MADISON METROPOLITAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

West High School

Grades: **9 - 12th Grade** | Enrollment: **2,245** | Staff: **370**

At Madison West High School, academic excellence meets opportunity. With 21 AP courses and 14 Honors offerings, West challenges students to think deeply and achieve highly. Madison West is a leader in academic excellence, recently boasting 28 semifinalists in the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program. This total is the highest for any school in Wisconsin. Helping to earn its ranking as one of the **Best Public High School in Wisconsin for College Prep** according to Niche.

Learn.

West High School proudly earned **4 stars – Exceeds Expectations** on the State Report Card!

West demonstrates strong academic achievement and growth, **performing better than over 96% of high schools statewide**. Students excelled in both English Language Arts (82.0) and Mathematics (75.2).

Belong.

Students at West High report a supportive school environment. According to the 2023–24 Climate Survey:

- **87%** of students report strong relationships with teachers
- **82%** student sense of belonging
- **79%** student engagement
- **80%** positive student experience

Thrive.

At West, students thrive through strong academics, robust extracurriculars and deep community engagement. With 55% of graduates immediately enrolling in four-year colleges and universities—including Northwestern, UW–Madison and the University of Michigan—West High empowers students to graduate confident, capable, and college, career and community ready.

Start: 8:15 a.m.
Dismissal: 3:37 p.m.

30 Ash St., Madison, WI 53726
west.madison.k12.wi.us

Academic Achievement
West students took 1,254 AP exams in 2024, with 30% of students participating and nearly a quarter scoring a 4 or higher. Courses range from AP Chemistry to AP Human Geography.

Dual Enrollment & CTE Opportunities
Students can earn early college credit through 10 dual enrollment offerings such as Medical Terminology, Civil Engineering & Architecture and Advanced Accounting, helping students explore career interests while still in high school.

College-Going Culture
West boasts a strong college-going culture, with students attending top-tier institutions nationwide. Programs like the Early College STEM and Biomedical Academies deepen student preparation for postsecondary success.

Language & Diversity
With Dual Language Immersion and multilingual support, West honors its multilingual learners. In 2023, 43 students earned the Seal of Biliteracy, showcasing language proficiency and global competence.

Success Outside the Classroom
At West High School, students have endless opportunities to explore interests and talents through clubs, the arts and athletics. West features competitive Division 1 sports teams and is highly recognized for its academic and leadership excellence.

In 2025, West's DECA chapter sent 35 students to nationals and produced 9 State Champions across various events. In HOSA, 10 students qualified for the International Leadership Conference, and West students also earned two SkillsUSA State Championships in woodworking. West is a place where students lead, innovate and achieve at the highest levels.

West High School has more than 393,800 square feet of new additions and renovations thanks to the 2020 Referendum.

Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) is the place where your child will truly thrive. We welcome all children and foster a strong sense of belonging, ensuring every student feels valued and supported.

At MMSD, we believe in exploring a wide range of interests and providing opportunities that help students discover their passions, talents and unique potential. From arts to sciences, technology to sports, there's something for every child to explore and grow!

We're proud to have the support of our community, with newly renovated high schools, a new elementary school and 10 new buildings coming soon. These modern spaces create an environment for future-ready opportunities that will set your child up for success!

87%
Graduation Rate

43
National Merit Semifinalists (most in Wisconsin)

64%
of students graduate with some college credits

4,200
Advanced Placement Taken in 2025 with 80% scoring 3 or higher

12
State Championships for Career and Technical Student Organizations

190
WIAA Team State Championships (most in Wisconsin)