STILLWATER AREA HIGH SCHOOL

COMMUNITY The Stillwater Area Public School District is home to nearly 60,000 residents living in 18 communities in the St. Croix River valley. The district stretches 30 miles along the scenic St. Croix River, from Marine on St. Croix south to Afton, and covers approximately 150 square miles. Our family-oriented communities offer the advantages of being within 20 miles of the Twin Cities metropolitan area, while also providing a small-town environment. View district boundaries and details at *stillwaterschools.org/boundaries*.

CURRICULUM Stillwater Area High School offers a comprehensive curriculum of more than 176 courses, providing preparation and six-year planning for college-bound students, post-secondary vocational students and students planning to enter the workforce following graduation. The school offers a wide variety of courses to build a strong educational foundation in language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, business education, industrial technology, fine arts, health and physical education. Students have the opportunity to study several world languages. They can also gain a wide variety of technical skills in the school's Fabrication Laboratory. View complete course descriptions at *stillwaterschools.org/registerSAHS.*

RIGOROUS COURSE OPPORTUNITIES

Concurrent Enrollment Partners

1. Bethel University
2. Century Community College
3. Inver Hills Community College
4. Mankato State University
5. University of Minnesota

Over 700 of our students enrolled in a concurrent enrollment course.

Advanced Placement (AP)

- Art and Design
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Environmental Science
- Human Geography
- Microeconomics
- Physics C: Mechanics
- Statistics
- World History

Enriched (Accelerated):

- Enriched English 9
- Enriched English 10

Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO)

Qualified sophomores, juniors and seniors may attend eligible Minnesota post-secondary institutions with tuition, fees and textbooks paid by the school district.

Articulated Courses (ACC) and Project Lead the Way (PLTW):

Arts, Film, & Communications
- ACC Advanced Video Production
- ACC Cutaway Productions
- ACC Fundamentals of Applied Design
- ACC Photography

Business, Finance, & Marketing
- ACC Intro to Business
- ACC Personal Finance
- ACC Sales and Marketing

Health Sciences & Human Services
- ACC Careers in Physical Education, Exercise Science and Sport
- ACC Fitness for Life
- ACC Personal and Community Health
- ACC Weight Training

Trades & Industry
- ACC How to Make (Almost) Anything
- ACC Metals Technology
- PLTW Introduction to Engineering and Design
- PLTW Civil Engineering and Architecture
- PLTW Principles of Engineering

Concurrent Enrollment (CE) and College in the Schools (CIS):

Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- CIS Animal Science

Arts, Film, & Communications
- The Stillwater Concert Orchestra
- The Stillwater Choir
- The Stillwater Concert Wind Symphony

Health Sciences & Human Services
- CE Creating Culturally Responsive Classrooms
- CE Introduction to the Teaching Profession
- CE Psychology
- CIS Human Physiology, Technology & Medical Devices

Language Arts
- CIS Communications in Pop Culture 11
- CE Foundations of Writing & Rhetoric
- CE Intro to Literature & Composition

Math
- CIS College Algebra Through Modeling

Social Studies
- CE US History
- CE United States Government

World Language
- CE ASL III
- CE ASL IV
- CE French IV
- CE French V
- CIS Spanish IV
- CIS Spanish V

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Shelly Phernetton..... (Lez-Run)
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Stillwater Area High School

- Four-year public high school
- Grades 9-12
- Enrollment: 2,680 students
- Size of senior class: 673
- Graduates attending college: 86%
- School year: Two semesters
- One credit = one semester

Memberships

- American School Counselor Association
- College Board
- Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals
- Minnesota School Counselor Association
- Minnesota Association of College Admission Counselors
- National Association of Secondary School Principals

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STILLWATER AREA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2027

The Board of Education requires a minimum of 45 credits in grades 9-12. Required classes include 8 credits each in language arts and social studies, six credits each in mathematics and science, one credit each in health and physical education and two credits in fine arts. Additionally 13 elective credits are required. View the registration guide for additional graduation requirements at *stillwaterschools.org/registerSAHS*.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Stillwater Area High School students can participate in 36 MSHSL activities, 10 fine arts groups, 9 independent providers and 24 student clubs including debate, music, student government, National Honor Society, theater and other clubs. Further club and activity information can be found at *www.goponies.org*

NOTABLE HIGHLIGHTS

- State and national awards for student publications for the *Kabekonian* (our yearbook) and the *Pony Express* (our student newspaper). The Pony Express just earned its 20th International First Place Award from the Quill and Scroll. Our print and online publications consistently rank All-State Gold from Journalism Education Association. Our Publications earned 3rd place in state from the Minnesota High Scholastic Press Association. We also had 9 students earn individual awards at the state and national level from Best of SNO and the Journalism Education Association.
- Longest streak of superior ratings in the Minnesota State High School League in musical competitions involving the bands (Concert, Varsity, Symphonic), the orchestras (Concert, Varsity, Symphonic and Chamber) and the choirs (The Stillwater Choir, Varsity Men, Varsity Women, Belle Chanter, Vagabonds, Select Women and Sophomore Chamber Choir). Recognized nationally as one of the premier high schools for music education and performing ensembles, the choirs, bands and orchestras at Stillwater Area High School have on multiple occasions been selected through blind auditions to perform at state and regional conventions as well as top college festivals.
- Repeated recognition from the AP College Board in the 2025-26 school year in which 74 students were named AP Scholars, 36 students were named AP Scholars with Honors, 56 students were named AP Scholars with Distinction.
- Stillwater has had 66 Minnesota State High School League State team athletic championships, including adapted sports. In 2025-26 SAHS had 14 conference championships and 13 section titles.

GRADING SYSTEM

Stillwater Area High School has a decile ranking system and 4.0 grading scale. Academic letters are awarded to students who earn a GPA of 3.750 or above for the previous full academic year and *Prior to Fall of 2025 there was a weighted ranking system for grading in all of our Advanced Placement (AP), College in the Schools (CIS), Concurrent Enrollment (CE), Project Lead The Way (PLTW), and Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) courses.

Unweighted			Weighted*		
A	=	4.000	A	=	4.800
A-	=	3.667	A-	=	4.400
B+	=	3.333	B+	=	4.000
B	=	3.000	B	=	3.600
B-	=	2.667	B-	=	3.200
C+	=	2.333	C+	=	2.800
C	=	2.000	C	=	2.400
C-	=	1.667	C-	=	2.000
D+	=	1.333	D+	=	1.600
D	=	1.000	D	=	1.200
D-	=	0.667	D-	=	0.800
F	=	0.000	F	=	0.000

*Prior to Fall 2025

Cumulative GPA and Decile Range is for the Class of 2026

Unweighted Ranks: Decile Ranges		
Decile	Low GPA	High GPA
1	3.962	4.000
2	3.883	3.961
3	3.778	3.882
4	3.597	3.777
5	3.410	3.596
6	3.225	3.409
7	3.026	3.224
8	2.719	3.025
9	2.229	2.718
10	0.747	2.228

Weighted Ranks: Decile Ranges*		
Decile	Low GPA	High GPA
1	4.000	4.171
2	3.916	3.999
3	3.791	3.915
4	3.632	3.790
5	3.417	3.631
6	3.237	3.416
7	3.036	3.236
8	2.719	3.035
9	2.229	2.718
10	0.747	2.228

*Prior to Fall 2025

RECENT TEST SCORES

ACT – American College Test (2025-26)

Number of seniors taking the test: 546
Percent of the class: 82.0%

Year	Local	State	% Tested
2026	22.7	20.8	82.0%
2025	21.8	20.6	79.0%
2024	21.9	20.8	99.7%
2023	22.6	20.5	99.5%
2022	24.0	21.3	77.8%

Advanced Placement Program

School Year	Students	Tests	% of Scores 3+
2025-26	581	731	87.0%
2024-25	736	1,103	87.0%
2023-24	614	894	82.9%
2022-23	631	918	71.0%
2021-22	604	905	74.0%

National Merit Scholars

Year	Commended	Semi Finalist	Finalist
2027	11	TBD	TBD
2026	8	2	1
2025	4	2	2
2024	10	5	5
2023	7	2	2

Post-Secondary Plans for the Class of 2026 Graduates

(Total of 614 respondents)

Four-year colleges/universities.....70.0%
Two-year colleges/vocational schools ...16.0%
Military.....2.0%
Employment 3.0%
Undecided/Unknown 4.0%
Gap Year 5.0%
Graduation Rate 99%

It is the practice of Stillwater Area High School not to report a student's disciplinary record to colleges and universities.