



Park High School

Grades 9-12

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Cottage Grove, MN 55016

School Hours:

651-425-3700

8:30 a.m. - 3:06 p.m.

Todd Herber, Principal • Julie Nielsen, Superintendent
College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) Code: 242-340

School and Community

Year opened: 1983

Enrollment: 1,983 students

Number of licensed staff members: 106

Staff with advanced degrees: 84%

2020-2021 senior class size: 503 students

Four-year graduation rate (2018): 93%



Park High School is a comprehensive four-year public high school located in Cottage Grove, Minnesota. Park High School serves students in the communities of Grey Cloud Island, Cottage Grove, and St. Paul Park. High school classes are scheduled in a six-period day with three trimesters (12 weeks each) in a grading period.

About the Community:

PHS is part of South Washington County Schools. The district includes the communities of Cottage Grove, St. Paul Park, Newport, Woodbury, Grey Cloud Island and Afton, encompassing an area of 84 square miles. The population of the district is approximately 94,000 people, including 18,200 students who attend district schools.



Demographics:

69% - White, 6.9% - Asian, 7.5% - Black, 10.7% - Hispanic, 0.1% - American Indian, 0.1% - Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander, 5.3% two or more races

Approximately 24.3% of the student population at PHS participates in the Free/Reduced Lunch Program.

Curriculum Features

Park High School offers a comprehensive curriculum of over 170 courses, including a full range of college preparatory, general and career technical classes designed to meet the needs of all students.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program:

Park High School is an International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, offering the internationally-recognized IB diploma program. This program aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

Students may elect to take a number of IB courses or pursue the full IB diploma. IB courses include English, History, Spanish, Math including two-year calculus, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Sports Exercise/Health Sciences, Psychology, Music and Visual Arts.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses:

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

Honors Courses:

English 9, English 10 and Physical Science 9

Other Special Features:

Post Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) Northeast Metro 916 Technical College, AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) and Concurrent Enrollment in ASL

Graduation Requirements

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

English: 12 credits

Mathematics: 9 credits

Science: 9 credits

Social Studies: 9 credits

Fine Arts: 2 credits

General Phy Ed: 1 credit

Health: 1 credit

Economics: 1 credit

Electives: 22 credits

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South Washington County Schools: 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.

Grading and Ranking Procedures

GPA is based on marks earned in grades 9–12 and is calculated on a 4.0 point system. All courses for which the student receives a grade A–F are included in the GPA. Pass grades are not included in the GPA, but do count for credit.

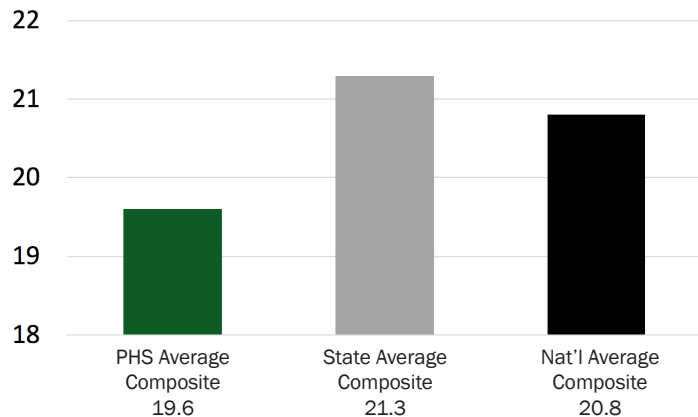


Grades for AP and IB courses will receive a weighted grade using a 1.2 multiplier (i.e. A = 4.8). The highest GPA for the class of 2019 was a 4.42.

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	

Park High School no longer provides class rank statistics. Information indicating a class rank using either the academic or all-subject grade point averages will not be issued internally or externally to staff, students, parents, or other academic institutions or agencies.

2018 ACT Test Results



Advanced Placement Test Results

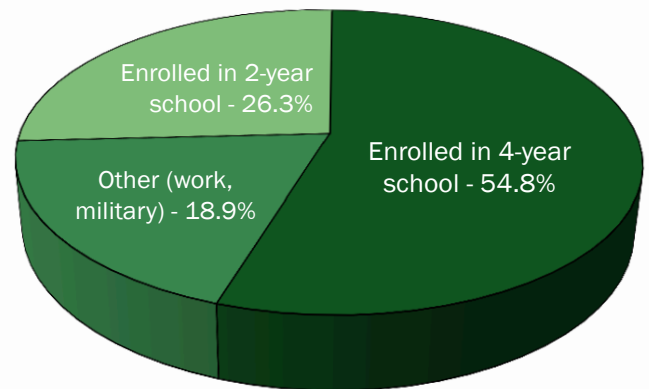
- In 2017, Park High School students took AP tests in 10 subject areas; over 350 exams were taken
- In 2017, 59% of 9th graders who took the Human Geography test scored a 3 or above, beating the state and national average.

Our SAT scores cannot be compared to the state and national average since fewer than 15% of PHS students take this exam.

IB Diploma Candidates

- The PHS IB program has a higher diploma attainment rate than the state and national average
- Park High School has graduated 78 full IB candidates since the inception in 2009.
- In 2019, 315 students took 651 IB exams. Since 2009, 486 PHS students have scored a 5 or higher on an IB exam, earning college credits.
- 11 PHS students have earned a perfect score on IB exams.

College Attendance - Class of 2019



- More than 81% of 2019 Park High School graduates will attend college in the fall of 2019.

Spotlights on PHS

- PHS includes a Wellness Center, Multicultural Inclusion Center and an Inventor Space.
- Park High School girls softball had back-to-back appearances at the State Tournament in 2016 and 2017.
- The Park High School Thunderbolts soccer and floor hockey teams were state tournament consolation champs in 2016.
- Park's 2017 One-Act Play was chosen to perform at the International Thespian Festival.
- PHS students are involved in more than 30 athletic teams and participate in more than 50 clubs and organizations including Animal Rights, ASL, Chamber Theater, Debate, GSA, Key Club, Link Crew, Math Team, NHS, Step Team, and Youth Teaching Youth.
- IB diploma candidates score higher on exams than the state and national average.

