



HINSDALE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

Hinsdale South High School
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Community

Hinsdale South High School is located 20 miles southwest of Chicago in DuPage County and serves a suburban residential area. Students live in the communities of Burr Ridge, Darien, Westmont, Willowbrook, Clarendon Hills, Downers Grove and Hinsdale.

School

Hinsdale South is one of two comprehensive high schools in Hinsdale Township High School District 86. Enrollment at South is approximately 1,205 students, with 298 seniors in the class of 2026. More than 96% of South's students complete high school, with 63% of the class of 2026 pursuing a four-year college education, 22% continuing at two-year colleges and 15% entering other opportunities. Hinsdale South is a member of the North Central Association, The College Board and NACAC/IACAC. The district's per pupil operating cost is approximately \$32,435.66

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 140 certified faculty members, 129 hold a master's degree and four hold a doctorate's degree. Thirty-one percent of the faculty has 20 or more years of experience in education. Two teachers are Nationally Board Certified.

Student Services

A comprehensive program of student services is provided. Seven 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 South students are highly involved in numerous extracurricular programs and activities. There are 31 sports and over 80 clubs available to students. Recent conference champions include Badminton, Girls Soccer, Boys Tennis and Boys Volleyball. Students from both activities and athletics compete at the state level in IHSA championship games. We recently won 2 Regional Championships, 2 Sectional Championships, 2 Individual State Champions (Girls Tennis & Girls Wrestling) and took 2nd in State in Girls Tennis. More than 96% of the student body participates in at least one of the more than 100 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

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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

A = 6, B = 5, C = 4, D = 2, F = 1

All Other Courses / Unweighted

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 2026 through six semesters: 298 Students

Weighted

Top Decile	5.600 - 6.000
1st Quartile	5.020 - 6.000
2nd Quartile	4.250 - 5.010
3rd Quartile	3.420 - 4.240
4th Quartile	1.000 - 3.41

Unweighted

Top Decile	4.840 - 5.000
1st Quartile	4.520 - 5.000
2nd Quartile	4.080 - 4.510
3rd Quartile	3.360 - 4.070
4th Quartile	1.000 - 3.350

Class of 2026 Stats

298 Graduates

84.66%

of graduates are college bound

62.62%

4-Year college bound

22.04%

2-Year college bound

5

National Merit Commended

4

National Merit Semi-Finalist

4

National Merit Finalist

31

Illinois State Scholars



SCHOOL PROFILE 2026-2027

Class of 2026 Tests

ACT Score Breakdown

Score	Total	%
33 – 36	27	8.82
28 – 32	46	15.03
24 – 27	46	15.03
20 – 23	58	18.95
16 – 19	67	21.90
13 – 15	46	15.03
<13	16	5.23

Average Composite Score:

21.89 for 306 students

SAT Reasoning Test Score Breakdown

Score	Evidenced Based Reading/Writing Mean = 624.63	Math Mean=620.41
750 – 800	9	11
700 – 749	22	24
650 – 699	30	20
600 – 649	18	22
550 – 599	18	12
500 – 549	12	16
450 – 499	12	12
400 – 449	1	5
200 – 399	1	1

2026 Advanced Placement Examinations

466 students took 1,338 examinations as follows:

90.77% of students earned a 3, 4, or 5 on at least one test.

88.% of test scores were 3, 4, or 5.

Art History	8	French Language	1
Biology	121	Human Geography	1
Calculus AB	67	Physics 1	10
Calculus BC	30	Physics C - E & M	24
Chemistry	38	Physic - Mech	53
Comp Science A	16	Precalculus	89
Comp Sci Principles	26	Psychology	59
Econ - MACRO	58	Spanish Language	33
Econ - MICRO	73	Statistics	59
English Language	131	StudioArt: 2-D	16
English Literature	75	StudioArt: 3-D	5
Environ. Science	58	StudioArt: -Drawing	1
European History	110	US Govt. & Politics	86
		US History	106

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, and Advanced Placement courses offered at HSHS

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 Studio Art 2D AP Studio Art 3D AP Studio Art 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	English 1 Honors English 2 Honors Journalism: Newsmagazine Honors Journalism: Yearbook Honors Psychology in Literature (EHC) Acting 2 (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 Physics 9 Honors	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Enviro. Science AP Physics 1 AP Physics C AP Physics C-M
Social Studies	World Studies 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 Pre-Engineering 1 Honors Pre-Engineering 2 Honors	
World Language	French 1 Honors French 2 Honors French 3 Honors French 4 Honors German 1 Honors German 2 Honors German 3 Honors Latin 1 Honors Latin 2 Honors Latin Literature Honors Spanish 2 Honors Spanish 3 Honors Advanced Spanish Honors	AP French Language AP German Language AP Latin Survey AP Spanish Lang. & Culture
AP Capstone Sequence		AP Research AP Seminar