

Crystal Lake South High School

2025-2026



1200 S. McHenry Avenue
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
815-455-3860
CEEB Code: 141-517

Community High School District 155 | cls.d155.org

School Community

Crystal Lake South High School is a public, four-year high school with an enrollment of 1,189 students. Located approximately 45 miles northwest of Chicago, the school serves the cities of Crystal Lake and Lake in the Hills. Crystal Lake South offers a comprehensive curriculum and extracurricular activities to help students expand their academic and social skills, learn about themselves, engage in positive experiences, and be involved with community outreach. There are 25 varsity sports, one club sport, and over 35 school activities.

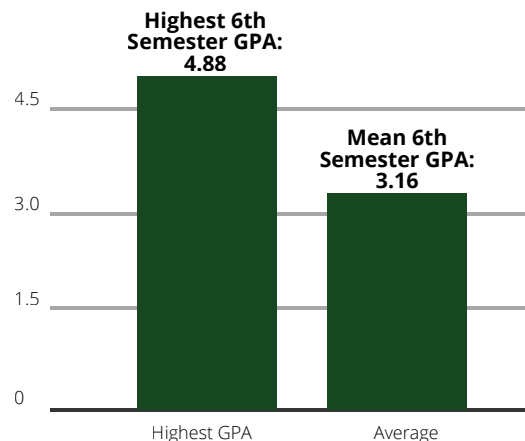
Crystal Lake South is consistently ranked among the best public high schools nationally and in the state of Illinois. Most recently, U.S. News & World Report named it among the nation's best high schools for 2025 - 2026. Chicago Magazine ranked South as the best high school in McHenry County and Niche ranked District 155 as the best district in McHenry County.

In District 155, 81% of teachers hold a master's degree. The teacher-student ratio is 20:1. The school also employs five counselors, two social workers, one nurse, and one psychologist on its student services team.

Community High School District 155 includes four comprehensive high schools and one alternate education campus. Serving grades 9-12, each institution has full State of Illinois recognition and accreditation. Enrollment includes approximately 5,103 students from McHenry and Lake counties.

Grade Point Average

Class of 2026



Honor Roll Recognition
Honors: 3.160 - 3.749 **High Honors:** 3.750 & above

Graduation Requirements

Computer Education	0.5 credits
English.....	4.0 credits
Social Science*	2.0 credits
Science.....	2.0 credits
Mathematics.....	3.0 credits
Elective Courses**	6.0 credits
Consumer Education***	0.25 credits
Classroom Drivers Education.....	0.25 credits
Physical Education & Health.....	2.25 credits
Total for Graduation.....	20.25 credits

*One year must be US History including passing marks on federal and state Constitution tests; one semester must include a course that meets the state Civics requirement.

**One credit of electives must be in art, foreign language, music, or vocational education.

***Requirement may be completed through some business classes, family and consumer science courses, or the Cooperative Education program.

Semester Grade Determination

Semester grades are calculated based on weighted categories of formative and summative assessments and a possible final exam. Percentages assigned to each category may vary based on course, with the potential final exam counting for no more than 20% of the overall grade.

Course Listing

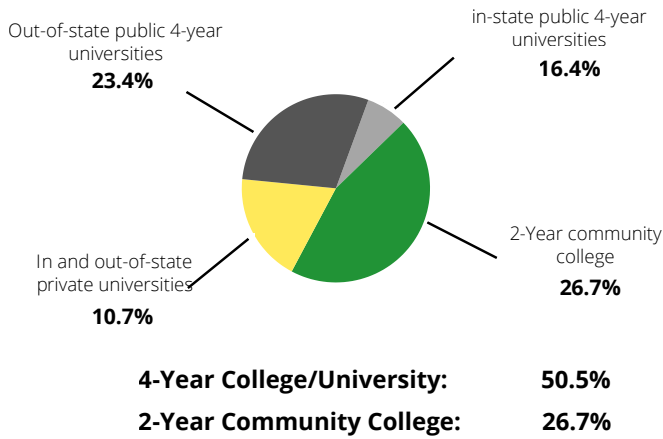
District 155 offers a full array of courses to challenge and enhance its students' learning. To view a complete course catalog choose "Course Selection Guide" from the links list at www.d155.org.

District 155 separates courses into three categories: General (G), Honors (H), Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Credit (DC). The grade point average (GPA) for these classes is calculated using the following scale:

Letter Grade	Advanced Placement® (AP) & Dual Credit	Honors (H)	General (G)
A+	5.33	4.83	4.33
A	5.00	4.50	4.00
A-	4.67	4.17	3.67
B+	4.33	3.83	3.33
B	4.00	3.50	3.00
B-	3.67	3.17	2.67
C+	3.33	2.83	2.33
C	3.00	2.50	2.00
C-	2.67	2.17	1.67
D+	2.33	1.83	1.33
D	2.00	1.50	1.00
D-	1.67	1.17	.67
F	.00	.00	.00
*NC	No Count (no grade issued, Remote Learning)		



Class of 2025 Matriculations



College representatives are invited to visit Crystal Lake South throughout the school year. To schedule an appointment, contact the College & Career Center supervisor at 815-455-3860 ext. 3279.

Top Colleges

Crystal Lake South Class of 2025:

1. McHenry County College (**86**)
2. Iowa State University (**17**)
3. University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign) (**13**)
4. Illinois State University (**13**)
5. University of Illinois (Chicago) (**8**)
6. Northern Illinois University (**8**)
7. University of Kentucky (**7**)

The Class of 2025 will study in 22 states.

Advanced Placement Testing

Students tested in 2025	285
AP® Exams taken in 2025	381
Percent 2025 AP® exams with a score of 3+	84%
College Credit Report, Class of 2025	28%
Class of 2025 AP® enrollment	40%

Class of 2025 ACT Scores

	CLS Mean	Illinois Mean
Composite Total	20	18.7
ELA	19.8	18.3
STEM	20.3	19.1

*Scores from Spring 2025 State Testing Date

D155 Advanced Placement®, Dual Credit, & Honors Courses Currently Offered

Department	Freshman Year	Sophomore Year	Junior Year	Senior Year
Art		DC Art Appreciation		AP Studio Art DC Art History I & II
Business	DC Computer Business Applications		DC Marketing	DC VEI DC Business Incubator
Consumer & Family Science			DC Culinary II Commercial DC Intro to Education	DC Advanced Culinary Commercial
English	(H) Freshman English	(H) Sophomore English	(H) Junior English AP English Language & Composition	AP English Literature & Composition DC Composition I DC Composition II DC Speech
Industrial Technology	(H) PLTW Intro to Engineering	(H) PLTW Principles of Engineering (H) PLTW Cybersecurity	DC Autos II DC CNC Machining I (H) PLTW Digital Electronics	(H) PLTW Engineering Design & Development DC Metals II DC Metals III DC Health Careers and Nurse Assistant
Mathematics	(H) Geometry AP Computer Science Principles	(H) Algebra II w/ Trig AP Computer Science A	(H) Pre-Calculus DC Mobile Apps	AP Calculus AB DC Calculus III AP Calculus BC AP Statistics DC Applied Calculus. DC Advanced Mobile Apps
Music			DC Music Theory	DC Music Appreciation
Science	(H) Biology	(H) Chemistry	AP Physics I AP Physics C Honors Physics	(H) Human Anatomy & Physiology AP Biology AP Environmental Science AP Chemistry
Social Science	(H) World Studies I (H) World Studies II AP Human Geography	AP European History	AP U.S. History DC History	AP Macro/Micro Economics DC Psychology AP U.S. Government
Wellness		DC Personal Fitness	DC Personal Fitness	DC Personal Fitness
World Language			DC French III DC German III DC Spanish III	DC Spanish IV DC French IV DC German IV AP Spanish Language DC Advanced Spanish Conversation and Composition

This chart indicates when honors, AP, and Dual Credit courses are typically taken. Some courses may not be offered during a particular semester if enrollment thresholds are not met. Dual Credit courses earn college credit primarily through McHenry County College.

School Administration

Principal - Kimberly Bromley
Vice Principal - Bryan Peckhart
Assistant Principal of Student Services - Anna Carroll
Deans - Sean Scotty and Jameson Higgins

Student Services Personnel

Counselors - Kerri Bowers, Brett Collins, Michael Collins, Tammy Freund, Kyle McCaughn
Registrars - Laura Julitz (A-G), Katherine McCowan (OK-Z) and Tracy Wells (H-OJ)

Administrative Assistant - Nicole Hodges
College/Career Center Supervisor - Caitlyn Dayton
Student Services Paraprofessional - Elizabeth Rathjen