

2019–2020 NORTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Located 40 miles south of Minneapolis, Northfield High School is a 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 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

NHS 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, Captain’s Training and Life of an Athlete 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	

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
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Honors / Advanced Courses

Advanced American Literature
 Advanced British Literature
 Advanced English 9
 Foundations for A.P. Sciences
 Honors Algebra 2
 Honors Geometry
 Honors Pre-Calculus

Advanced Placement Courses

Biology
 Calculus AB
 Chemistry
 Computer Science A
 Economics (Macro/Micro)
 Environmental Science
 French Language
 German Language
 Literature & Composition
 Physics 1
 Physics 2
 Psychology
 Spanish Language
 Spanish Literature
 Statistics
 U.S. History
 World History

Advanced Placement Exams 2019

STUDENTS TESTED: 257
 TOTAL EXAMS: 460
 SCORING 3 OR HIGHER: 84.4%

SUPERINTENDENT

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INTERIM PRINCIPAL

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Advanced Placement Exams

2019 Exams	Total Exams	Average Score
Biology	53	3.6
Calculus AB	27	3.56
Calculus BC	13	3.85
Chemistry	35	3.14
Computer Science A	7	3.86
Economics – Micro	12	4.08
Economics – Macro	17	3.59
Environmental Science	15	3.4
German Language	7	3.0
Literature & Composition	19	3.79
Physics 1	13	3.31
Physics 2	10	2.9
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	2	3.5
Physics C: Mechanics	4	3.5
Psychology	94	3.94
Spanish Language	17	3.12
Spanish Literature	7	1.57
Statistics	29	4.28
U.S. History	28	4.07
World History	46	3.41

ACT Average Scores

Year	Tested	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
2018	278	21.3	22.5	22.7	22.7	22.4
2017	317	21.9	22.6	23.3	22.7	22.7
2016	298	22.3	22.8	23.3	22.6	22.9
2015	258	22.7	23.2	23.8	23.2	23.3
2014	238	23.5	24.6	24.6	24.1	24.4

National Merit Recognition

Class of	Semi-Finalist	Commended	Total
2019	3	3	6
2018	2	3	5
2017	4	6	10
2016	3	7	10
2015	0	3	3

Class of 2020 Sixth Semester Weighted GPA Distribution

Median	4.0 +	3.75–3.99	3.5–3.74	3.25–3.49	3.0–3.24
3.412	40	48	47	23	33
2.75–2.99	2.5–2.74	2.25–2.49	2.0–2.24	1.75–1.99	<1.75
24	17	19	19	8	12

CLASS OF 2019 POST-SECONDARY PLANS

GRADUATES: 320

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE: 66%

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE: 12%

ROTARY EXCHANGE BEFORE COLLEGE: 3%

MILITARY: 2%

WORK: 6%

OTHER: 14%

Alexandria Technical & Community College (3)
 Arizona State University (1)
 Augsburg University (3)
 Augustana University (SD) (2)
 Bemidji State University (2)
 Bethel University (1)
 California Polytechnic State University (1)
 Carleton College (4)
 College of Saint Benedict (1)
 College of St. Scholastica (4)
 Colorado College (1)
 Colorado Mesa University (1)
 Concordia College (3)
 Concordia University Wisconsin (1)
 Cornell College (1)
 Dakota County Technical College (14)
 Daytona State (1)
 Grand Canyon University (1)
 Grinnell College (6)
 Gustavus Adolphus College (8)
 Hamline University (5)
 Hillsdale College (1)
 Inver Hills Community College (1)
 Iowa State University (7)
 Johns Hopkins University (1)
 Kansas State University (1)

Lake Superior College (1)
 Lawrence University (4)
 Lewis & Clark College (1)
 Loras College (1)
 Luther College (5)
 Macalester College (1)
 Michigan Technological University (1)
 Minnesota State College Southeast (1)
 Minnesota State University, Mankato (13)
 Montana State University, Bozeman (1)
 New York University (1)
 Normandale Community College (3)
 Oberlin College (1)
 Occidental College (1)
 Purdue University (1)
 Riverland Community College (4)
 Saint Mary's University of Minnesota (1)
 Santa Barbara City College (1)
 South Central College (4)
 South Dakota State University (3)
 Southwest Minnesota State University (2)
 St. Cloud State University (1)
 St. Olaf College (14)
 Texas Lutheran University (1)
 The College of Wooster (1)
 The George Washington University (1)

The University of Memphis (1)
 The University of Oklahoma (1)
 University of Arizona (2)
 University of Kansas (1)
 University of Mary (3)
 University of Minnesota Duluth (10)
 University of Minnesota, Morris (1)
 University of Minnesota Twin Cities (27)
 University of Nebraska–Lincoln (2)
 University of North Dakota (4)
 University of Puget Sound (1)
 University of St. Thomas (3)
 University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire (1)
 University of Wisconsin–La Crosse (2)
 University of Wisconsin–Madison (1)
 University of Wisconsin–Stout (13)
 University of Wyoming (1)
 Upper Iowa University (1)
 Wartburg College (1)
 Wesleyan University (1)
 Western Washington University (1)
 Western Wisconsin Technical College (2)
 Wheaton College (1)
 Winona State University (12)
 Yale University (1)