

# Park High School

## 2017-18 School Year Profile

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College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) Code: 242-340



### School and Community

School opened in: Fall 1965

Grades: 9-12

Number of staff members: 175

Staff with Advanced Degrees: 74.3%

Enrollment: 1,950 students

2017-2018 Senior Class size: 425 students

School Hours: 8:35 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.

Park High School is a four-year public high school that is part of the South Washington County School District, ISD #833. The attendance area for Park includes Grey Cloud Island, Cottage Grove, and St. Paul Park. The school has approximately 1,900 students in grades 9-12 and a staff of approximately 175 teachers, five counselors and five administrators.

#### *Socio-economic and Ethnic Mix*

70.5% - White, 8.5% - Asian/Pacific Islander, 1.1% - American Indian, 10.8% - Black, 9.1% - Hispanic

501 students, 28% of the student population at PHS participate in the Free/Reduced Lunch Program.

#### *About Cottage Grove*

Cottage Grove is a growing community in the Southeast Twin Cities metropolitan area. Situated close to St. Paul, our residents and businesses can take advantage of convenient access to urban opportunities while enjoying the recreational amenities, open spaces, high-quality schools and close-knit community that Cottage Grove offers.

### Did you know...?

- Park High School Girls Softball had back-to-back appearances at the State Tournament in 2016 and 2017.
- Park High School Thunderbolts Soccer and Floor Hockey teams were State Tournament Consolation Champs in 2016.
- Park High School One-Act Play was chosen to perform at the International Thespian Festival

### Curriculum Features

Park High School is a comprehensive high school offering a full range of college preparatory, general and career technical classes designed to meet the needs of all students. There are 13 departments offering over 170 course selections.

#### *International Baccalaureate Diploma Program:*

IB English, IB History, IB Spanish, French, and German, Three levels of IB Math including year two calculus, IB Chemistry, Biology, and Physics, IB Psychology, IB Music, IB Theater and IB Visual Arts

*Extended Essay and Theory of Knowledge* courses are available to students wishing to pursue the IB Diploma, an internationally recognized high school diploma.

#### *Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:*

Human Geography, World History, Statistics, US Government and Politics, Micro Economics and Macro Economics

In the 2016-2017 school year, students attempted more than 6,700 trimester credits in IB, AP, or Honors courses.

*Honors Courses:* English 9, English 10, Math and Physical Science 9

#### *Other Special Features:*

Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) Northeast Metro 916 Technical College, AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), Air Force JROTC

### Graduation Requirements Class of 2017

66 credits required for graduation  
(1 credit per class per trimester)

12 credits: English	2 credits: Fine Arts
9 credits: Mathematics	1 credit: General Phy Ed
9 credits: Science	1 credit: Health
10 credits: Social Studies	22 credits: Electives

In 2016, PHS had a graduation rate of 95%.



Park High School is part of District 833, an east metro school district serving all or parts of the communities of Cottage Grove, Newport, St. Paul Park and Woodbury, and Afton, Denmark and Grey Cloud Townships, Minnesota. In District 833, there are three high schools, one alternative high school, four middle schools and 15 elementary schools.

## Grading and Ranking Procedures

The school year is divided into three marking periods which are each approximately 12 weeks long. A final grade is given for each credit taken at the end of each semester. The grade point average (GPA) is calculated on a 4.0 system. All classes taken are included in determining the student's GPA (except pass/no credit).

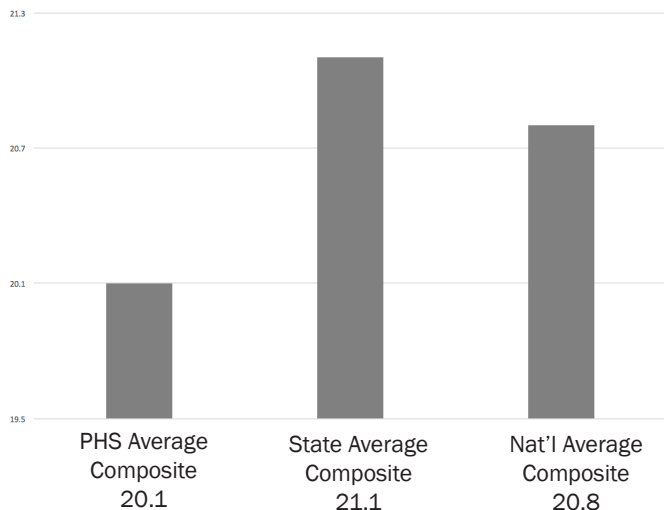
AP and IB courses receive additional weighting in GPA calculations. Students who successfully complete an AP or IB course receive an additional 1.2 GPA calculations (i.e., A=4.8). Weighting is provided for Advanced Placement and IB. Weighted courses have a 1.2 multiplier.

A = 4.0	C+ = 2.333	D- = 0.667
A- = 3.667	C = 2.0	F = 0.00
B+ = 3.333	C- = 1.667	P = Pass
B = 3.0	D+ = 1.333	N = No Credit
B- = 2.667	D = 1.0	

District policy eliminated class rank beginning with the Class of 2014.

The highest GPA for the class of 2017 was 4.5222.

## 2016 ACT Test Results



## Advanced Placement Test Results

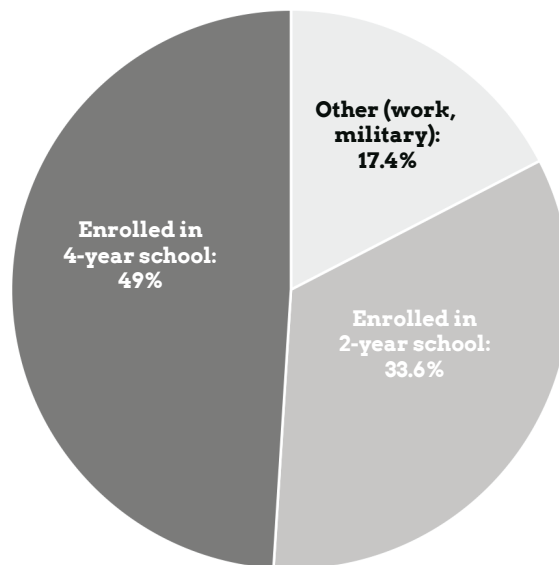
- In 2017, Park High School students took AP tests in 10 subject areas; over 350 exams were taken
- In 2017, 59% of 9th graders who took the Human Geography test scored a 3 or above, beating the state and national average.

\*Our SAT scores cannot be compared to the state and national average since fewer than 15% of PHS students take these exams.

## IB Diploma Candidates

- Park High School has graduated more than 24 full IB candidates in the last two years.
- During 2016-17, Park High School had 190 students taking at least one IB exam.
- In 2014-2015, Park High School beat the world average by having an 81% full diploma pass rate.

## College Attendance



- More than 82% of 2017 Park High School graduates attended college in the fall of 2017.
- 81% of 2013 graduates were still enrolled in college after their second academic year.

## Extra-Curricular Opportunities at Park High School

Students are involved in more than 30 athletic teams including nordic and alpine skiing, swimming, and lacrosse. The school also offers state adapted sports. PHS offers more than 50 clubs and organizations including Animal Rights, ASL, Chamber Theater, Coffee Bar, Debate, GSA, Hip Hop, Key Club, Link Crew, Math Team, NHS, Sew What's New, Social Justice Club, Step Team, Youth in Government and Youth Teaching Youth.

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