HL-1 & HL-2
- IB Psychology SL
- IB History HL-1: History of the Americas
- IB History SL: History of Authoritarian States
- IB History HL-2: History of Authoritarian States
- IB French Language B SL-1 & SL-2
- IB German Language B SL-1 & SL-2
- IB Hebrew Language B SL-1 & SL-2
- IB Spanish Language B SL-1 & SL-2
- IB Spanish Language B HL-1 & HL-2
- IB Spanish Language and Literature SL-1 & SL-2
- Theory of Knowledge

## 21 CTE Courses Offered

*Students can get Technical or Community College credit by taking these courses.*

- Business Innovations
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Computer Hardware and Software Fundamentals
- Construction Technologies
- Digital Artwork Design
- Digital Photography
- Engineering II
- Exercise Physiology
- Fashion Marketing and Merchandising
- Health Care Core
- Health Professions Terminology
- Information Communications Literacy
- Introduction to Accounting
- Introduction to Architectural and Engineering CAD
- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Introduction to Exercise Science
- Introduction to Graphic Design
- Introduction to Marketing
- Media Arts
- Photography
- Woodworking I & II

### Top 5 Post Secondary Institutions:

University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Normandale Community College, University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis Community & Technical College, and University of Wisconsin- Eau Claire.

## Student Population (9-12)

White .....	52%
Black/African American .....	30%
Hispanic/Latino .....	9%
Two or More Races .....	8%
Asian.....	6%
American Indian/Alaska Native .....	2.5%
English Learners .....	11%
Special Education .....	10%
Free/Reduced Lunch .....	41%

## Post Secondary Plans

Of the 2022 graduating class, 69% chose to attend a post-secondary institution. 61% of those students chose to attend an institution in Minnesota, while 39% chose an institution outside of Minnesota. Of those students who chose an institution in Minnesota, 41% chose a 4-year institution, while 20% chose a 2-year institution.

## Testing

### ACT 2024 Summary Report

<i>Mean Scores</i>	<i>SLP HS</i>
English.....	21
Math .....	21
Reading.....	23
Science.....	22
<b>Composite .....</b>	<b>22</b>

### Advanced Placement

In 2024, 468 students took 785 AP exams, earning an average score of 3; 66% of all exams were 3 or higher. 159 students were named to the scholar roster (89 AP Scholar, 33 AP Scholar with Honors, 37 AP Scholar with Distinction).

### International Baccalaureate

In 2024, 42 students took 96 exams. Diploma candidates earned an average score of 5.2. Four students were awarded the IB Diploma.

### National Merit Scholarship Program for 2024-25

Based on PSAT results, two students were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program as commended scholars.

## Graduation Requirements

All students are required to earn 46 semester credits. Credit requirements by subject area are: English (8 credits), Social Studies (8 credits), Math (6 credits), Science (6 credits), Health (1 credit), Physical Education (1 credit), Fine Arts (2 credits), and Electives (14 credits). Starting with the class of 2020, there will be a personal finance class required.

## Grading System

A standard 4.0 grading system with letter grades of A, B, C, D, or F is used. Accelerated, Honors, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate classes are not weighted as part of the student's grade point average (GPA). A "P" for pass is included as a credit toward graduation, but does not count toward a student's GPA. St. Louis Park High School does not use class rank.

### Important Note About Covid-19 Impact on Grading

**School year 2021-2022, both semester one and semester two.**

- Due to the continuation of the pandemic, the high school wanted to offer a choice in grade reporting.
- The student could choose to take any grade as a Pass(P) grade
  - This was not factored into the G.P.A.

**School year 2022-2023, both semester one and semester two.**

- The high school resumed normal grading practices.



## Extracurricular Activities

### 28 Varsity Athletic Teams

#### FALL

Cross Country (B/G)  
Football  
Soccer (B/G)  
Swimming (G)  
Tennis (G)  
Volleyball (G)

#### WINTER

Basketball (B/G)  
Gymnastics  
Hockey (B/G)  
Nordic Skiing (B/G)  
Swimming (B)  
Alpine Skiing (B/G)

#### SPRING

Baseball  
Golf (B/G)  
Lacrosse (B/G)  
Softball  
Synchronized Swimming  
Tennis (B)  
Track & Field (B/G)  
Volleyball (B)

### Clubs and Organizations

St. Louis Park High School has a wide array of clubs and organizations including fine arts opportunities such as theater, band, orchestra, and choir; an award-winning student newspaper and yearbook; academic-based opportunities such as math team and quiz bowl; a robotics team; a computer repair club; a nationally recognized eSports team; a drone racing team; and many others.

## Notable Alumni

**Thomas Friedman**, *New York Times* columnist, author

**Joel and Ethan Coen**, film directors, screenwriters, producers

**Dan Israel**, musician and songwriter

**Jim Petersen**, former NBA player, current Timberwolves analyst

**Peggy Orenstein**, author, writer for *New York Times Magazine*

**Marc Trestman**, NFL coach, former coach of Chicago Bears

**Dan Wilson**, lead singer of Trip Shakespeare and Semisonic

**Peggy Flanagan**, current Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota

**Emily Schmidt**, co-producer/writer for *Ghosts* on CBS TV

