

2016–2017 NORTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Located 40 miles south of Minneapolis, Northfield High School is a 9–12 public school serving approximately 1,310 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 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, German and Chinese). A full list of course offerings is available at: northfieldschools.org/nhs/support/counseling.

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
Economics (Macro/Micro)
Environmental Science
French Language
German Language
Literature & Composition
Physics B
Psychology
Spanish Language
Spanish Literature
Statistics
U.S. Government & Politics
U.S. History
World History

Advanced Placement Exams 2016

STUDENTS TESTED: 218
TOTAL EXAMS: 395
SCORING 3 OR HIGHER: 86%

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Advanced Placement Exams

2016 Exams	Total Exams	Average Score
Biology	39	3.8
Calculus AB	29	3.6
Calculus BC	2	4.5
Chemistry	31	2.5
Computer Science A	12	3.8
Economics – Micro	15	4
Economics – Macro	18	4.1
Environmental Science	10	4
European History	1	4
German Language	2	3
Literature & Composition	18	3.5
Physics 1	14	3.3
Physics 2	8	2
Psychology	92	4.2
Spanish Language	28	3.5
Statistics	37	3.9
U.S. Government & Politics	5	3.4
U.S. History	16	3.8
World History	18	3.2

ACT Average Scores

Year	Tested	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
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
2013	251	23.1	24	23.9	23.5	23.7
2012	230	24.6	25.6	25.3	24.8	25.2

National Merit Recognition

Class of	Semi-Finalist	Commended	Total
2016	3	7	10
2015	0	3	3
2014	0	5	5
2013	1	6	7
2012	3	7	10

Class of 2017 Sixth Semester Weighted GPA Distribution

Median	4.0 +	3.75–3.99	3.5–3.74	3.25–3.49	3.0–3.24
3.259	29	43	47	38	42

2.75–2.99	2.5–2.74	2.25–2.49	2.0–2.24	1.75–1.99	<1.75
23	23	24	13	15	11

CLASS OF 2016 POST-SECONDARY PLANS

GRADUATES: 273

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE: 73%

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE: 17%

ROTARY EXCHANGE BEFORE COLLEGE: 2%

MILITARY: 2%

WORK: 3%

OTHER: 5%

American University (1)
 Augsburg College (1)
 Augustana University (SD) (1)
 Aveda Institute (1)
 Baylor University (1)
 Belmont University (1)
 Bemidji State University (2)
 Bethel University (1)
 Carleton College (2)
 Coe College (1)
 College of Saint Benedict (6)
 College of St. Scholastica (4)
 Columbia College Chicago (2)
 Concordia College (1)
 Concordia University-Portland (1)
 Concordia University, St. Paul (1)
 Cornell University (1)
 Dakota County Technical College (8)
 Dakota State University (1)
 Drake University (3)
 Duke University (1)
 Dunwoody College of Technology (2)
 Franklin & Marshall College (1)
 Gettysburg College (1)
 Grand View University (1)
 Grinnell College (2)

Gustavus Adolphus College (9)
 Hamline University (6)
 Hillsborough Community College (1)
 Indiana University Bloomington (1)
 Inver Hills Community College (6)
 Iowa State University (7)
 Kalamazoo College (1)
 Loyola University Chicago (1)
 Luther College (4)
 Macalester College (1)
 Minnesota State College Southeast (2)
 Minnesota State University, Mankato (6)
 Montana State University (1)
 New York University (1)
 Normandale Community College (4)
 North Dakota State University (3)
 Oklahoma State University (1)
 Oregon State University (2)
 Riverland Community College (3)
 Rochester Community and Technical College (3)
 Saint John's University (3)
 Saint Paul College (1)
 Simpson College (1)
 South Central College (3)
 South Dakota State University (1)
 Southwest Minnesota State University (2)

St. Catherine University (1)
 St. Cloud State University (3)
 St. Olaf College (12)
 Universal Technical Institute (1)
 University of Iowa (1)
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2)
 University of Minnesota, Duluth (4)
 University of Minnesota, Morris (2)
 University of Minnesota, Rochester (1)
 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (12)
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln (2)
 University of North Dakota (2)
 University of Northwestern (1)
 University of Puget Sound (1)
 University of St. Thomas (4)
 University of Washington Bothell (1)
 University of Winnipeg (1)
 University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (3)
 University of Wisconsin-La Crosse (2)
 University of Wisconsin-Madison (3)
 University of Wisconsin-River Falls (6)
 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater (1)
 Wartburg College (4)
 Wellesley College (1)
 Winona State University (4)
 Woodbury University (1)