



## Community

The Stillwater Area Public School District is home to nearly 60,000 residents living in 18 communities in the St. Croix River valley. The district stretches 30 miles along the scenic St. Croix River, from Marine on St. Croix south to Afton, and covers approximately 150 square miles. Our family-oriented communities offer the advantages of being within 20 miles of the Twin Cities metropolitan area, while also providing a small-town environment. View district boundaries and details at [www.stillwaterschools.org/boundaries](http://www.stillwaterschools.org/boundaries).

## Curriculum

Stillwater Area High School offers a comprehensive curriculum of more than 176 courses, providing preparation and six-year planning for college-bound students, post-secondary vocational students and students planning to enter the workforce following graduation. The school offers a wide variety of courses to build a strong educational foundation in language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, business education, industrial technology, fine arts, health and physical education. Students have the opportunity to study several world languages. They can also gain a wide variety of technical skills in the school's Fabrication Laboratory. View complete course descriptions at [www.stillwaterschools.org/SAHS\\_Courses](http://www.stillwaterschools.org/SAHS_Courses).

## Rigorous Course Opportunities

Stillwater Area High School offers a six-period day. Students may enroll in three enriched (accelerated) courses: English 9 Enriched and STEM Physical Science in 9th grade and English 10 Enriched in 10th grade. These enriched courses do not reflect a weighted grade.

## Concurrent Enrollment Options

- Concert Choir
- Concert Wind
- Concert Orchestra
- Music Theory

## College in Schools (CIS)

- CIS Animal Science
- CIS Human Anatomy and Physiology

## Advanced Placement (AP)

AP courses are also offered in the following areas:

- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Economics
- English Language and Composition
- English Literature and Composition
- Environmental Science
- French Language
- Human Geography
- Physics
- Psychology
- Spanish Language
- Statistics
- Studio Art
- United States Government
- United States History
- World History

## Post-Secondary Enrollment Option

Qualified juniors and seniors may attend eligible Minnesota post-secondary institutions with tuition, fees and textbooks paid by the school district.

## Project Lead The Way Courses

- Introduction to Engineering Design
- Principles of Engineering
- Civil Engineering and Architecture
- Digital Electronics

## Stillwater Area High School Graduation Requirements

The Board of Education requires a minimum of 43 credits in grades 9-12. Required classes include eight credits each in language arts and social studies, six credits each in mathematics and science, one credit each in health and physical education and two credits in fine arts. Additionally 11 elective credits are required. View the registration guide for additional graduation requirements at [www.stillwaterschools.org/SAHS\\_Courses](http://www.stillwaterschools.org/SAHS_Courses).

## Faculty

Of the 140 certified faculty members, 81 percent have earned master's or doctoral degrees and 77 percent have 10 or more years of teaching experience.

## Stillwater Area High School

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### Stillwater Area High School

- Four-year public high school
- Grades 9-12
- Enrollment: 2,819 students
- Size of senior class: 701
- Graduates attending college: 88%
- School year: Two semesters

### Accreditation

- Minnesota Department of Education

### Memberships

- American School Counselor Association
- College Board
- Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals
- Minnesota School Counselor Association
- Minnesota Association of College Admission Counselors
- National Association of Secondary School Principals

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## Extracurricular Activities

Stillwater Area High School students can participate in 35 MSHSL activities, 10 fine arts groups, 9 independent providers and 21 student clubs including debate, music, student government, National Honor Society, theater and other clubs (e.g. Chess, Eco-Leaders, DECA, FFA, and SADD). Newspaper and Yearbook are offered during the six period day and are co-curricular with a commitment of time required outside the school day. Students can participate in the newspaper and yearbook by enrolling in these elective courses within the six-period day.

## Honors and Awards

- State and national awards for student publications for the *Kabekonian* (our yearbook), the *Pony Express* (our student newspaper), and the *Stylus* (our creative arts magazine). Awards include the Minnesota High School Press Association Best of Show-First, Journalism Education Association and Quill and Scroll Awards.
- Longest streak of superior ratings in the Minnesota State High School League in musical competitions involving the bands (Concert, Varsity, Symphonic), the orchestras (Concert, Varsity, Symphonic and Chamber) and the choirs (The Stillwater Choir, Varsity Men, Varsity Women, Belle Chanter, Vagabonds, Select Women and Sophomore Chamber Choir). Nationally recognized for concert performances in New Mexico, Georgia, Arizona and Illinois. Routinely invited to the St. Olaf Choir, Concordia and Dorian Festivals.
- Repeated recognition from the AP College Board in the 2016 school year in which 153 students were named AP Scholars, 67 students were named AP Scholars with Honors, 114 students were named AP Scholars with Distinction and 24 students were named AP National Scholars.
- Stillwater has had 56 Minnesota State High School League State team athletic championships, including adapted sports. In 2016-17 SAHS had 14 conference championships and 7 section titles.

## Grading System

Stillwater Area High School has a dual ranking system for grading in all of our Advanced Placement (AP), College in the Schools (CIS), concurrent enrollment and Project Lead The Way (PLTW) courses. These courses are weighted with a 1.2 multiplier to establish the weighted rank. Academic letters are awarded to students who earn a GPA of 3.750 or above.

**Cumulative GPA and Decile Range is for the Class of 2019**

Unweighted Ranks: Decile Ranges		
Decile	Low GPA	High GPA
1	3.917	4.000
2	3.748	3.916
3	3.549	3.747
4	3.377	3.548
5	3.159	3.376
6	2.959	3.158
7	2.667	2.958
8	2.373	2.666
9	1.971	2.372
10	1.085	1.970

Weighted Ranks: Decile Ranges		
Decile	Low GPA	High GPA
1	4.053	4.392
2	3.894	4.052
3	3.667	3.893
4	3.438	3.666
5	3.204	3.437
6	2.990	3.203
7	2.691	2.989
8	2.393	2.690
9	1.985	2.392
10	1.085	1.984

Unweighted
A = 4.000
A- = 3.667
B+ = 3.333
B = 3.000
B- = 2.667
C+ = 2.333
C = 2.000
C- = 1.667
D+ = 1.333
D = 1.000
D- = 0.667
F = 0.000

Weighted
A = 4.800
A- = 4.400
B+ = 4.000
B = 3.600
B- = 3.200
C+ = 2.800
C = 2.400
C- = 2.000
D+ = 1.600
D = 1.200
D- = 0.800
F = 0.000

## Post-Secondary Plans for the Class of 2018 Graduates (Total of 626 respondents)

Four-year colleges/  
universities..... 73.3%

Two-year colleges/  
vocational schools ..... 14.7%

Military.....2.4%

Employment .....4.8%

Undecided/Unknown .....4.8%

**Graduation Rate ..... 93%**

## Recent Test Scores

ACT – American College Test (2017-18)			
Number of seniors taking the test: 644			
Percent of the class: 96.7%			
Year	Local	State	% Tested
2018	23.0	21.3	98.5%
2017	23.3	21.5	96.7%
2016	22.7	21.1	96%
2015	24.7	22.7	86.8%
2014	24.5	22.9	82%
2013	24.1	23.0	77%

Advanced Placement Program			
School Year	Students	Tests	% of Scores 3+
2017-18	987	1,609	73%
2016-17	967	1,583	75%
2015-16	1,018	1,621	73%
2014-15	896	1431	73.5%
2013-14	943	1467	78%

National Merit Scholars			
Year	Commended	Semi Finalist	Finalist
2019	11	4	TBD
2018	10	4	4
2017	20	2	2
2016	9	1	1
2015	15	4	4

*It is the practice of Stillwater Area High School not to report a student's disciplinary record to colleges and universities.*