



**2020**

**PROGRESSIVE PSL**

## Our School

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

**School Code:** 242-205

Four-year public high school,  
. YHKL 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

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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 western suburb of Minneapolis with a population of approximately 49,000 residents. Students come from diverse cultural, educational, and economic backgrounds.

## 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 2023, 57 students took 119 IB exams. Diploma candidates earned an average score of 4.64. Five students were awarded the IB Diploma.

### National Merit Scholarship Program for 2023-24

Based on PSAT results, seven students were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program, including two semifinalists and five 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).

## 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

