



2026-2027 School Profile

Member: Association of Lutheran High Schools (ALHS), Minnesota Independent School Forum (MISF), MN State High School League (MSHSL)

Accredited: Minnesota Nonpublic Schools Accrediting Association (MNSAA)

Independent Lutheran School
Founded in 1958
Coeducational grades 6-12
Enrollment: 435
Student to teacher ratio: 13:1
Average class size: 20

Class of 2026: 102 Students
80% of graduates attend 4-year colleges
15% of graduates attend 2-year colleges

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SCHOOL COMMUNITY

St. Croix Lutheran Academy is an independent Christian school founded in 1958 serving young men and women in grades six through twelve. God has placed the spiritual, mental, physical, emotional and social growth of his children into the hands of the parents. St. Croix Lutheran Academy exists to assist parents with this responsibility.

The school is located on 30 acres of land in a West St. Paul residential area, and is both a boarding and day school. The student body is drawn from the greater metropolitan Twin Cities area, southern Minnesota, western Wisconsin, and several international countries. An education at SCLA is accessible to a wide range of income and ability levels.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

St. Croix Lutheran Academy offers a full range of courses. The **Religion** department provides a thorough study of God's Word and how it relates to the young Christian's life. To meet the needs of SCLA students the English department offers seven levels of **English** courses including two AP courses. The **Math** department offers eleven levels of math courses including two levels of AP Calculus and two Dual Credit courses. SCLA's **Science** department offers eight different courses plus three STEM courses and six AP courses. The **Social Studies** department has seven courses, one of which is AP level and another is a dual-credit college course. The strong **World Language** tradition includes two levels of German, two levels of ASL, three levels of Mandarin, and five levels of Spanish. The **Fine Arts** department includes Music and Art with various course offerings for each area. The Music classes include several choirs and band. The **Business** and **Physical Education** departments round out the academic portions of SCLA's curriculum.

GRADING SYSTEM

The school year is divided into two marking periods, or semesters, which are approximately 18 weeks long. One half (1/2) credit will be given for each semester in which a student successfully completes the work in a particular course. The grade point average (GPA) is calculated on a 4.0 system in which:

A+ = 4.33	B+ = 3.33	C+ = 2.33	D+ = 1.33	E = 0.33
A = 4.00	B = 3.00	C = 2.00	D = 1.00	F = 0.00
A- = 3.67	B- = 2.67	C- = 1.67	D- = 0.67	

SCLA does not rank students. Highest GPA, Class of 2026: 4.196 Median GPA, Class of 2026: 3.718

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SCLA students are required to earn a minimum of 20 credits in addition to one-half credit in religion for each semester in attendance. One-half credit will be given for each semester in which a student successfully completes the work in a particular course.

Required courses are:

4 Credits English	1 Credit Physical Education
3 Credits Social Studies	½ Credit Health
3 Credits Math	½ Credit Religion each semester
3 Credits Science	1 Fine Arts

All students must take a minimum of six credits per year, totaling 24 credits for all four years. However, students are encouraged to take more than the minimum and most graduate with more than 24 credits.

COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTING CLASS MEANS

American College Test (ACT) average of last five years:

	SCLA	State	National
English	22.1	20.8	19.7
Math	22.3	21.2	20.0
Reading	23.1	21.8	21.0
Science	21.9	21.5	20.4

COLLEGE ENTRANCE RECORD (2021-2026)

Arizona State University	Marquette University	University of California, San Diego
Baylor University	Martin Luther College	University of Iowa
Bemidji State University	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Bethany Lutheran College	Michigan State University	University of Minnesota, Duluth
Bethel University	Minnesota State University, Mankato	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Boston College	New York University	University of Nebraska–Lincoln
Bradley University	North Dakota State University	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Colby College	Northeastern University	University of North Dakota
College of Saint Benedict	Northwestern College	University of Northwestern – St. Paul
Concordia University, St. Paul	Ohio State University	University of South Carolina
Concordia University Wisconsin	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of St. Thomas
Creighton University	Patrick Henry College	University of Texas at Dallas
Dordt University	Penn State University	University of Toronto
Drake University	Purdue University	University of Washington
East Texas Baptist University	Ringling College of Art and Design	University of West Florida
Goshen College	Roberts Wesleyan University	University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire
Grand Canyon University	Rutgers University	University of Wisconsin–La Crosse
Grand View University	Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	University of Wisconsin–Madison
Gustavus Adolphus College	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee
Hamline University	South Dakota State University	University of Wisconsin–River Falls
Harding University	St. Catherine University	University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point
Hillsdale College	St. Cloud State University	University of Wisconsin–Stout
Illinois Institute of Technology	St. John's University	Virginia Tech
Indiana University, Bloomington	St. Olaf College	Waldorf University
Iowa State University	University of California, Irvine	Wartburg College
LeTourneau University	University of Arizona	Wheaton College
Loyola University Chicago	University of California, Davis	Wisconsin Lutheran College
Luther College		Waseda University