St. Louis Park High School Profile 2026-2027

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Our School

Website: slpschools.org
School Code: 242-205 Four-year public high school
Grades: 9-12
Enrollment: 1,430
Size of Senior Class: 350
School Year: 4 terms, 4 blocks/day

Distinctions

- Nationally Designated School of Excellence
- Named 34th Best Public High School for College Prep in Minnesota by Niche
- International Baccalaureate School
- Four-year graduation rate of 90%

Administration

Superintendent
Dr. Carlondrea Hines

Principal
LaNisha Paddock

Assistant Principals
Evelyn Lashley
Alonzo Parks

Student Services Staff
Barb Nelson, Gr. 9 Counselor
Kelsey Milne, Gr. 10 Counselor
Heidi Cosgrove, Gr. 11 Counselor
Sara Lindsay, Gr. 12 Counselor
Marlee Nirenstein, Social Worker
Kjirsten Hanson, Social Worker
Kara Mueller, CCR/CTE Coordinator
Carley Kregness, BARR Coordinator
Chris Nordmark, IB Coordinator
Teresa Petta, Testing Coordinator

Our Community



St. Louis Park is a first-ring suburban community located west of Minneapolis. It is know for its diverse, family-friendly atmosphere and strong sense of community. With a population around 50,000 residents, the city blends urban amenities with suburban living. St. Louis Park places a strong emphasis on education with the school district being highly regarded for its commitment to academics, inclusion, and student support.

International Baccalaureate

St. Louis Park High School became an IB World School in 2000. The IB Program is a rigorous two-year college preparatory program. Juniors and seniors can self-select to enroll in individual IB courses or be a full diploma candidate. If you have any questions concerning the IB Program, please contact Chris Nordmark at 952-928-6196 or nordmark.chistoph@slpschools.org.

In 2026, 42 students took 109 IB Exams. The average score on IB Exams was 4.5. Seven students were awarded the IB Diploma.

ib Diploma Programme

17 AP Courses Offered

- AP African American Studies
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science A
- AP Cybersecurity
- AP Environmental Science
- AP European History
- AP Human Geography
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics
- AP Pre-Calculus
- AP Psychology
- AP Spanish Language
- AP Spanish Literature
- AP Statistics
- AP United States History
- AP World History

36 IB Courses Offered

- IB English A Language and Literature SL
- IB English A Literature HL-1 & HL-2
- IB Business Management SL
- IB Film SL
- IB Economics SL
- IB Extended Essay
- IB Math SL Analysis Year 1 &Year 2
- IB Math HL Analysis Year 1 & Year 2
- IB Physics SL
- IB Biology HL-1 & HL- 2
- IB History HL-1: History of the Americas
- IB History HL-2: History of Authoritarian States
- IB French Language B SL-1 & SL-2
- IB German Language B SL-1 & SL-2
- IB Spanish Language B SL-1 & SL-2
- IB Spanish Language B HL-1 HL-2
- IB Spanish Language and Literature SL-1 & SL-2
- Theory of Knowledge
- IB Visual Art SL

32 CTE Courses Offered

Students can get Technical or Community College credit by taking these courses.

- Advertising & Promotion
- AP Computer Science
- Apprenticeship/Internship Program
- Certified Nursing Assistant
- Computer Hardware and Cyber Security Fundamentals
- Construction Technologies
- Digital Artwork Design
- Digital Photography Editing
- Exercise Physiology (concurrent)
- Fundamentals of Graphic Design (concurrent)
- IB Business Management
- Introduction to Accounting
- Introduction to Computer Science
- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Introduction to Exercise Science (concurrent)
- Introduction to Urban Education & Reflective Teaching (concurrent)
- Journalism: Audio for Media (concurrent)
- Leadership Development
- Level I Engineering Investigation
- Level 2 Engineering/Product Development
- Mechatronics
- Medical Terminology (concurrent)
- Multicultural Education (concurrent)
- Page Layout Design
- Personal Financial Management (Concurrent)
- Photography
- School Store Operations I & II (concurrent)
- Video Game Design
- Woodworking I & II

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Based on PSAT results, seven students were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program. There is one student named as semi-finalist and two students that were commended.

Testing

ACT 2026 Summary Report Mean Scores

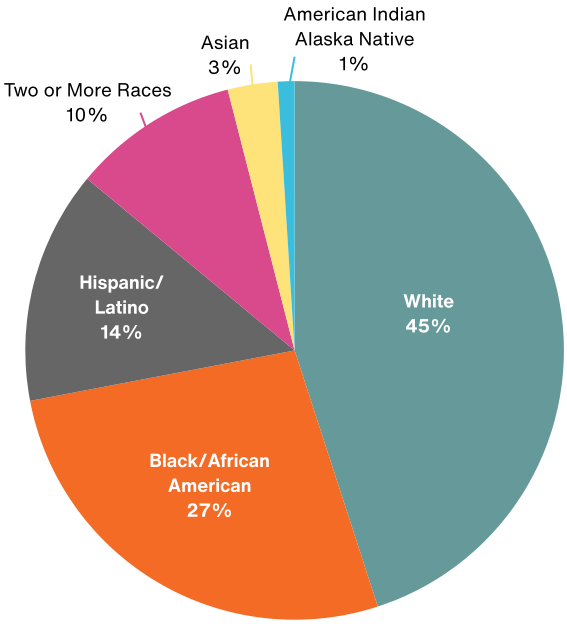
English *19*
Math *21*
Reading *19*
Science *21*
STEM *20*
Composite 19.72

Advanced Placement

In 2026, 856 students took 1109 AP exams, earning an average score of 3.2; 73% of all exams were 3 or higher. 191 students were named to the scholar roster (85 AP Scholars, 40 AP Scholars with Honors, 66 AP Scholars with Distinction).



Student Demographics



St. Louis Park High School is a vibrant reflection of the world, where students from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds come together to learn, lead, and grow. With more than 40 languages spoken and a strong commitment to equity and inclusion, the school celebrates each student's identity as a source of strength. Through clubs, classroom conversations, and community events, diversity is not only embraced, it's woven into every part of the school experience, helping students develop empathy, global awareness, and pride in who they are and who they're becoming.

Graduation

Students in the class of 2027 are required to earn 46 semester credits. Credit requirements by subject area are: English (8 credits), Social Studies (8 credits), Math (6 credits), Science (6 credits), Health (1 credit), Physical Education (1 credit), Fine Arts (2 credits), and Electives (14 credits). The class of 2028 will need 52 credits for graduation. The class of 2029 and beyond will need 56 credits including 15 hours of community service.

Grading

A standard 4.0 grading system with letter grades of A, B, C, D, or F is used. Accelerated, Honors, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate classes are not weighted as part of the student's grade point average (GPA). A "P" for pass is included as a credit toward graduation, but does not count toward a student's GPA. St. Louis Park High School does not use class rank.

Block: Starting with the 2026-27 school year, St. Louis Park High School is on a 4x4 block schedule, where students can earn 16 credits each year. Prior to 2026, the school was on a semester based system.

Post Secondary Plans

St. Louis Park seniors take many different paths after high school, with nearly 80% pursuing post-secondary plans. Of all graduates, 47% enrolled at a Minnesota college and 29% attended college outside the state, reflecting both strong in-state connections and broad access to institutions nationwide. Among college-going graduates, 28% attended a Minnesota public four-year institution, 21% a Minnesota public two-year institution and 14% a Minnesota private institution. Perhaps most striking is that 38% of St. Louis Park graduates venture outside of Minnesota to continue their education, highlighting the wide range of paths students take after high school.

Where do our students go?

The top 5 schools SLP graduates attend include the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, Normandale Community College, Metropolitan State University, Minneapolis College, and University of Wisconsin - Madison.

Did you know?

St. Louis Park High School has 84 licensed teachers on staff, including 70 that hold advanced degrees.



Extracurriculars

28 Varsity Athletic Teams

FALL
Cross Country (B/G)
Football
Soccer (B/G)
Swimming (G)
Tennis (G)
Volleyball (G)

WINTER
Basketball (B/G)
Gymnastics
Hockey (B/G)
Nordic Skiing (B/G)
Swimming (B)
Alpine Skiing (B/G)

SPRING
Baseball
Golf (B/G)
Lacrosse (B/G)
Softball
Synchronized Swimming
Tennis (B)
Track & Field (B/G)



Clubs and Organizations

St. Louis Park High School has a wide array of clubs and organizations including fine arts opportunities such as theater, band, orchestra, and choir; an award-winning student newspaper and yearbook; academic-based opportunities such as math team and quiz bowl; a robotics team; a computer repair club; a nationally recognized eSports team; a drone racing team; and many others.



Notable Alumni

Joel and Ethan Coen, film directors, screenwriters, producers
Peggy Flanagan, current Lieutenant Governor of Minnesota
Thomas Friedman, New York Times columnist, author
Dan Israel, musician and songwriter
Peggy Orenstein, author, writer for New York Times Magazine
Jim Petersen, former NBA player, current Timberwolves analyst
Emily Schmidt, co-producer/writer for Ghosts on CBS TV
Marc Trestman, NFL coach, former coach of Chicago Bears
Dan Wilson, lead singer of Trip Shakespeare and Semisonic



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