

2026–2027 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:

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

Advanced Placement Exams 2026

STUDENTS TESTED: 349
TOTAL EXAMS: 608
SCORING 3 OR HIGHER: 79%

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Advanced Placement Exams

2026 Exams	Total Exams	Average Score
3D Art and Design	0	NA
Biology	66	3.80
Calculus AB	27	3.22
Calculus BC	2	4.50
Calculus BC: AB Subscore	2	5.00
Chemistry	40	3.23
Computer Science A	7	4.14
English Literature & Composition	20	3.25
Environmental Science	22	3.36
German Language and Culture	8	2.00
Human Geography	133	3.50
Macroeconomics	13	3.15
Microeconomics	0	NA
Physics C: Mechanics	25	2.52
Psychology	57	3.49
Spanish Language and Culture	23	2.91
Statistics	53	3.38
U.S. Government and Politics	0	NA
U.S. History	0	NA
World History	111	3.45

ACT Average Scores

Year	Tested	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
2026	281	21.3	22.5	24.1	23.2	22.6
2025	287	20.2	21.8	22.5	22.3	21.8
2024	319	21.7	22.5	23.8	23.5	23
2023	284	20.4	20.9	22.9	22.3	21.7
2022	288	20.1	22.4	22.4	22.7	21.8

National Merit Recognition

Class of	Finalists	Semi-Finalists	Commended	Total
2026	0	0	0	0
2025	1	0	2	3
2024	1	2	4	6
2023	0	1	1	2
2022	0	0	3	3

Class of 2026 Weighted GPA Distribution

Median	4.0 +	3.75–3.99	3.5–3.74	3.25–3.49	3.0–3.24
3.333	37	42	26	37	33
2.75–2.99	2.5–2.74	2.25–2.49	2.0–2.24	1.75–1.99	<1.75
22	13	17	17	11	6

CLASS OF 2026 POST-SECONDARY PLANS

GRADUATES: 291	GAP YEAR/SERVICE: 6.8%	WORKFORCE: 10.6%
FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE: 60.2%	MILITARY: 1.5%	UNKNOWN/OTHER: 1.5%
TWO-YEAR/TRADE & APPRENTICESHIP: 19.4%		

Alexandria Tech and Com College (1)	Lawrence University (1)	University of Iowa (1)
Arizona State University Tempe (1)	Luther College (5)	University of Jamestown (1)
Augsburg University (1)	Macalester College (2)	University of Mary (1)
Augustana University (1)	McKendree University (1)	University of Minnesota, Duluth (4)
Aurora University (1)	Minneapolis Community and Technical College (1)	University of Minnesota, Morris (1)
Aveda Arts and Sciences Institute (1)	Minnesota State University-Mankato (14)	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities (14)
Brigham Young University (1)	Montana State University (1)	University of New Mexico (1)
Carleton College (1)	Normandale Community College (6)	University of Puget Sound (2)
Carthage College (1)	North Dakota State University (3)	University of South Alabama (1)
Century College (1)	Reed College (1)	University of St. Thomas (2)
Clarke University (1)	Ridgewater College (1)	University of Tampa (1)
College of St. Benedict (4)	Riverland Community College (1)	University of Tennessee (1)
Colorado College (1)	Rochester Com. and Tech. College (1)	University of the Pacific (1)
Concordia College Moorhead (5)	Saint John's University (1)	University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (3)
Concordia University - St. Paul (1)	Saint Paul College (2)	University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (1)
Dakota County Technical College (7)	South Central College (2)	University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (2)
Dunwoody College of Technology (2)	South Central College Faribault (1)	University of Wisconsin-Madison (8)
Eastern Michigan University (1)	South Dakota School of Mines and Tech (1)	University of Wisconsin-River Falls (5)
Elon University (1)	South Dakota State University (4)	University of Wisconsin-Stout (3)
Gonzaga University (1)	St. Catherine University (1)	University of Wisconsin-Superior (1)
Gustavus Adolphus College (7)	St. Norbert College (1)	Upper Iowa University (1)
Hennepin Technical College (1)	St. Olaf College (12)	Virginia State Univesity (1)
Inver Hills Community College (10)	Taylor University (1)	Wingate University (1)
Iowa State University (7)	Texas Tech University (1)	Winona State University (6)
Johnson and Wales University (1)	The College of St. Scholastica (1)	
Lake Forest College (1)	University of Alabama in Huntsville (1)	