

NILES WEST HIGH SCHOOL

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2025-2026 SCHOOL PROFILE

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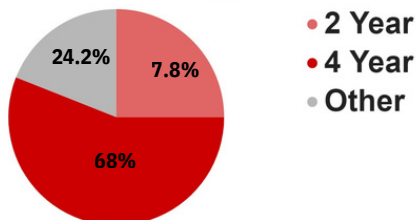
Nationally Recognized ASCA Model Program

Member: College Board, Illinois and National Associations for College Admission Counseling.

Through the Illinois Student Assistance Commission FAFSA Completion Initiative, Niles West High School received the Gold Medal for the Class of 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025

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Distribution of Post-High School Plans Class of 2025



-Attending a public university: 66%
-Attending a private university: 33%

-Attending In-State school: 79%
-Attending Out-of-State school: 20%

Source:

SchoolLinks. This report is from 528 surveyed based upon a class of 656

DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY

Niles Township High School District 219 is comprised of two public, four-year (9-12), comprehensive high schools; Niles West and Niles North. Niles West is located approximately 8 miles north of the heart of Chicago in Cook County, the two schools serve the communities of Lincolnwood, Morton Grove, Skokie, and Niles.

In the district's Fall Housing Report, over 60% of the student body reported speaking another language; identifying 90 different languages with Urdu, Spanish, and Assyrian as the most common.

STUDENTS

The class size for 2026 is 646. Of Niles West Enrollment of 2,508 student population, the self-reported demographics are as follows: 38.5% White, 6.6% Black, 17.2% Hispanic, 32.6% Asian, and 4.8% two or more races. *(Data reflects federal race and ethnicity reporting categories.)* According to the 2023-2024 Illinois School Report Card, 32.5% of students qualified for the Free or Reduced Lunch program. However, ISAC's Gap Access FAFSA Completion reports that 41% of the 2025 class were Pell Grant eligible.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school year consists of 178 school days: two 18-week semesters, nine 42-minute periods, and an assigned 10-minute homeroom (M-F. Laboratory classes meet twice a week for an additional 42 minutes). The school day starts at 8:10 a.m. and concludes at 3:23 p.m. For the 25-26 School Year, the BOE approved weekly Wednesday 90-minute late-starts to support Student Learning Objectives. The first semester ends on December 19, 2025, and the second semester on May 21, 2026.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

To graduate, students must earn a minimum of thirty-six academic credits, plus 1 credit of PE for each semester enrolled at Niles West, totaling 8 credits for most students, plus meeting the health proficiency. The Health Graduation Requirement is embedded in Sophomore PE.

99% of graduates earn more than 44 total credits. Graduation rate: 93%

English	8	Consumer Education	1	Public Speaking	1
Mathematics	6	Health Education	1	Physical Education	8
Lab Science	6	Fine Arts/Practical Arts	2	Electives	6
Social Studies	6				

GRADES

Starting with the Class of 2014, class rank is no longer computed. Students of Niles Township High Schools are graded on a scale of A, B, C, D and F. *Note: AU grades were issued during the pandemic for multiple reasons to support students. Please contact the registrar if you have any questions.*

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

The GPA is cumulative based on all courses which a student has taken, excluding Driver Education (behind the wheel) and Pass-Fail classes. The GPA is calculated as the total of grades divided by the sum of the attempted credits. Weighted and unweighted GPA is computed three times a year: at the end of each semester and at the end of the summer term.

GENERAL GPA	HONOR GPA	ADVANCED PLACEMENT / EQUIVALENT GPA
A = 4.0	A = 4.5	A = 5.0
B = 3.0	B = 3.5	B = 4.0
C = 2.0	C = 2.5	C = 3.0
D = 1.0	D = 1.5	D = 2.0
F = 0.0	F = 0.0	F = 0.0

COURSE TYPE	
AP / APE	AP Equivalent
D	Dual Credit
EL	English Language
G	General
H	Honors
L	Lab
PLTW	Project Lead The Way

Weighted and unweighted GPAs are based on a 4.0 scale, with Honors and Advanced Placement classes (or equivalent courses) receiving bonus points as outlined to left. After six semesters, the highest GPA for the Class of 2025: Unweighted = 4.0/4.0 Weighted = 4.62/4.0

NILES WEST COURSE OFFERINGS FOR INTERPRETATION OF COURSE ABBREVIATIONS

INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSES AVAILABLE IN ALL SUBJECTS

APE=Advanced Placement Equivalent
AP=Advanced Placement
D=Dual Enrollment | G=Regular/Standard
H=Honors | L=Lab

ENGINEERING, COMP SCI & BUSINESS

Engineering:

Auto Tech 1, 2, 3, 4, (G, H, D)
Civil Engineering & Architecture (PLTW, D) (APE)
CNC Programming & Machinery Tech (D)
Computer Integrated Manufact. (PLTW, D, APE)
Digital Electronics (PLTW, D, APE)
Engineering, Design & Development (PLTW, APE)
Introduction to Engineering Design (PLTW, D, APE)
Principles of Engineering (PLTW, D) (APE)
Welding & Metal Fabrication (G, H, D)
Advanced Welding (G, H, D)

Computer Science:

Advanced App Development
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Cybersecurity 1 (D)
AP Networking (D)
Artificial Intelligence
Computer Repair & Networking
Introduction to Computer Science

Business:

Business Incubator (H)
Business Strategies & Entrepreneurship (H)
Business & Technology 1, 2
College Accounting - Financial (APE)
College Accounting - Managerial (APE)
College Business (G, H, D)
Consumer Education & Financial Literacy
Investing & Finance
Marketing

ENGLISH

The Board of Education eliminated Freshmen Honors English during the first semester. Freshmen have the option of taking Honors English during their second semester. This applies to the Class of 2025 and beyond.

American Literature and Composition (G, H)
American Studies (ALCUSH) (G, H)
AP English Language
AP English (Literature)
AP Seminar
Asian American Literature (G, H)
Bible & Mythology (H)
Broadcast Production (G, H)

Senior English:

Black and African Stories (G, H)
Literature of Moral Conflict (G, H)
Literature of Peace & Non-Violence (G, H)
Lit of Sports & American Culture (G, H)
Social Justice & Equity (G, H)
Women and Gender Studies (G, H, D)
World Literature (G, H)
Writing & Research (G, H, D)

Creative Writing
Digital Storytelling
Reading/Freshman English (G, H)
Freshman English (G, H)
Images of Literature
Journalism
Newspaper Production (H)
Public Speaking
Sophomore English (G, H)
Yearbook Production (H)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

EL 1, 2, 3
EL Algebra 1,2
EL Algebra Fundamentals
EL American Literature & Comp
EL American Studies US History
EL AP Calculus
EL Biology
EL Business Topics
EL Civics
EL Consumer Ed
EL Freshman Lit
EL Freshman Reading
EL Geometry

EL Grammar 1, 2, 3
EL Health
EL Intro
EL Intro to Social Studies
EL Intro Vocab
EL Literature 1, 2, 3
EL Modern World History
EL Physical Science
EL Reading 1, 2
EL Social Justice
EL Sophomore Lit
EL Sophomore Reading
EL US History
Intro to Grammar Lab
Senior English/Social Justice + Equity

FINE & APPLIED ARTS

Art:

Advanced 2-D Design (H)
Advanced Studio Art (H)
AP 2-D Design
AP 3-D Design
AP Studio Art: Drawing
Art Foundations
Ceramics + Sculpture 1 & 2
Digital Photography 1 & 2
Painting/Drawing
Graphic Design 1

Theater Arts:

Acting
Advanced Theatre Studio (H)
Directing (H)
Play Production (H)
Stagecraft
Theatre Workshop

Family & Consumer Sciences:

Early Childhood Education - ECE Level 1
Early Childhood Education - ECE Level 2 (D)
Exploration into Education & Leadership
Chef's Course/ Gourmet and International
Foods/ Commercial Foods Workshop
Fashion 1 & 2/ Fashion Studio (D)

Music:

Band

Beginning Band
Concert Band
Jazz Band
Percussion Techniques
Advanced Percussion Techniques (H)
Symphonic Band
Symphonic Wind Ensemble (Audition only) (H)

Chorus

Chamber Choir
Choraliers Soprano & Alto/Tenor & Bass
Concert Choirs Soprano & Alto/Tenor & Bass
Advanced Choir (H)

Orchestra

Beginning Orchestra
Concert Orchestra
Philharmonic Orchestra
Symphonic Orchestra (H)

Non-Performing

AP Music Theory
Arts Appreciation
Digital Piano 1+2
Electronic Music
Guitar 1+2
Guitar Ensemble
Music Theory

MATHEMATICS

Algebra Essentials (G)
Algebra I (G)
Geometry (G)
Geometry Advanced (H)
Geometry Honors (H)
Algebra II (G)
Algebra II Advanced (H)
Algebra II Honors (H)
AP Precalculus
AP Statistics

AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
Calculus (H)
Intermediate Algebra (G)
Precalculus (G)
Precalculus Advanced (H)
Precalculus Honors (H)
Post-Calculus Topics (APE)
Probability and Statistics (H)

PHYSICAL WELFARE

Advanced Dance (H)
Adventure Education 1-2
Aerobics/Dance 1-2
Driver Education
Freshman Foundations
Integrated Physical Education
Physical Education Leaders 1,2
Sophomore Health and Fitness
Sports Fitness
Strength and Conditioning
Varsity Physical Education

READING

Reading 1-2
Reading 3-4

SCIENCE

Anatomy & Physiology (2 levels) (L)
AP Biology (L)
AP Chemistry (L)
AP Environmental Science (L, D)
AP Physics 1 (L)
AP Physics C (L)
AP Research (L)
Astronomy + Modern Physics (L)
Basic Nurse Assistant Training (BNAT) (L, H, D)
Biology (G, H) (L)
Chemistry (G, H) (L)
Exploratory Chemistry & Physics (L)
Forensics (L)
Health Careers (H, D)
Physics (G, H) (L)
Science Topics (L)
STEM Inquiry and Research (L) (APE)
Astronomy and Modern Physics (L) (H)
Zoology (L)

SOCIAL STUDIES

American Studies (ALCUSH) (G, H)
AP African American Studies
AP European History (AP)
AP Government & Politics
AP Macroeconomics
AP Microeconomics
AP Psychology
AP World History
AP United States History
Asian American Studies-History (G, H)
Black & LatinX Studies (G, H)
Civics
Global Problems (G, H)
Law (G, H)
Modern World History
Psychology (G, H)
Sociology (G, H)
United States History (G, H)
World Religions (G, H)
World War II (G, H)
Advanced Debate (H)
Debate (H)
Intro to Debate

WORLD LANGUAGES

Assyrian 1-3 (G, H)
Assyrian for Heritage Speakers (G, H)
Chinese (4 years: G, H, AP)
French (4 years: G, H, AP)
German (4 years: G, H, AP)
Hebrew (4 years: G, H, D)
Advanced Hebrew Topics (D) (APE)
Advanced Spanish Heritage (G, H)
AP Spanish Literature and Cultures
Spanish Introduction 1-2
Spanish (5 years: G, H, AP)
Spanish Conversation
Spanish Heritage (G, H)