

2024–2025 NORTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Located 40 miles south of Minneapolis, Northfield High School is a grade 9–12 public school serving approximately 1,340 students. Also located in Northfield are Carleton College and St. Olaf College. We offer an incredible array of opportunities for a school of our size and are proud to be among the top schools in Minnesota in a variety of categories, including National Merit Scholarship recognition, Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment scores, ACT scores, and Advanced Placement (A.P.) offerings and scores. Our school year is on a semester schedule with school days divided into seven periods, each approximately 50 minutes in length.

FACULTY

Seventy-three percent of our licensed faculty members hold a master’s degree or higher.

CURRICULUM

Northfield High School students choose from a wide array of courses in art, business, English, family and consumer science, industrial technology, math, music, physical education, science, social studies, wellness and world languages (Spanish, French and German). A full list of course offerings is available at: northfieldschools.org/courses.

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Northfield High School students are engaged in a wide array of co-curricular activities, including athletics, academic activities, music and theatre, and a wide variety of clubs. Approximately 85% of Northfield students take part in these activities where leadership development is emphasized. Student Council, LINK, RALIE, Bleacher Captains, and Captain’s Training are just a few examples of the student leadership programs at our school.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Twenty-three credits are required in grades 9–12. Semester courses are worth 0.5 credit; year-long courses are worth 1.0 credit. Credit distribution is as follows:

ENGLISH: 4.0 credits	SOCIAL STUDIES: 3.5 credits	ART: 1.0 credit
MATH: 3.0 credits	PHYSICAL EDUCATION: 1.0 credit	ELECTIVE: 7.0 credits
SCIENCE: 3.0 credits	HEALTH: 0.5 credit	CLASS OF 2028 AND BEYOND .5 PERSONAL FINANCE

GRADING SYSTEM

A+/A 4.0	B 3.0	C 2.0	D 1.0
A- 3.667	B- 2.667	C- 1.667	D- 0.667
B+ 3.333	C+ 2.333	D+ 1.333	F 0

Under the weighted system, all A.P. course grades are weighted an additional 25% in GPA points as follows:

A 5.0	B 3.75	C 2.5
-------	--------	-------

Semester 2 Grading Scale* (March 16, 2020, through June 30, 2020)

A: 90% | B: 80%–89% | CP (Pass): 50%–79% | CF (Non-Pass): 0%–49%

*Grades that are documented during this time period reflect the distance-learning period resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Future use of these grades for academic placement, admission, acceleration or remediation is discouraged and should only be used with caution after balancing the information against student performance in other grading periods.

Honors / Advanced Courses

Advanced American Literature
Advanced English 11
Advanced English 9
Foundations for A.P. Sciences
Honors Algebra 2
Honors Art

Advanced Placement and Concurrent Enrollment Courses

3-D Art and Design	German Language	Spanish Language
Biology	German 4	Spanish 4 and 5
Calculus AB	Literature & Composition	Statistics
Chemistry	Macro Economics	U.S. Government and Politics
Composition 101	Physics C-Mechanics	U.S. History
Computer Science A	Psychology	World History
Environmental Science	Public Speaking	

Advanced Placement Exams 2024

STUDENTS TESTED: 337
TOTAL EXAMS: 592
SCORING 3 OR HIGHER: 346

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Matt Hillmann

PRINCIPAL

Shane Baier

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Rico Bohren

Becca Bang

COUNSELORS

Lisa Lipins (A-Fl)

507.663.0638

llipins@northfieldschools.org

Mark Ensrud (Fo-L)

507.663.0639

mensrud@northfieldschools.org

Ryan Turnquist (M-Rh)

507.663.0637

rturnquist@northfieldschools.org

Deborah Rasmussen (Ri-Z)

507.663.0637

drasmussen@northfieldschools.org

1400 Division Street South

Northfield, MN 55057

PH 507.663.0630 • FAX 507.645.3455

northfieldschools.org

SCHOOL CODE: 241-855

Advanced Placement Exams

2024 Exams	Total Exams	Average Score
Biology	41	3.54
Calculus AB	36	3.47
Calculus BC	1	5.00
Chemistry	51	3.04
Computer Science A	6	4.33
English Literature & Composition	22	4.00
Environmental Science	27	3.26
French Language	3	2.67
German Language	10	2.70
Macroeconomics	1	3.00
Microeconomics	1	3.00
Physics 1	45	2.82
Psychology	84	3.01
Spanish Language	21	3.19
Statistics	55	3.76
U.S. History	33	3.15
World History	161	3.10

ACT Average Scores

Year	Tested	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
2023	319	21.7	22.5	23.8	23.5	23
2022	284	20.4	20.9	22.9	22.3	21.7
2021	288	20.1	22.4	22.4	22.7	21.8
2020	299	20.5	21.9	22	22	21.7
2019	337	21.6	22.3	22.3	22.3	22.3

National Merit Recognition

Class of	Semi-Finalist	Commended	Total
2024	2	4	6
2023	1	1	2
2022	0	3	3
2021	1	2	3
2020	1	9	10

Class of 2024 Weighted GPA Distribution

Median	4.0 +	3.75–3.99	3.5–3.74	3.25–3.49	3.0–3.24
3.436	5	87	46	29	37
2.75–2.99	2.5–2.74	2.25–2.49	2.0–2.24	1.75–1.99	<1.75
25	18	15	17	11	10

CLASS OF 2024 POST-SECONDARY PLANS

GRADUATES: 295

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE: 61%

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE: 15%

ROTARY EXCHANGE BEFORE COLLEGE: N/A

MILITARY: 3%

WORK: 6%

GAP YEAR: 13%

UNKNOWN/OTHER: 2%

American University (1)
 University of Arizona (1)
 Augustana University (4)
 Bethel University (2)
 Carleton College (2)
 University of Central Missouri (1)
 Chippewa Valley Technical College (1)
 Clark University (1)
 College of St. Benedict (2)
 College of St. Scholastica (1)
 Colorado College (3)
 Colorado State University (1)
 Concordia College Moorhead (3)
 Concordia University - St. Paul (3)
 Cornell College (1)
 Dakota County Technical College (7)
 University of Dubuque (1)
 Dunwoody College of Technology (2)
 Gonzaga University (1)
 Grand View University (1)
 Grinnell College (2)
 Gustavus Adolphus College (8)
 Harvey Mudd College (1)
 Inver Hills Community College (2)
 University of Iowa (1)
 Iowa State University (10)

Juniata College (1)
 Keene State College (1)
 Kenyon College (2)
 Lake Forest College (2)
 Lake Superior College (1)
 Lawrence University (1)
 Lehigh University (2)
 Luther College (2)
 University of Manitoba (1)
 Michigan Technological University (1)
 Milwaukee Area Technical College (1)
 Minnesota State College Southeast (1)
 Minnesota State University-Mankato (16)
 University of Montana (1)
 Normandale Community College (2)
 University of North Dakota (2)
 North Dakota State University (3)
 Northwestern University (1)
 Oberlin College (1)
 Occidental College (1)
 Ohio State University (1)
 Penn State University (1)
 Pomona College (1)
 Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (1)
 Sarah Lawrence College (1)
 South Central College (5)

South Dakota State University (3)
 St. Cloud State University (1)
 St. Catherine's University (1)
 St. John's University (3)
 St. Olaf College (10)
 University of Minnesota-Duluth (5)
 University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (16)
 University of Puget Sound (1)
 University of San Diego (1)
 University of Sioux Falls (1)
 University of St. Thomas (6)
 University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (3)
 University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (1)
 University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (2)
 University of Wisconsin-Madison (8)
 University of Wisconsin-River Falls (6)
 University of Wisconsin-Stout (1)
 William & Mary (1)
 Williams College (1)
 Winona State University (5)