Orono High School • Minnesota • 2026-2027 Profile

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Orono High School is a four-year, public high school in the western suburbs of Minneapolis/St. Paul, serving 988 students from six surrounding communities and through Minnesota's Open Enrollment program.

Class of 2027 | 236 students
OHS Course Catalog | https://bit.ly/COURSE-CATALOG

High School Administration

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Counselors support approximately 320 students each

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Extracurricular Activities | Orono High School offers a variety of activities, organizations and academic/athletic interscholastic competitions. More than 90 percent of our students participate in at least one activity or sport.

Achievement | The district has a strong tradition of excellence, rooted in community and connectedness. Orono Schools' programs, students and staff are frequently distinguished at the state and national level, performing as well as—if not better than—surrounding public and private institutions.

Rigorous, College Preparatory Curriculum | Orono runs a seven-period schedule requiring students to earn 24 credits to graduate. Orono offers 25 AP courses, 9 honors/enriched courses and 6 Dual Enrollment Courses. More than 96% of Orono students enroll in these courses with nearly 79% passing one or more AP exams prior to graduation.

Academic Area	Credits
English	4.0
Social Studies	3.5
Science	3.0
Math	3.0
Fine Arts	1.0
Health	0.5
Physical Ed	0.5
Electives	8.5
Total Credits	**24.0**

Class of 2026 | Matriculation Highlights

(percentages are a subset of total matriculation)

Percent Graduating - Class size 246 students	**99.6%**
Total Matriculation *92% after gap year*	**91%**
2-year College	9%
4-year College	91%
Public 4-year	60%
Private 4-year	40%
In State	35%
Out of State	65%

#1 Traditional High School for College Curriculum Breadth *(#4 overall in Minnesota)*

#2 Traditional High School for College Readiness *(#9 overall in Minnesota)*

#7 Traditional High School *(#13 overall in Minnesota)*







Advanced Placement

"AP for All" encourages all Orono High School students to complete at least one AP course during high school.

AP® School Honor Roll
2025

AP Exams & Enrollment	2023	2024	2025	2026
Number of students tested	421	454	562	563
Number of exams administered	810	855	1,020	1,080
Percent of exams resulting in a score of 3+	79%	82%	91%	93%
Percent of graduating class taking and passing at least one AP exam	66%	69%	76%	79%
Percent of graduating class completing at least one AP course	86%	84%	90%	93%

AP Awards	2023	2024	2025	2026
AP Scholar	70	74	70	95
AP Scholar with Honor	28	36	46	52
AP Scholar with Distinction	74	55	89	107
Total AP Scholars	172	165	205	254
AP Capstone Diploma	6	1	5	20
Seminar & Research Certificate	2	0	0	5

2026 AP Scores by Test	Total	% Passing
2-D Art and Design	5	100%
English Language & Comp	18	89%
English Literature & Comp	57	93%
European History	36	89%
Human Geography	124	92%
Psychology	156	97%
U.S. History	39	85%
World History	110	93%
Calculus AB	64	88%
Calculus BC	59	86%
Computer Science Principles	32	66%
Precalculus	18	78%
Statistics	38	63%
Biology	64	98%
Chemistry	18	100%
Environmental Science	22	95%
Physics C - E & M	17	65%
Physics C - Mechanics	19	68%
Chinese Language & Culture	6	50%
German Language & Culture	9	100%
Spanish Language & Culture	39	100%
Research	25	100%
Seminar	97	93%

College Prep Curriculum

Honors Courses
Advanced Topics in Math
Honors Biology
Honors Chemistry
Honors Physics
Honors Algebra II
Honors Functions & Trig
Honors Spanish IV
Honors German IV
Honors Chinese IV

Dual Enrollment
College Accounting
Computer Applications for College
Project Lead the Way (PLTW)
PLTW Intro to Engineering Design
PLTW Principles of Engineering
PLTW Computer Integrated Mfg.
PLTW Engineering Design & Devel

Capstone Experiences
Advanced Topics in Math
AP Capstone Diploma
MN Bilingual Language Seal
Marketing Seminar
MN Scholars of Distinction
Senior Spartan Experience

AP Courses
AP Music Theory
AP English Language & Comp
AP English Literature & Comp
AP European History
AP Human Geography
AP Macroeconomics*
AP Psychology
AP U.S. History
AP World History
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Precalculus
AP Statistics
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics C: E & M
AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP Chinese Language & Culture
AP German Language & Culture
AP Spanish Language & Culture
AP Research
AP Seminar
AP Business with Personal Finance*

**new in 2026-27*

COURSE NOTES:

- **Advanced Topics in Mathematics** is the capstone of our mathematics program and covers topics in Differential Equations, Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra, and Discrete Mathematics.
- The **Minnesota Bilingual Language Seal** is awarded to students who have demonstrated proficiency in languages other than English. The required proficiency levels are ACTFL Advanced Low for a Platinum Seal; ACTFL Intermediate High for a Gold Seal in all of the four modalities—listening, reading, speaking and writing. In 2026, 70 students earned the Bilingual Seal.
- The **Senior Spartan Experience** is a culminating career-development project giving seniors an interactive mentorship experience that connects high school learning to post-secondary aspirations.

As part of their four-year plan, **96%** of the OHS Class of 2026 enrolled in academic programs that could lead to college credit: AP; Dual Enrollment (PLTW, College Accounting, Computer Applications for College); PSEO; and Hennepin Technical College Career Pathways.

GPA, ACT, National Merit Scholars, Awards & Recognition

GPA Calculations

GPA is calculated on a four-point scale. Honors, Enriched, and AP courses are given a weighting of one extra point (A=5). Transcripts reflect BOTH weighted and standard GPAs.*

An historical snapshot, by graduating class, of the overall sixth-semester median GPA and the mean GPA (mid 50%) is included below.

MEDIAN GPA	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Weighted	3.68	3.60	3.60	3.70	3.80
Standard	3.44	3.37	3.40	3.46	3.54
MEAN GPA (Mid 50%)	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**	**2026**	**2027**
Weighted	3.61	3.54	3.60	3.69	3.77
Standard	3.40	3.37	3.40	3.45	3.55

**Classes taken at local colleges via post-secondary dual enrollment are NOT weighted.*

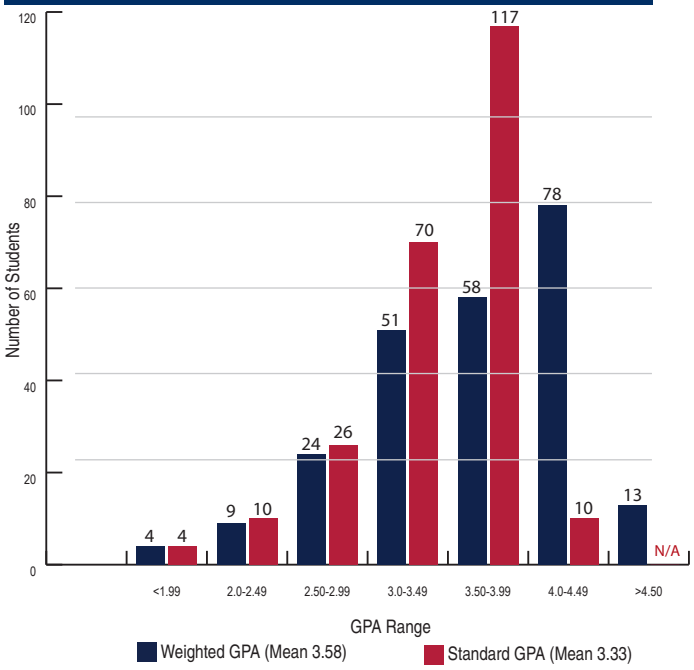
National Merit Scholars

	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Semifinalists	4	3	2	2	1
Commended Scholars	5	5	4	3	9
Total	**9**	**8**	**6**	**5**	**10**

GPA Distribution - Class of 2027

Orono High School does not report individual class rank. To assist in the interpretation of GPA data, we are providing a frequency distribution of sixth-semester weighted and standard GPAs for the Class of 2027.

OHS Class of 2027 Sixth-Semester GPA Distribution



ACT Data - Class of 2026

Orono Students Testing: 93%

ACT	Middle 50%-ile: All students	Middle 50%-ile: Top 100
English	19-28	25-34
Math	19-28	27-32
Reading	21-31	28-33
Science Reasoning	21-29	27-34
Composite	20-29	26-33

Strategic Goals and Intended Results

Scholarship | Through personalized and rigorous learning across all disciplines, we will ensure all students possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to thrive in any post-secondary experience and achieve their life goals.

Character | We will instill in every child a strong foundation of ethical decision making, responsibility, and integrity, nurturing them to become caring and trustworthy individuals who contribute to their communities.

Connectedness | We will foster a connected learning community in which empathy, belonging, and strong relationships are cultivated to empower students and staff.

Awards & Recognition

National Recognition

- 2026-27 America's Best High Schools, *U.S. News & World Report*
- Among traditional Minnesota high schools, Orono High School ranked #1 in College Curriculum Breadth and #2 in College Readiness, *U.S. News & World Report*
- 2024-25 AP School Honor Roll Platinum recognition
- Orono High School earned the national designation, "Unified Champion School" by Special Olympics for its culture of inclusion
- In 2024, Orono Schools was named one of only three U.S. recipients of the CHARACTER COUNTS! Exemplary School District Award

Points of Pride, 2025-26

- DECA sent 86 students to the state conference; there, 18 qualified for the International Conference. Carly Rausch placed in the Top 20 at Internationals.
- Simon Forbes placed 3rd at the National Speech & Debate Tournament in Impromptu Speaking.
- Orono sent athletic teams or individual qualifiers to 17 MSHSL state tournaments. State Champion teams were Football, Girls Swim & Dive True Team State, and Girls Track & Field. Gideon Fish was the individual state champion in Diving.

2016-2026 | College Matriculation

92% of the Class of 2026 plan to continue their education at one of 106 different post-secondary institutions.

ALABAMA
Auburn Univ.
Samford Univ.
The Univ. of Alabama
Univ. of South Alabama

ARIZONA
Arizona State Univ.
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ.
Grand Canyon Univ.
Northern Arizona Univ.
The Univ. of Arizona

ARKANSAS
Harding Univ.
Univ. of Arkansas

CALIFORNIA
Azusa Pacific Univ.
California Baptist Univ.
California Polytechnic State Univ.
Chapman Univ.
Harvey Mudd College
Mount Saint Mary's Univ.
Pepperdine Univ.
Point Loma Nazarene Univ.
San Diego State Univ.
Santa Clara Univ.
Univ. of Calif., Berkeley
Univ. of Calif., Los Angeles
Univ. of Calif. - Santa Barbara
Univ. of Calif. - Santa Cruz
Univ. of San Diego
Univ. of San Francisco
Univ. of Southern California

COLORADO
Colorado Christian Univ.
Colorado College
Colorado Mesa Univ.
Colorado Mountain College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State Univ.
Regis Univ.
Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design
United States Air Force Academy
Univ. of Colorado at Boulder
Univ. of Colorado at Colorado Springs
Univ. of Colorado at Denver
Univ. of Denver
Univ. of Northern Colorado

CONNECTICUT
Central Connecticut State Univ.
Connecticut College
Fairfield Univ.
Quinnipiac Univ.
Sacred Heart Univ.
Trinity College
Univ. of Hartford
U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Yale Univ.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
The George Washington Univ.
Georgetown Univ.

FLORIDA
Broward College
Eckerd College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Univ. - Daytona Beach
Flagler College
Florida Atlantic Univ.
Florida Gulf Coast Univ.
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida Southern College
Florida State Univ.
Jacksonville Univ.
Lynn Univ.
New College of Florida
Palm Beach Atlantic Univ.
Palm Beach State Univ.
Rollins College
Saint Leo Univ.
Southeastern Univ.
Univ. of Central Florida
Univ. of Florida
Univ. of Miami
Univ. of Tampa

GEORGIA
Emory Univ.
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Southern Univ.
Savannah College of Art & Design
Univ. of Georgia

HAWAII
Brigham Young Univ., Hawaii
Univ. of Hawaii at Manoa

IDAHO
Brigham Young Univ., Idaho
Lewis-Clark State College

ILLINOIS
Bradley Univ.
DePaul Univ.
Judson Univ.
Lake Forest College
Lewis Univ.
Loyola Univ. Chicago
Northwestern Univ.
Olivet Nazarene Univ.
Univ. of Chicago
Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Wheaton College

INDIANA
Butler Univ.
DePauw Univ.
Indiana Univ. at Bloomington
Purdue Univ.
Rose-Hulman Institute of Tech.
Univ. of Notre Dame
Valparaiso Univ.

IOWA
Buena Vista Univ.
Cornell College
Drake Univ.
Grinnell College
Iowa State Univ.
Luther College
Northwestern College
Univ. of Dubuque
Univ. of Iowa
Univ. of Northern Iowa
Upper Iowa Univ.
Waldorf Univ.

KANSAS
Benedictine College
Kansas State Univ.
Newman Univ.
Ottawa Univ.
Univ. of Kansas

KENTUCKY
Univ. of Kentucky
Univ. of Louisville

LOUISIANA
Louisiana State Univ.
Tulane Univ.

MAINE
Bowdoin College
Colby College
Univ. of Maine

MARYLAND
Johns Hopkins Univ.
Maryland Institute College of Art
United States Naval Academy
Univ. of Maryland, College Park

MASSACHUSETTS
Bentley Univ.
Berklee College of Music
Boston College
Boston Univ.
College of Holy Cross
Emerson College
Endicott College
Franklin W. Olin College of Enginnering
Gordon College
Harvard College
Hillsdale College
Mount Holyoke College
Northeastern Univ.
Smith College
Springfield College
Stonehill College
Suffolk Univ.
Tufts Univ.
Univ. of Mass., Amherst
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

MICHIGAN
Hope College
Michigan State Univ.
Northern Michigan Univ.
Univ. of Michigan - Ann Arbor

MINNESOTA
Augsburg College
Bemidji State Univ.
Bethel Univ.-MN
Carleton College
College of Saint Benedict
College of Saint Scholastica
Concordia College - Moorhead
Concordia Univ. at St. Paul
Crown College
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamline Univ.
Lake Superior College
Macalester College
Minnesota State Univ., Mankato
Minnesota State Univ., Moorhead
North Central Univ.
Northwestern Health Sciences Univ.
Saint John's Univ.
Saint Mary's Univ. of Minnesota
St. Catherine Univ. - St. Paul
St. Cloud State Univ.
St. Olaf College
Univ. of Minnesota, Crookston
Univ. of Minnesota, Duluth
Univ. of Minnesota, Morris
Univ. of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Univ. of Northwestern
Univ. of St. Thomas
Winona State Univ.

MISSISSIPPI
Univ. of Mississippi

MISSOURI
Culver-Stockton College
Maryville Univ. of Saint Louis
Univ. of Missouri Columbia
Washington Univ. in St. Louis

MONTANA
Montana State Univ., Bozeman
The Univ. of Montana, Missoula
The Univ. of Montana - Western

NEBRASKA
College of St. Mary
Creighton Univ.
Univ. of Nebraska at Lincoln
Univ. of Nebraska at Omaha

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Dartmouth College
Univ. of New Hampshire

NEW JERSEY
Princeton Univ.
Stevens Institute of Technology

NEW MEXICO
Univ. of New Mexico

NEW YORK
Colgate Univ.
Columbia Univ.
Cornell Univ.
Fordham Univ.
Hofstra Univ.
Le Moyne College
LIM College
Marist College
New York Univ.
Pace Univ.
St. Francis College
St. Lawrence Univ.
Syracuse Univ.
Union College
United States Military Academy
Univ. of Rochester

NORTH CAROLINA
Davidson College
Duke Univ.
Elon Univ.
High Point Univ.
North Carolina State Univ. at Raleigh
Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Wake Forest Univ.

NORTH DAKOTA
Lake Region State College
North Dakota State Univ.
Univ. of North Dakota

OHIO
Case Western Reserve Univ.
Denison Univ.
Kenyon College
Miami Univ., Oxford
Ohio State Univ.
University of Akron
Xavier Univ.

OKLAHOMA
Oklahoma Christian Univ.
University of Oklahoma

OREGON
Lewis & Clark College
Oregon State Univ.
Portland State Univ.
Reed College
Univ. of Oregon
Univ. of Portland

PENNSYLVANIA
Bucknell Univ.
Carnegie Mellon Univ.
Drexel Univ.
Lehigh Univ.
Pennsylvania State Univ.
Univ. of Pennsylvania
Univ. of Pittsburgh
Villanova Univ.

RHODE ISLAND
Brown Univ.
Bryant Univ.
Univ. of Rhode Island

SOUTH CAROLINA
Clemson Univ.
Coastal Carolina Univ.
College of Charleston
Furman Univ.
Univ. of South Carolina
Wofford College

SOUTH DAKOTA
Augustana College
Dakota State Univ.
Northern State Univ.
South Dakota State Univ.
Univ. of Sioux Falls

TENNESSEE
Belmont Univ.
Univ. of Tennessee-Knoxville
Vanderbilt Univ.

TEXAS
Baylor Univ.
Southern Methodist Univ.
Texas A&M Univ.
Texas Christian Univ.
Texas Tech Univ.
Univ. of Texas at Austin
Univ. of Texas at Dallas

UTAH
Brigham Young Univ.
Univ. of Utah
Utah Valley Univ.
Weber StateUniv.

VERMONT
Middlebury College
Univ. of Vermont

VIRGINIA
George Mason Univ.
Liberty Univ.
Sweet Briar College
Univ. of Richmond
Virginia Military Instutute
Virginia Polytechnic
Washington and Lee Univ.

WASHINGTON
Gonzaga Univ.
Seattle Univ.
Univ. of Puget Sound
Univ. of Washington
Univ. of Washington - Seattle
Washington State Univ.
Whitman College
Western Washington Univ.

WEST VIRGINIA
Mountain State Univ.

WISCONSIN
Alverno College
Carroll Univ.
Carthage College
Lawrence Univ.
Marquette Univ.
Northland College
Saint Norbert College
Univ. of Wisc., Eau Claire
Univ. of Wisc., Green Bay
Univ. of Wisc., La Crosse
Univ. of Wisc., Madison
Univ. of Wisc., Milwaukee
Univ. of Wisc., Oshkosh
Univ. of Wisc., River Falls
Univ. of Wisc., Stevens Point
Univ. of Wisc., Stout
Univ. of Wisc., Superior
Univ. of Wisc., Whitewater
Viterbo Univ.

WYOMING
Univ. of Wyoming

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Durham University
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McGill Univ.
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