



Southwest High School

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<p>Minneapolis Public Schools</p> <p>Minneapolis Public Schools is the third largest school district in the state, serving over 35,000 students in 81 schools, grades preK-12. Our students are ethnically, racially, linguistically, economically, and religiously diverse, representing over forty countries and speaking 96 languages.</p>	<p>Southwest High School</p> <p>The largest high school in the MPS District, serving approx. 1950 students in grades 9-12. Southwest students speak 30 different languages, and approx. 11% of the student body is served by the English Language Learner (ELL) program. Additionally, approx. 35% of students meet federal poverty guidelines, qualifying them for Educational Benefits.</p> <p>Demographics:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Asian</td> <td>4%</td> <td>White</td> <td>60%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Black (African & African American)</td> <td>28%</td> <td>Native American</td> <td>1%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hispanic</td> <td>6%</td> <td>Pacific Islander</td> <td>1%</td> </tr> </table>	Asian	4%	White	60%	Black (African & African American)	28%	Native American	1%	Hispanic	6%	Pacific Islander	1%	<p>2020-2021</p> <p>Senior class size: 444 Total enrollment: 1940 School year: Semesters CEEB 241-680 International Baccalaureate #0477</p>
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<p>Visit Southwest</p> <p>Please find us on RepVisits (counselorcommunity.com) to schedule a visit. Visits are typically 30 minutes in length and usually take place in our College & Career Center. During our 2020-2021 Distance Learning phase, all visits will be happening virtually.</p>	<p>Advanced Course Offerings</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>English</p> <p>Honors English 9 & 10 IB SL/HL Eng. Lang & Lit Yr 1 & 2 IB HL English Lit Yr 1 & 2 IB SL Lit. & Performance Yr 1 & 2</p> <p>Social Studies</p> <p>AP Human Geography AP US History AP European History AP Government & Politics IB SL/HL History Yr 1 IB HL Hist. of The Americas Yr 2 IB HL Hist. of Africa & MidE Yr 2 IB HL Hist. of Asia & Oceania IB SL Philosophy IB SL/ HL Psychology Yr 1 & Yr 2 Theory of Knowledge</p> <p>Science</p> <p>IB SL/HL Biology Yr 1 & 2 IB HL Physics Yr 1 & 2 IB SL Chemistry Yr 1 & 2 IB SL Environmental Systems</p> <p>Career & Tech Education</p> <p>Adobe Photoshop Adobe Illustrator Entrepreneurship Intro to Business Personal Finance Digital Media Introduction Digital Media Capstone</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>Mathematics</p> <p>IB MYP Math 9 Extended IB MYP Math 10 Extended IB SL Math Analy & Appr Yr 1 & 2 IB HL Math Analy & Appr Yr 1 & 2 IB SL Math Appl & Interp Yr 1 & 2 IB HL Math Appl & Interp Yr 1 & 2</p> <p>World Language</p> <p>American Sign Language IB SL & HL French IB SL & HL Japanese IB SL & HL Spanish Japanese: College in the Schools</p> <p>Fine Arts</p> <p>AP Studio Art IB SL & HL Visual Art Yr 1 & 2 IB HL Music Yr 1 & 2 IB SL/HL Dance Yr 1 & 2 IB SL & HL Media & Film Studies IB HL Theatre Yr 1 & 2</p> <p>Business & Technology</p> <p>AP Computer Science Principles IB Business & Management IB CP Personal & Prof Skills</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p>English</p> <p>Honors English 9 & 10 IB SL/HL Eng. Lang & Lit Yr 1 & 2 IB HL English Lit Yr 1 & 2 IB SL Lit. & Performance Yr 1 & 2</p> <p>Social Studies</p> <p>AP Human Geography AP US History AP European History AP Government & Politics IB SL/HL History Yr 1 IB HL Hist. of The Americas Yr 2 IB HL Hist. of Africa & MidE Yr 2 IB HL Hist. of Asia & Oceania IB SL Philosophy IB SL/ HL Psychology Yr 1 & Yr 2 Theory of Knowledge</p> <p>Science</p> <p>IB SL/HL Biology Yr 1 & 2 IB HL Physics Yr 1 & 2 IB SL Chemistry Yr 1 & 2 IB SL Environmental Systems</p> <p>Career & Tech Education</p> <p>Adobe Photoshop Adobe Illustrator Entrepreneurship Intro to Business Personal Finance Digital Media Introduction Digital Media Capstone</p>	<p>Mathematics</p> <p>IB MYP Math 9 Extended IB MYP Math 10 Extended IB SL Math Analy & Appr Yr 1 & 2 IB HL Math Analy & Appr Yr 1 & 2 IB SL Math Appl & Interp Yr 1 & 2 IB HL Math Appl & Interp Yr 1 & 2</p> <p>World Language</p> <p>American Sign Language IB SL & HL French IB SL & HL Japanese IB SL & HL Spanish Japanese: College in the Schools</p> <p>Fine Arts</p> <p>AP Studio Art IB SL & HL Visual Art Yr 1 & 2 IB HL Music Yr 1 & 2 IB SL/HL Dance Yr 1 & 2 IB SL & HL Media & Film Studies IB HL Theatre Yr 1 & 2</p> <p>Business & Technology</p> <p>AP Computer Science Principles IB Business & Management IB CP Personal & Prof Skills</p>	<p>Administration</p> <p>Principal Dr. Valerie Littles-Butler</p> <p>Assistant Principals Lacy Cannon Camille Erickson Shaun Flandrick</p>										
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<p>Academics</p> <p>Southwest has a long history of academic excellence. As an IB World School, we value in the richness that comes from the diversity of ideas, experiences, beliefs, and backgrounds interacting within our community.</p> <p>Southwest is authorized in the IB Middle Years Programme (MYP), IB Diploma Programme (DP) and the IB Career-related Programme (CP). The MYP programme for all 9th and 10th grade students provides a solid foundation of inquiry and critical thinking. In 11th grade students may opt to participate in either the CP programme, which focuses on a career pathway in business, computer science, graphic arts, or music, or the academically rigorous liberal arts-focused DP programme. The class of 2021 includes 40 full IB Diploma candidates and 20 Career-related Certificate candidates.</p> <p>Southwest also offers Advanced Placement courses and exams, available to students in grades 9-12, and concurrent enrollment options available via Mankato State University, Minneapolis College, and the University of Minnesota. Additionally, Southwest offers a robust AVID program and our extensive Special Education programs serve a variety of student needs. Southwest takes pride in providing open access to advanced courses to all students.</p>	<p>Concurrent Enrollment Options</p> <p>Via Mankato State University CDIS 207 American Sign Language</p> <p>Via Minneapolis College BIOL 1110 Introduction to Biology BUSN 2254 Entrepreneurship BUSN 1140 Introduction to Business BUSN 1145 Small Business Management ENGL 1110 College Composition MATH 1140 Introductory Statistics MATH 1180 Calculus 1</p> <p>Via the University of Minnesota JPN 1012 Beginning Japanese II</p>	<p>Licensed School Counselors</p> <p>Jenny Moore: Grades 10-12, A-Dir 612.668.3053 jenny.moore@mpls.k12.mn.us</p> <p>Andrea Baldwin: Grades 10-12, Dis-Kiz 612.668.3105 andrea.baldwin@mpls.k12.mn.us</p> <p>Shelly Landry: Grades 10-12, Kla-Rey 612.668.3051 shelly.landry@mpls.k12.mn.us</p> <p>Alexis Santos: Grades 10-12, Rez-Schr 612.668.2713 alexis.santos@mpls.k12.mn.us</p> <p>Janelle Vogel: Grades 10-12, Schs-Z 612.668.3052 janelle.vogel@mpls.k12.mn.us</p> <p>Clinton Ferguson: Grade 9, All Students 612.668.3052 clinton.ferguson@mpls.k12.mn.us</p>												
<p>Extracurricular Activities</p> <p>In addition to extensive academic offerings, Southwest students participate in a plethora of cocurricular activities. Over 1,000 students participate in 28 athletic programs every school year. Students are active in over 30 student clubs/organizations, such as Green Team, Japanese Culture Club, Mock Trial, Muslim Student Association, Robotics, and Song Writing, to name a few. Club participation and action is continuing through distance learning. Southwest's fine arts and theatre programs also draw high student participation. In a regular school year, with numerous student-led theatre productions, hundreds of students would typically showcase their talents and passions on Southwest's stages.</p>														



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<p>Graduation Requirements</p> <p>Minneapolis Public Schools' requires graduates to complete 21.5 credits in grades 9-12. The Class of 2021 are required to complete the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 years of English • 3.5 years of Social Studies • 3 years of Mathematics, through Advanced Algebra • 3 years of Science, including 1 year of Biology and 1 year of either Chemistry or Physics • .5 year of Health • .5 year of Physical Education • 1 year of Fine Arts • 6 Elective credits to reach required credit total of 21.5 <p><i>Students earn .25 credits each quarter, .5 credits for semester classes, and 1.0 credit for year-long classes.</i></p> <p>My Life Plan Career and College Readiness Curriculum. Students complete specific, graduation-required postsecondary planning activities in grades 9-12.</p>	<p>Grading System</p> <p>Students receive a letter grade at the end of each 9-week quarter. Southwest does not weight grades. GPA is cumulative and computed quarterly for all courses taken in which a letter grade is received. A 4-point grading scale distributed as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="527 409 1063 556"> <tr> <td>A = 4.00</td> <td>A- = 3.67</td> <td>B+ = 3.33</td> <td>B = 3.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>B- = 2.67</td> <td>C+ = 2.33</td> <td>C = 2.00</td> <td>C- = 1.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D+ = 1.33</td> <td>D = 1.00</td> <td>D- = 0.67</td> <td>F = 0.00</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>Courses designated Credit/No Credit (CR/NC) = Pass/No Pass. These grades are not calculated into GPA.</i></p> <p>Minnesota offers a dual-credit Postsecondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEO) which allows qualified students to take courses at local colleges and universities. PSEO courses' letter grades are included in high school GPA calculations.</p>	A = 4.00	A- = 3.67	B+ = 3.33	B = 3.00	B- = 2.67	C+ = 2.33	C = 2.00	C- = 1.67	D+ = 1.33	D = 1.00	D- = 0.67	F = 0.00	<p>Post-Secondary Plans</p> <p>Class of 2020</p> <p>Four-year college/university: 78% Two-year community college: 12% Employment: 3% Technical college/career program: 1% Gap Year: 1% MPS transition program: 1% Military: 1 student</p> <p>Classes 2014 –2019</p> <p>Four-year college/university: ~68% Two-year community/tech. college: ~25%</p> <p>Class Rank</p> <p>Southwest does not report class rank.</p>
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COVID-19 Response

On March 17, 2020 the Governor of Minnesota paused schooling for all students to allow school districts to plan for implementation of distance/online learning. Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) faced considerable challenges ensuring all students had access to a device and internet in order to access online classes. Upon return to school in an asynchronous, distance learning phase on April 6, 2020, MPS extended the third quarter grading period from the previously scheduled quarter-end date of March 26, 2020 to April 16, 2020. MPS also implemented the following grading practices for all students at all high schools:

- School year 2019-20, Quarter 3: A-D, and No Credit (NC)
- School year 2019-20, Quarter 4: Credit/No Credit (CR/NC)

This school year MPS is still following a fully online learning model, though classes are now synchronous. MPS has implemented the following grading practice for all students at all high schools:

- School year 2020-21: A-D, and No Credit (NC)

Noteworthy

- Kyoko French, Southwest's Japanese teacher and founder of Southwest's Japanese program 30 years ago, named 2020 National Japanese Teacher of the Year
- 8 Nationally Board-Certified teachers on staff
- Southwest Head Football Coach named Minnesota Vikings Coach of the Year
- 90% of our students successfully completed 1 or more advanced academics course.
- Southwest Class of 2020 graduating senior received the inaugural Gerge Floyd Legacy Scholarship established by the Minnesota Vikings
- Southwest Class of 2020 athletes accepted athletic scholarships to attend: University of Minnesota, University of Notre Dame, North Dakota State University, and Brown University
- Southwest athletes average a 3.5 GPA, and over 1,000 students participate in athletics each season, with 160 Class of 2020 graduates earning All City
- Southwest student athlete earned State Runner Up in Nordic Skiing in the 2019-2020 school year
- Southwest's Unified Club celebrates becoming a Champion School through the Special Olympics. The 80 members – both with and without intellectual disabilities – actively participate in the Inclusion Revolution, a movement towards inclusion for all.
- Southwest Robotics students are leaders in the Minneapolis FIRST Robotics community. They showcase their work annually for legislators to promote STEM education and last year were successful in securing state funding for 5 new practice fields throughout the state using their own field as proof of the concept. The Robotics team also regularly volunteers with younger students to build excitement around the STEM fields and is advocating to bring Robotics to middle schools.



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By the Numbers

SAT Mean Scores

Year	Southwest			National	
	N	ERW	M	ERW	M
2017	-	657	645	533	527
2018	-	667	695	536	531
2019	-	652	638	531	528
2020	6	528	523	645	635

ACT Mean Scores

Year	N	Southwest	National
2017	385	23.2	21
2018	416	22	20.9
2019	365	21.6	20.8
2020	375	21.5	20.8

National Merit Scholars

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Finalists	6	6	2	N/A
Semi-Finalists	8	6	2	0
Commended	9	17	20	5

Concurrent Enrollment Program Participation

	# Students Earned Credits	Total # college credits earned
2017	326	1124
2018	238	797
2019	275	893
2020	321	1175

IB Diploma Program & Advanced Placement Program Participation

Southwest's Diploma Program is one of the largest in the state of Minnesota and one of the largest in North America and the world.

	# Students Taking IB Exams	# IB Exams Given	# Diploma Candidates	# Career-related Candidates	# of AP Students	# of AP Exams
2017	278	667	29	NA	723	889
2018	305	695	47	NA	689	839
2019	259	762	37	9	681	791
2020	267	679	20	12	682	764

Advanced Placement Scholars

Class of 2020	N
AP Scholars	59
AP Scholars with Honors	10
AP Scholars with Distinction	10
National AP Scholars	0

Advanced Placement Exam Options:

AP Art	AP Language and Composition
AP Calculus BC	AP Literature and Composition
AP Chemistry	AP Physics 1 – Algebra Based
AP Computer Science Principles	AP Physics 2 – Algebra Based
AP European History	AP Physics C: Mechanics & Electricity & Magnetism
AP Government and Politics	AP United States History
AP Human Geography	



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Southwest High School Classes 2015 – 2020 Post-Secondary Plans

Alabama A&M University	DePaul University	Marymount Manhattan College
Alabama State University	Dillard University	McGill University
Alexandria Tech & Community College	Dougherty, Univ of St. Thomas	Luther College- Decorah
Allegheny College	Drake University	Macalester College
American University	Drexel University	Madison Area Technical College
Amherst College	Dunwoody College of Technology	Marist College
Anoka Technical College	Durham University	Marquette University
Anoka-Ramsey Community College	Eastern Michigan University	Marymount Manhattan College
Arizona State University	Eckerd College	McGill University
Atlanta Metropolitan College	Ellsworth Community College	McNally Smith College of Music
Arts University Bournemouth	Elmira College	Metropolitan State University
Augsburg University	Elon University	Michigan State University
Augustana University (South Dakota)	Emerson College	Michigan Technological University
Aurora University	Emory University	Minneapolis College
Aveda Institute Minneapolis	Empire Beauty School	Minneapolis College of Art & Design
Bard College	Fashion Institute of Technology	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Barnard College	Fort Lewis College	Montana State University
Baylor University	George Washington University	Normandale Community College
Beloit College	Georgetown University	Northeastern University
Berkeley College of White Plains	Georgia Institute of Technology	Northland College
Bethany Lutheran College	Georgia State University	Northwestern University
Bethel University-MN	Grand Canyon University	Ohio State University
Bethune-Cookman University	Grinnell College	Pratt Institute
Binghamton University	Gustavus Adolphus College	Princeton University
Bishop's University	Grinnell College	Saint John's University
Borough of Manhattan CC, CUNY	Gustavus Adolphus College	Saint Louis University
Boston College	Hamilton College - NY	Saint Paul College
Boston University	Hamline University	San Diego State University
Bowdoin College	Hartwick College	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Bowie State University	Harvard University	Seattle University
Brandeis University	Hennepin Technical College	Smith College
Brown University	Howard University	St. Catherine University
Bryn Mawr College	Illinois Institute of Technology	St. Olaf University
CA College of the Arts (San Francisco)	Imperial College London	Stanford University
California Polytechnic State University	Indiana University at Bloomington	Sul Ross State University
Carleton College	International University of Monaco	Tufts University
Carleton University	Inver Hills Community College	Tulane University of Louisiana
Case Western Reserve University	Iowa Central Community College	United States Air Force Academy
Central Lakes College	Iowa Lakes Community College	University of British Columbia
Century College	Iowa State University	University of California, Berkeley
Chapman University	Itasca Community College	University of California, Irvine
Clark University	Ithaca College	University of California, Los Angeles
Colburn School	Juniata College	University of California, San Diego
Colby College	Kalamazoo College	University of California, Santa Barbara
College of Charleston	Kent State University	University of California, Santa Cruz
College of Saint Benedict	Kenyon College	University of Chicago
College of St. Scholastica	Knox College	University of Colorado at Boulder
College of the Atlantic	Lake Forest College	University of Dayton
Colorado College	Lake Superior College	University of Denver
Colorado School of Mines	Lane Community College	University of Dubuque
Colorado State University	Lawrence University	University of Illinois at Chicago
Columbia College Chicago	Lewis & Clark College	University of Iowa
Columbia University	Lindenwood University	University of Kansas
Concordia College - Moorhead	Long Beach City College	University of Kentucky
Concordia University - Montreal	Louisiana State University	University of Manitoba
Concordia University at St. Paul	Loyola Marymount University	University of Mary Washington
Concordia University Chicago	Loyola University Chicago	University of Maryland, Baltimore Cty
Connecticut College	Loyola University Maryland	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Cornell College	Loyola University New Orleans	University of Miami
Cornell University	Luther College- Decorah	University of Michigan
Creighton University	Macalester College	University of Minnesota, Duluth
Dakota County Technical College	Madison Area Technical College	University of Minnesota, Morris
Dartmouth University	Marist College	University of Minnesota, Rochester
Denison University	Marquette University	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities



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University of New Hampshire, Durham
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University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Puget Sound
University of Redlands
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of San Francisco
University of Sioux Falls
University of South Dakota
University of Southern California
University of Southern Maine
University of St. Thomas
University of Tennessee, Knoxville
University of Vermont
University of Victoria
University of Virginia
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
University of Wisconsin, Madison
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
University of Wisconsin, Platteville
University of Wisconsin, River Falls
University of Wisconsin, Stout
University of Wisconsin, Superior
University of WuHan
Ursinus College
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Virginia Tech
Warren Wilson College
Wartburg College
Washington University in St. Louis
Webster University, The Netherlands
Wellesley College
Wesleyan University
Western Washington University
Westminster College
Whitman College
Whittier College
Winona State University
Yale University