

# 2020–2021 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](http://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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### 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 British Literature  
Advanced English 9  
Composition 101 (through Minnesota State Mankato)  
Foundations for A.P. Sciences  
Honors Algebra 2  
Honors Art  
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 2020

STUDENTS TESTED: 295  
TOTAL EXAMS: 530  
SCORING 3 OR HIGHER: 80%

## SUPERINTENDENT

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## Advanced Placement Exams

2020 Exams	Total Exams	Average Score
Biology	75	3.3
Calculus AB	26	3.3
Chemistry	39	2.9
Computer Science A	1	3.0
English Literature & Composition	19	3.4
Environmental Science	19	2.8
French Language	1	5.0
German Language	13	2.9
Human Geography	1	1.0
Microeconomics	19	4.1
Macroeconomics	18	3.6
Physics 1	17	2.6
Physics 2	13	2.6
Psychology	93	3.9
Spanish Language	25	3.7
Spanish Literature	1	2
Statistics	32	4.3
U.S. Government & Politics	9	3.4
U.S. History	27	3.3
World History	82	3.3

## ACT Average Scores

Year	Tested	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
2019	337	21.6	22.3	22.3	22.3	22.3
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

## National Merit Recognition

Class of	Semi-Finalist	Commended	Total
2020	1	9	10
2019	3	3	6
2018	2	3	5
2017	4	6	10
2016	3	7	10

## 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
3.355	54	47	45	35	35
2.75–2.99	2.5–2.74	2.25–2.49	2.0–2.24	1.75–1.99	<1.75
30	26	25	15	6	10

## CLASS OF 2020 POST-SECONDARY PLANS

GRADUATES: 290

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE: 61%

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE: 19%

ROTARY EXCHANGE BEFORE COLLEGE: 2%

MILITARY: 3%

WORK: 3%

OTHER: 14%

Allegheny College (1)  
 Anoka Technical College (1)  
 Arizona State University (2)  
 Augsburg University (1)  
 Augustana University (1)  
 Baylor University (1)  
 Bethany Lutheran College (1)  
 Bethel University (1)  
 Bryn Mawr College (1)  
 Carleton College (3)  
 Carthage College (3)  
 Clemson University (1)  
 Coe College (1)  
 College of Saint Benedict (1)  
 Colorado College (1)  
 Concordia College (3)  
 Cornell College (1)  
 Dakota County Technical College (9)  
 DePaul University (1)  
 Florida SouthWestern State College (1)  
 Grand View University (1)  
 Grinnell College (1)  
 Gustavus Adolphus College (4)  
 Hamline University (1)  
 Hawai'i Pacific University (1)

Inver Hills Community College (5)  
 Iowa State University (5)  
 Johns Hopkins University (1)  
 Kenyon College (1)  
 Lewis & Clark College (1)  
 Luther College (2)  
 Macalester College (2)  
 Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1)  
 Milwaukee Area Technical College (1)  
 Minneapolis College (1)  
 Minneapolis College of Art and Design (1)  
 Minnesota State University, Mankato (14)  
 Montana State University (1)  
 Mount Holyoke College (1)  
 New York University (1)  
 Normandale Community College (1)  
 North Dakota State University (4)  
 Northeastern University (1)  
 Oberlin College and Conservatory (1)  
 Pacific Lutheran University (1)  
 Rhode Island School of Design (1)  
 Riverland Community College (12)  
 St. Cloud State University (1)  
 Saint John's University (2)  
 Saint Louis University (1)

South Central College (8)  
 St. Olaf College (19)  
 University of Manitoba (1)  
 University of Minnesota Duluth (8)  
 University of Minnesota Twin Cities (24)  
 University of Minnesota Rochester (1)  
 University of Nebraska–Lincoln (2)  
 University of North Dakota (5)  
 University of Northern Colorado (2)  
 University of Northwestern–St. Paul (1)  
 University of Puget Sound (1)  
 University of San Diego (1)  
 University of Southern California (1)  
 University of St. Thomas (3)  
 University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire (4)  
 University of Wisconsin–La Crosse (3)  
 University of Wisconsin–Madison (1)  
 University of Wisconsin–Platteville (1)  
 University of Wisconsin–River Falls (2)  
 University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point (1)  
 University of Wisconsin–Stout (5)  
 Wartburg College (1)  
 Wheaton College (1)  
 William Penn University (1)  
 Winona State University (4)