

2025-2026 School Profile

One of America's Top High Schools
2016 from Newsweek Magazine

Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
from the U.S. Department of Education

Award for Excellence in Content Rich Arts
from the National Endowment of the Arts

Twelve Schools That Succeed
from Phi Delta Kappa Educational Foundation

"One of Eight Best High School Athletic Programs" in the U.S. from Scholastic Coach and Athletic Journal

"Minnesota Model Music School"
from Minnesota Music Educators Association

"Grammy Signature School"
National Academy of Recording Arts and Science

Speech and Debate National "School of Excellence" Award (Top 5 in Nation)

Emmy Award – EagleEye from the National Academy of Arts & Sciences Upper Midwest Chapter

2019 STEM Excellence Award from the Future of Education Technology Conference (FETC)

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APPLE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

A **STEM** school dedicated to
Academics, Arts & Athletics

A District 196 School. One District. Infinite Possibilities.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Built in 1976, Apple Valley High School is located in the city of Apple Valley in northern Dakota County and is 15 miles south of the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. There are four comprehensive high schools, two specialized smaller high schools, six middle schools and twenty elementary schools which serve the families and communities within the 110 square mile area of Independent School District 196. A member of the prestigious South Suburban Conference, AVHS has a total enrollment of 2,000 students in grades 9-12 and over 115 full-time/part-time faculty members.

STEM PROGRAMMING

Apple Valley High School is a STEM school dedicated to arts, academics and athletics. Part of the District 196 STEM pathway, Apple Valley High School is the only District 196 high school that is a certified Project Lead the Way (PLTW) site and offers a Fabrication Lab and Multi Media Maker Space available to all students. At AVHS students have the opportunity to take Cisco networking, IT Essentials, music production, video production and two levels of computer science courses. Students in our E3 STEM program also receive individual career counseling, have access to professional mentors, and participate in STEM employer partner field trips in an effort to help students gain educational and exploration opportunities in our community. STEM programming at Apple Valley High School emphasizes critical thinking, creativity, innovation and real-world problem solving and prepares students to pursue a post-secondary education and career in a STEM-related field.

OUR LEARNING FACILITY

Our state-of-the-art digital classroom design includes built-in LCDs, SMART Technology; a 1:1 student iPad program, and student mobile computing labs. Apple Valley High School also has a fully-equipped television and digital editing studio, a 650 seat Performing Arts Center with a fly loft and scene shop; a dedicated dance studio and full-time, curricular dance program; four gyms with a running track; a 4,000 square foot fitness center which is adjacent to 200 acres of playing fields, recreational facilities and competition stadiums.

APPLE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL HONORS/ADVANCED PLACEMENT/COLLEGE COURSES

ENGLISH

Honors English 9
Honors Speech
Pre-AP English 10A and 10B
Advanced Placement: Language & Composition
Advanced Placement: Literature & Composition
College in the Schools: Public Speaking
College in the Schools: Writing Studio

Advanced Placement: Biology
Advanced Placement: Chemistry
Advanced Placement: Physics 1 Mechanics
College in the Schools: Human Physiology, Technology and Medical Devices

SOCIAL STUDIES

Advanced Placement: U.S. History
Advanced Placement: World History: Modern
Advanced Placement: U.S. Government and Politics
Advanced Placement: Psychology
College in the Schools: An Interdisciplinary Look at the Family in Multicultural America

VISUAL ARTS & PERFORMING ARTS

Advanced Placement: Portfolio
Advanced Placement: Music Theory

WORLD LANGUAGES

College in the Schools: Spanish 5
College in the Schools: German 4
College in the Schools: French 4

Career Development

College in the Schools: Animal Science

MATHEMATICS

Honors Geometry
Honors Algebra II
Advanced Placement: Statistics
Advanced Placement: Precalculus
Advanced Placement: Calculus AB
Advanced Placement: Calculus BC
Advanced Placement: Statistics
Advanced Placement: Computer Science Principles
Advanced Placement: Computer Science
College Linear and Differential Equations (CLA/Diff Eq)
Multivariable Calculus
UMTYMP (U of MN)

SCIENCE

Honors Earth Science
Honors Biology
Honors Chemistry

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Apple Valley High School has a strong tradition of co-curricular excellence. We are ranked #1 in Fine Arts State Championships and #5 in Athletic State Championships in Minnesota. Students are able to pursue their interests in 28 athletic activities and over 30 fine and performing arts activities. In addition, there are many clubs which challenge the academic and interest areas of the students such as Math Team, Academic Quiz Bowl, and Science Olympiad. Intramural athletic programs are available all three trimesters.