



TECH HIGH SCHOOL  
4200 33<sup>RD</sup> STREET SOUTH  
ST. CLOUD, MN

2023-2024 SCHOOL PROFILE

**MISSION.** OUR MISSION IS TO CREATE A SAFE AND CARING CLIMATE AND CULTURE IN WHICH WE PREPARE, ENGAGE, EDUCATE, EMPOWER, AND INSPIRE ALL LEARNERS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THEIR SURROUNDING COMMUNITY TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN TODAY'S AND TOMORROW'S SOCIETY.

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## SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

As part of St. Cloud Area School District, Tech High School serves families from the south and east areas of the district. Tech provides a safe and caring climate and culture for over 1550 students in 9th-12th grade, their families and staff. As a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports exemplar school, Tech focuses on pride, respect and responsibility. Tech students participate in numerous competitive athletic opportunities as well as academic and fine arts activities and clubs.

Tech annually produces several National Merit students. Tech students score at a high success rate on Advanced Placement exams. Tech High School has a tradition of excellence since 1917 and is proud of its 40,000+ graduates.

Typically, 48% of Tech High School graduates attend a 4-year institution and 21% attend a 2-year institution after graduation.

## CURRICULUM AND ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS

Tech offers a rigorous curriculum to prepare students for college and career success. Students engage in core curriculum as well as numerous electives including world languages, technology and fine arts. Tech offers Advanced Placement courses (AP), Huskies in the High School (SRS), Post-secondary Enrollment Options, and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) to prepare students for college-level coursework. Additionally, Tech offers project-based programs in welding, construction and automotive.

### Advanced Course Offerings (based on enrollment)

#### English

AP Language and Comp  
AP Literature and Comp

#### Science

Prin of Biomed Sci (PLTW)  
AP Biology  
AP Chemistry  
AP Physics  
Chemistry (SRS)  
Physics (SRS)  
Human Anatomy (SRS)

#### Mathematics

Pre-Calculus (SRS)  
AP Calculus AB and BC  
AP Statistics

#### Social Studies

AP Human Geography  
AP World History  
AP US History  
AP Psychology  
AP Economics  
AP Government

#### World Language

AP Spanish Language  
AP Spanish Literature  
Spanish III (SRS)  
Spanish IV (SRS)

#### Fine Arts/Computers

AP Studio 2D/3D  
AP Drawing  
AP Music Theory  
AP Comp Science  
AP Comp Sci Principles

## STUDENT ENROLLMENT (AS OF SEPTEMBER 2023)

TOTAL ENROLLMENT	1558
SENIORS	362
JUNIORS	395
SOPHOMORES	393
FRESHMEN	408

LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME: 24

SPECIAL EDUCATION	17.7%
MULTI-LINGUAL LEARNER	21.1%
FREE/REDUCED MEAL ELIGIBLE	66.9%

ASIAN	1.5%
BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN	46.7%
HISPANIC	5.7%
NATIVE AMERICAN	-
2 OR MORE ETHNICITIES	5.5%
WHITE	39.6%

## IMPACT OF COVID-19

Due to Covid 19, all grading from March 2020 through June 2021 offered an optional P/CNC grading versus letter grading. Tech conducted the following learning models during this time:  
 Trimester 3 2020-Distance Learning  
 Trimester 1 2020-Hybrid Model  
 Trimester 2 2021-Distance Learning  
 Trimester 3 2021-In-Person Learning  
 From March 2020 through June 2022 CNC (COVID NO CREDIT) was used in place of F grading and did not impact GPA.

## COLLEGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Upward Bound  
 College Possible  
 Bigs on Campus

## SEAL OF BILITERACY

Awarded to students who have attained proficiency in two or more languages by graduation. In 2023, 79 Students tested across 6 languages and earned a Seal of Biliteracy recognition.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING SCALE

The schedule consists of six 51-minute periods with classes meeting daily. The school year is divided into three trimesters totaling 38 weeks. Courses are offered on a trimester and year-long basis. One unit of credit per trimester is awarded for successful completion of classes. Students must earn a minimum of 63 credits and successfully complete the following required credits to earn a Tech High School diploma:

Language Arts	12	Social Studies	11	Health	1
Mathematics	9	Fine Arts	3	Electives	16
Science	9	Physical Education	2		

**Tech High School does not rank students.  
 Tech High School uses a weighted grading system.**

Grade point averages are computed three times per year after each trimester. All courses currently offered are placed in one of three levels for purposes of awarding honor points used in computing grade point averages:  
 Level 2 (AP) - Advanced Placement Courses developed by the College Board  
 Level 4 - Courses designed to earn college credit  
 Level 1 - Courses designed to meet MN State Standards

	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
Level 2	4.8	4.5	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.5	2.1	1.8	1.5	0
Level 4	4.5	4.2	3.8	3.5	3.2	2.8	2.5	2.2	1.8	1.5	1.2	0
Level 1	4.0	3.7	3.3	3.0	2.7	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.3	1.0	.7	0

**High School courses completed during middle school** (e.g. Intermediate Algebra, Geometry, and World Language) may be listed on transcripts and are applied toward graduation requirements

## AP AND ACT TESTING DATA

	AP Exam Data		
	# of AP Exams	% scoring 3+	TOTAL Scholars
2023	336	58%	53
2022	372	61%	63
2021	437	59%	69

## ACT Mean Composite Scores

Graduating Class	# of Students Tested	Mean Composite
Class of 2023	236	19.5
Class of 2022	187	22.9
Class of 2021	78	22.6