

NILES WEST HIGH SCHOOL

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2025-2026 SCHOOL PROFILE

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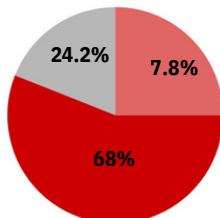
Member: College Board, Illinois and National Associations for College Admission Counseling.

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



- 2 Year
- 4 Year
- Other

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

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	HONOR	ADVANCED PLACEMENT / EQUIVALENT	GPA	GPA	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=Duel 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
- Choristers 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)