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Class of 2026 At-A-Glance

568

Graduates

Based on a 99% return of
senior exit surveys

96%

Attending College
82% to 4-year institutions
14% to 2-year institutions

4%

Attending Military,
Apprenticeships, Gap Year
Programs or Workforce

161

Illinois State Scholars

13

National Merit Finalists

13

National Merit Semi-Finalists

33

National Merit Commended Students

76

National Recognition Program Scholars

231

Advanced Placement Scholars

4

U.S. Presidential Scholar Candidates

FINAL GPA DATA CLASS OF 2026

Highest GPA	4.778
90%	4.429
75%	4.182
50%	3.792
25%	3.224
Lowest GPA	1.404

Class of 2026 matriculation data is
located on the next page.

Naperville Central High School Profile 2026-2027

Superintendent: Dan Bridges | Principal: Jackie Thornton
College & Career Counselor: Maddie Corder | Registrar: Denise Ianno

Community

Naperville is a suburban community of nearly 150,000 residents. It is located thirty miles west of Chicago on I-88, the high-tech corridor running through the western suburbs. The majority of residents are engaged in business, professional, managerial, and technical occupations.

School

Naperville Central High School is a public, four-year comprehensive high school with 231 certified staff members, a majority of whom have a Master's degree or beyond. The school day consists of eight periods, including one period for lunch. All classes meet five days per week, during two 18-week semesters.

Student Enrollment

For the 2026-27 school year, Naperville Central's enrollment includes:

617	Seniors	62%	Caucasian / White
624	Juniors	18.7%	Asian / Pacific Islander
608	Sophomores	9.1%	Hispanic / Latino
652	Freshmen	6.1%	Multiracial
2,501*	Total Students	3.8%	African American / Black
		0.1%	American Indian / Alaskan Native
		14.6%	Economically Disadvantaged Students

* Our total number includes 65 English Learners.

School Counseling Staff

Contact information & alpha breakdowns for our counseling staff can be found at the following website:
<https://bit.ly/NCHSReplinfo>

Graduation Requirements

All graduates are required to earn a total of 21.0 credits, broken down by curricular concentration:

4.0	Communication Arts	0.5	Consumer Education
3.0	Mathematics	3.5	Physical Education
2.0	Science	0.5	Fine Arts
2.5	Social Studies	1.0	Career & Technical Education
0.5	Health Education	3.5	Electives

Grading System

Naperville Central does not rank students. A student's grade point average is calculated at the end of each semester and is cumulative on a 4.0 weighted scale. Driver Education is not factored into a student's GPA.

Advanced Placement, Honors, and Dual Credit courses receive an additional grade point value. See page 2 for a full list of weighted courses available at Naperville Central High School.

GPA Scale

LETTER GRADE	REGULAR	AP / HONORS / DUAL CREDIT
A	4	5
B	3	4
C	2	3
D	1	1
F	0	0

Transcript Legend

AU:	Audit
I:	Incomplete
MX:	Medically Excused
P:	Pass (Grade of C or better)
W:	Withdrawn
WF:	Withdrawn Failing

Class of 2027 At-A-Glance

6th Semester GPA Data

Highest GPA	4.762
90%	4.455
75%	4.140
50%	3.707
25%	3.114
Lowest GPA	1.077

Note: Naperville Central does not report test scores on transcripts and can verify only information that is part of a student's permanent academic record.

State ACT Exam Data

Students Tested: 611				
Mean Scores				
	English	Math	Reading	Science
NCHS	22.8	24.2	24.0	23.4
State	18.0	19.2	19.5	19.2
Percentiles				
75%	29	29	30	27
50%	22	24	24	23
25%	17	18	19	18

Curriculum

Naperville Central High School offers a wide range of academic courses. The following courses are designated as AP, Honors, or Dual Credit; due to the additional rigor, these courses are weighted in the GPA.

AP Courses (32)						
AP 2D Art & Design [FA]						
AP 3D Art & Design [FA]						
AP African American Studies [SOC]						
AP Art History [FA]						
AP Biology [SCI]						
AP Calculus AB [MTH]						
AP Calculus BC [MTH]						
AP Chemistry [SCI]						
AP Chinese Language & Culture [WCL]						
AP Comparative Government [SOC]						
AP Computer Science A [CTE]						
AP Drawing [FA]						
AP Environmental Science [SCI]						
AP European History [SOC]						
AP Human Geography [SOC]						
AP Language & Composition [CA]						
AP Literature & Composition [CA]						
AP Macroeconomics [SOC]						
AP Microeconomics [SOC]						
AP Music Theory [FA]						
AP Physics 1 [SCI]						
AP Physics 2 [SCI]						
AP Physics C [SCI]						
AP Precalculus AB [MTH]						
AP Precalculus BC [MTH]						
AP Psychology [SOC]						
AP Spanish Language & Culture [WCL]						
AP Spanish Literature [WCL]						
AP Statistics [MTH]						
AP U.S. Government [SOC]						
AP U.S. History [SOC]						
AP World History [SOC]						
Dual Credit Courses (29)						
(Weighted as of 24-25 School Year)						
Accounting 1 [CTE]						
Automotive 1 [CTE]						
Business INCubatoredu [CTE]						
Career Internship [CTE]						
Computer Programming 2 [CTE]						
Cooking for Wellness [CTE]						
Differential Equations [MTH]						
Electronics 1 [CTE]						
English Composition 1 [CA]						
English Composition 2 [CA]						
Fashion Merchandising [CTE]						
Film & Video Arts 1 [FA]						
French 5 [WCL]						
German 5 [WCL]						
Health Occupations [CTE]						
Information Technology Systems 1 [CTE]						
Information Technology Systems 2 [CTE]						
Intro to Health Occ [CTE]						
Intro to Hospitality and Culinary Arts [CTE]						
Intro to Plant Systems [CTE]						
Intro to Teaching 1 [CTE]						
Intro to Teaching 2 [CTE]						
Marketing [CTE]						
Multivariable Calculus [MTH]						
Photography 1 [CTE]						
PLTW Cybersecurity [CTE]						
PLTW Intro to Engineering Design [CTE]						
Social Media Marketing [CTE]						
Spanish 5 [WCL]						
Honors Courses (27)						
Advanced Chemistry [SCI]						
Anatomy & Physiology [SCI]						
Business ACCEleratoredu [CTE]						
Chicago History [SOC]						
Chinese-Mandarin 4 [WCL]						
Fine Arts Capstone [FA]						
French 4 [WCL]						
German 4 [WCL]						
Honors Algebra 2 [MTH]						
Honors Chemistry [SCI]						
Honors College Accounting [CTE]						
Honors English 1 [CA]						
Honors English 2 [CA]						
Honors English 2: Journalism [CA]						
Honors English 3 [CA]						
Honors Geometry [MTH]						
Humanities 1 [SOC]						
Humanities 2 [SOC]						
Humanities Capstone [SOC]						
Military History [SOC]						
Modern American Social Hist. [SOC]						
PLTW Medical Interventions [SCI]						
Software Engineering [CTE]						
Spanish 4 [WCL]						
Spanish Film & Literature [WCL]						
Spanish for the Professions [WCL]						
STEM Capstone [CTE]						
Retired Courses						
AP French Language & Culture [WCL]						
Biotechnology [SCI]						
Drafting Studio 2 [CTE]						
Honors Biology [SCI]						
Honors Latin 3/4 [WCL]						
Honors Precalculus [MTH]						

[CA]	[CTE]	[FA]	[MTH]	[SCI]	[SOC]	[WCL]
Communication Arts	Career & Technical Edu.	Fine Arts	Mathematics	Science	Social Studies	World & Classical Languages

Naperville Central High School Class of 2026 Matriculation

Alabama State Univ.	Harvard Univ.	Pennsylvania State Univ.-Harrisburg	Univ. of Iowa
Auburn Univ.	Harvey Mudd College	Pratt Institute	Univ. of Kansas
Augsburg Univ.	Holy Cross College	Purdue Global	Univ. of Kentucky
Augustana College (IL)	Hope College	Purdue Univ.-Main Campus	Univ. of Ljubljana
Aurora Univ.	Howard Univ.	Rhode Island School of Design	Univ. of Louisville
Babson College	Illinois Institute of Technology	Rhodes College	Univ. of Maryland-College Park
Baldwin Wallace Univ.	Illinois State Univ.	Rice Univ.	Univ. of Massachusetts-Amherst
Ball State Univ.	Illinois Wesleyan Univ.	Rockford Univ.	Univ. of Massachusetts-Lowell
Belmont Univ.	Indiana Univ.-Bloomington	Rutgers Univ.	Univ. of Miami
Benedictine Univ.	Indiana Univ.-Indianapolis	Saint Louis Univ.	Univ. of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Boston College	Iowa State Univ.	Saint Mary's College	Univ. of Mississippi
Boston Univ.	John A Logan College	San Diego State Univ.	Univ. of Missouri-Columbia
Bowling Green State Univ.-Firelands	Johns Hopkins Peabody Institute	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Univ. of Missouri-Kansas City
Bradley Univ.	Johns Hopkins Univ.	Skidmore College	Univ. of Nevada-Las Vegas
California Institute of the Arts	Kalamazoo College	Southern Illinois Univ.-Carbondale	Univ. of North Dakota
Carthage College	Lawrence Univ.	Southern Illinois Univ.-Edwardsville	Univ. of Northern Iowa
Case Western Reserve Univ.	Lewis Univ.	St Louis Univ.	Univ. of Notre Dame
Central Christian Coll of Kansas	LIU Post (Brookville)	St Olaf College	Univ. of Oklahoma
Central State Univ.	Loras College	Stanford Univ.	Univ. of Oregon
Clemson Univ.	Loyola Univ. Chicago	Taylor Univ.	Univ. of Pennsylvania
College of Charleston	Luther College	Texas A & M Univ.-College Station	Univ. of Richmond
College of DuPage	Marquette Univ.	The Ohio State Univ.	Univ. of South Carolina
Colorado School of Mines	Marymount Univ.	The Univ. of Alabama	Univ. of South Florida
Columbia College Chicago	Miami Univ.-Oxford	The Univ. of Tennessee-Knoxville	Univ. of Southern California
Cornell Univ.	Michigan State Univ.	The Univ. of Texas at Austin	Univ. of Vermont
DePaul Univ.	Milwaukee Area Technical College	Univ. of Alabama in Huntsville	Univ. of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Dominican Univ.	Mississippi State Univ.	Univ. of Arizona	Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison
Eastern Illinois Univ.	Missouri Univ. of Science & Technology	Univ. of Arkansas	Univ. of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.-Daytona Beach	Montana State Univ.	Univ. of California-Berkeley	Univ. of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Emerson College	North Carolina A & T State Univ.	Univ. of California-San Diego	Valparaiso Univ.
Emory Univ.	North Central College	Univ. of California-Santa Barbara	Vassar College
Florida Southern College	Northeastern Univ.	Univ. of Colorado Boulder	Virginia Tech
Florida State Univ.	Northern Illinois Univ.	Univ. of Dayton	Wake Forest Univ.
Fordham Univ.	Northwestern Univ.	Univ. of Dubuque	Waubonsee Community College
Grand Canyon Univ.	Nova Southeastern Univ.	Univ. of Florida	Wayne State Univ.
Grand Valley State Univ.	Oklahoma State Univ.	Univ. of Illinois-Chicago	Western Illinois Univ.
Grinnell College	Parkland College	Univ. of Illinois-Springfield	Western Michigan Univ.
	Pennsylvania State Univ.	Univ. of Illinois-Urbana Champaign	Xavier Univ.
		Univ. of Indianapolis	

College Representative Visits

Naperville Central High School hosts in-person college visits, which may be scheduled by searching **Naperville Central** on **SchoolLinks** (<https://bit.ly/RepScheduling>). Visits may also be scheduled by contacting our College & Career Coordinator, Carrie Shen, at cshen@naperville203.org or (630) 983-2257.

Additional Curriculum Opportunities

In addition to our weighted and college preparatory curriculum, students can take advantage of a variety of enrichment opportunities, such as blended and online courses, the State Seal of Biliteracy, the Illinois Global Scholars Certificate, and Career Pathway Diploma Endorsements.

AP Exam Data
2025-26 School Year

Total AP Exams:	2,351
Total Candidates:	1,125

% of Examinations Scored as:		
5	4	3+
35%	38%	92%

AP EXAMS ADMINISTERED

- () Indicates Number of Students Taking Exam
- 2-D Art and Design (13)
 - 3-D Art and Design (6)
 - African American Studies (8)
 - Biology (145)
 - Calculus AB (103)
 - Calculus BC (105)
 - Chemistry (58)
 - Chinese Language (10)
 - Comparative Government (58)
 - Computer Science A (43)
 - Drawing (9)
 - English Language (162)
 - English Literature (68)
 - Environmental Science (38)
 - European History (14)
 - French Language (16)
 - German Language (5)
 - Human Geography (93)
 - Macroeconomics (77)
 - Microeconomics (77)
 - Music Theory (5)
 - Physics 1 (164)
 - Physics 2 (18)
 - Physics C: E&M (70)
 - Physics C: Mechanics (79)
 - Precalculus (251)
 - Psychology (86)
 - Spanish Language and Culture (44)
 - Statistics (99)
 - U.S. Government and Politics (284)
 - U.S. History (87)
 - World History: Modern (56)



Naperville Central was named a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School.