HINSDALE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Hinsdale Central High School
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Community
Hinsdale Central High School is located 17 miles west of Chicago in DuPage County and serves a suburban residential area. Students live in the communities of Hinsdale, Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, Darien, Oak Brook, Westmont, and Willowbrook.

School
Hinsdale Central is one of two comprehensive high schools in Hinsdale Township High School District 86. Fall 2027 enrollment at Central is approximately 2,400 students, with 619 seniors in the class of 2027. More than 99% of Central's students complete high school, with 88.7% of the class of 2026 pursuing a four-year college education, 7.8% choosing two- year colleges, and 3.5% pursuing other opportunities/undecided at the time of graduation. Hinsdale Central is a member of the North Central Association, The College Board and NACAC/IACAC. It was also named a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. The district's per pupil operating cost is approximately $30,397.

School Organization
The school year consists of two semesters. The first semester ends on December 17, 2026 and the second semester ends on May 28, 2027. Students have the option to enroll in six or seven 50-minute classes per semester.

Faculty Stats
Of the 214 certified faculty members, 211 hold a master's degree and three hold a doctorate's degree. Fifty three percent of the faculty have 20 or more years of experience in education. Twelve teachers are Nationally Board Certified.

Student Services
A comprehensive program of student services is provided. Twelve counseling professionals assist students with academic, social and personal concerns, college selection, and career/ vocational plans. Complementing the counselors are social workers, school psychologists, deans, nurses and a fully-inclusive special education program.

Extracurricular Activities
Hinsdale Central students are highly involved in numerous extracurricular programs and activities. There are 34 athletic teams and over 85 clubs available to students. Hinsdale Central athletes have captured over 127 state championships and 257 state trophies. In 2014-2015, Hinsdale Central broke the IHSA state record for the most state championships in one year, capturing 10 in athletics and activities combined. More than 90% of the student body participates in at least one of the 85+ active clubs and organizations. Our athletic and activity programs are considered an extension of our classrooms; we strive to teach lifelong lessons as well as sportsmanship, leadership and character. Hinsdale Central was recognized as a State School of Character in 2007, a State and National School of Character in 2008 and a School of Excellence for student athletes in 2017.

Academic Information
District 86 does not maintain class rank. Semester grades earned in all courses, exclusive of physical education and driver education, are used to determine dean's list and honor roll according to the grade point system noted below. Both weighted and unweighted GPAs are reported.

Honors & Advanced Placement Courses

Weighted	All Other Courses / Unweighted
A = 6, B = 5, C = 4, D = 2, F = 1	A = 5, B = 4, C = 3, D = 2, F = 1

Dean's List
4.5 GPA / No grade below a "C"

Honor Roll
4.0 GPA / No grade below a "D"

GPA for seniors in the class of 2027 through six semesters: 609 Students

Weighted		Unweighted	
Top Decile	5.846 - 6.000	Top Decile	4.976 - 5.000
1st Quartile	5.500 - 6.000	1st Quartile	4.800 - 5.000
2nd Quartile	5.000 - 5.486	2nd Quartile	4.513 - 4.795
3rd Quartile	4.333 - 4.975	3rd Quartile	4.057 - 4.500
4th Quartile	1.435 - 4.324	4th Quartile	1.435 - 4.056

Class of 2026 Stats

586 Graduates

96.5%
of graduates are college bound

88.7%
4-Year college bound

7.8%
2-Year college bound

48
National Merit Commended

25
National Merit Semi-Finalist

24
National Merit Finalist

246
Illinois State Scholars

55
National Recognition Scholar

4
First Generation Recognition Scholar

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SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027

Class of 2026 Tests

ACT Score Breakdown

Score	Total	%
33 – 36	101	18.13
28 – 32	155	27.83
24 – 27	128	22.98
20 – 23	91	16.34
16 – 19	53	9.52
13 – 15	21	3.77
<13	8	1.44

Average Composite Score:
26.44 for 557 students

SAT Reasoning Test Score Breakdown

Score	Evidenced Based Reading/Writing Mean = 650	Math Mean=664
750 – 800	32	82
700 – 749	84	65
650 – 699	77	57
600 – 649	62	47
550 – 599	31	28
500 – 549	27	34
450 – 499	11	12
400 – 449	5	5
200 – 399	1	0

2026 Advanced Placement Examinations

1,216 students took **3,466**examinations as follows:

97.12% of students earned a 3, 4, or 5 on at least one test.
94.32% of test scores were 3, 4, or 5.

Art History	15	Latin	16
Biology	161	Music Theory	5
Calculus AB	178	Physics 1	121
Calculus BC	160	Physics C – E & M	27
Chemistry	74	Physics C – Mech	45
Chinese Lang.	8	Precalculs	354
Comp Science A	56	Psychology	181
Comp Sci Prin	46	Seminar: Research	17
Econ – MACRO	152	Seminar: Science	20
Econ – MICRO	98	Spanish Language	59
English Language	420	Spanish Literature	9
English Literature	258	Statistics	87
Enviro Science	141	Studio Art	16
European History	188	US History	346
French Language	22	US Govt. & Politics	142
German Language	4	World History	40

Graduation Requirements

To graduate, a student must earn a minimum of **24.0** credits and successfully meet the following requirements:

English	4.0	Elective Arts	2.0
Mathematics	3.0	Physical Education / Health	3.5/0.5
Science	2.0	Consumer Education	0.5
US History	1.0	Civics	0.5
World History	1.0		

Earned Honors Credit (EHC), Honors (H) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses offered at HCHS

Department	Honors Classes	AP Classes
Art	Ceramics 2 (EHC) Ceramics 3 (EHC) Digital Imaging & Graph. Design 2 (EHC) Digital Imaging & Graph. Design 3 (EHC) Drawing & Painting 2 (EHC) Drawing & Painting 3 (EHC) Exploring Visual Arts (EHC) Glass & Metalsmithing 2 (EHC) Glass & Metalsmithing 3 (EHC) Photography 2 (EHC) Photography 3 (EHC)	AP Art History AP Art & Design 2D AP Art & Design 3D AP Art & Design Photography
Business	Accounting Honors Business Law 1 Honors Business Law 2 Honors Internship Honors Introduction to Business (EHC) Marketing (EHC) Technology Support Internship Honors	
English	Creative NonFiction (EHC) English 1 Honors English 2 Honors Journalism: Newsmagazine Honors Journalism: Yearbook Honors Psychology in Literature (EHC)	AP English Lang & Comp AP English Lit & Comp
FACS	Child Care & Development (EHC) Culinary 2 (EHC) Invitation to Teaching Honors Interior Design & Housing Honors	
Mathematics	Algebra & Geometry Honors Algebra 2/Trig Honors Computer Science Topics Honors Geometry Honors Integrated Algebra & Geometry Honors Precalculus Honors Math Topics Honors Multivariable Calculus Honors	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Computer Science A AP Computer Science Princ. AP Precalculus AB AP Precalculus BC AP Statistics
Music	Honors level is available in all music courses with department approval.	AP Music Theory

Department	Honors Classes	AP Classes
Science	Biology Honors Chemistry Honors Chemistry 10 Honors Earth Science Honors Physics Honors Physics 9 Honors	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Enviro. Science AP Physics 1 AP Physics C AP Physics C-M
Social Studies	World History Honors Philosophy Honors	AP European History AP Macroeconomics AP Microeconomics AP Psychology AP US Gov & Politics AP US History
Technical Education	Architecture & Design Honors Engineering Capstone Honors Engineering & Manufacturing Honors Graphics Communications 2 Honors Graphics Comm. Capstone Honors Pre-Engineering 1 Honors Pre-Engineering 2 Honors	
World Language	German 1 Honors German 2 Honors German 3 Honors German 4 Honors Latin 1 Honors Latin 2 Honors Latin Literature Honors French 1 Honors French 2 Honors French 3 Honors French 4 Honors French 5 Honors Spanish 2 Honors Spanish 3 Honors Spanish 5: Spanish Studies Honors Spanish 5: Latin Am Studies Honors	AP French Language AP German Language AP Latin AP Spanish Lang. & Culture AP Spanish Literature
AP Capstone Sequence		AP Research AP Seminar