



Orono High School

Where excellence is a tradition and a goal

2020-2021 Profile

Orono High School is a four-year, public high school in the western suburbs of Minneapolis/St. Paul, with a strong tradition of excellence, rooted in community and relationships.

Faculty | Orono High School takes pride in a school culture that fosters a high level of student/teacher engagement, supported by an environment where teachers know students as individual learners.

Faculty	Number of Faculty	62
	% with Masters Degree	91%
Students	Enrollment 9-12	972
	Senior Class 2021	230
	College Matriculation	91%

Community | The Orono Public School district serves students from six surrounding communities and through Minnesota's Open Enrollment program. All schools are located on one campus in an inclusive community serving students from various backgrounds.

Achievement | Orono Schools' programs, students and staff are frequently distinguished for their excellence, performing as well as, if not better, than surrounding public and private institutions.

Academic Goal | Orono High School will collaboratively develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills that empower students to apply their learning in a global and ethical framework.

Character Goal | We will examine and improve school culture and climate through an understanding of character development theory and practice.

Community Goal | We will model, invite and honor personal responsibility and citizenship in and to the community.

Academic Program | Orono runs a traditional seven-period schedule requiring students to earn 24 credits in order to graduate.

English	4.0
Social Studies	3.5
Science	3.0
Math	3.0
Fine Arts	1.0
Health	0.5
Physical Ed	0.5
Electives	8.5
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Total Credits	24.0

Rigor | Orono offers 21 AP courses, 13 honors/enriched courses and six College in the Schools courses. In recent years, the percentage of graduating seniors taking and passing at least one AP exam prior to graduation has surpassed 70 percent.

Extracurricular Activities | Orono High School offers a variety of activities, organizations and academic/athletic interscholastic competitions. More than 85 percent of our students participate in at least one activity or sport.

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Advanced Placement

AP Exams	2017	2018	2019	2020
Number of students tested	411	381	376	457
Number of exams administered	787	781	769	946
Percent of exams resulting in 3+	82%	86%	87%	82%
Percent of Graduating Class taking and passing at least one AP exam	66%	61%	70%	65%

AP Awards	2017	2018	2019	2020
AP Scholar	59	58	54	72
AP Scholar with Honor	33	34	38	29
AP Scholar with Distinction	64	67	68	70
National AP Scholar	11	11	17	10
Total AP Scholars	167	170	177	181
AP Capstone Diploma				6
Seminar & Research Certificate				4

AP Scores by Test	Total	% Passing
Calculus AB	76	93%
Calculus BC	39	95%
Computer Science Principles	54	63%
Statistics	72	64%
Biology	56	91%
Chemistry	9	100%
Environmental Science	42	77%
Physics C - Mechanics	11	82%
Physics C - E & M	11	55%
English Language	128	72%
English Literature	45	69%
Human Geography	80	78%
Psychology	116	90%
U.S. History	22	68%
World History	95	88%
German	9	100%
Seminar	15	100%
Spanish	21	100%
Research	12	83%
Music Theory	12	67%

College Prep Curriculum	AP Courses
Enriched Courses	AP Capstone Diploma Program
Enriched English I	AP Research**
Enriched English II	AP Seminar*
Honors Biology	AP Music Theory
Honors Chemistry	AP English Language & Comp
Honors Physics	AP English Literature & Comp
Honors Algebra II	AP European History***
Honors Functions	AP Human Geography
Honors Functions & Trig	AP Psychology
Honors Pre-Calculus	AP U.S. History
Honors Spanish III	AP World History
Honors Spanish IV	AP Calculus AB
Honors German IV	AP Calculus BC
Honors Chinese IV	AP Computer Science A
College in the Schools	AP Computer Science Principles*
College Accounting	AP Statistics
Honors Political Science	AP Biology
Project Lead the Way (PLTW)	AP Chemistry
PLTW Intro to Engineering Design	AP Environmental Science
PLTW Principles of Engineering	AP Physics C: E & M
PLTW Computer Integrated Mfg.	AP Physics C: Mechanics
PLTW Engineering Design & Devel	AP Chinese Language & Culture***
	AP Spanish Language & Culture
	AP German Language & Culture


*New in 2018-2019 **New in 2019-2020

*** New in 2020-2021

ACT Data and National Merit Scholars

ACT Class of 2020 Summary	Percent	
Percent of Class of 2020 Testing	98%	
Mean Scores	State	School
English	20.0	24.8
Math	21.3	24.7
Reading	21.8	25.8
Science	21.5	25.0
Class of 2020 Composite (all)	21.3	25.2

Grade 11 ACT Scores	2018	2019	2020	2021
Mean Composite	23.8	23.7	24.3	24.4

 National Merit	2018	2019	2020	2021
Semifinalists	3	2	2	2
Commended Scholars	9	3	3	7
Total	12	5	5	9

Statistics and Recognition

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COVID-19 Disclaimer

Grades that are documented during the time period of March 16 through June 30 of 2020 reflect the distance learning period resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Future use of these grades should be used with caution and only after balancing the information against student performance in other grading periods.

During this period of distance learning, students may not have had the optimal conditions to attain a letter grade reflective of their learning and achievement. To counter this, Orono Schools allowed students and their parents to choose Pass/Fail grading in lieu of letter grades.

Orono High School students are beginning the 2020-2021 school year in a choice of either a hybrid model (where students attend in-person school five out of ten days), or full-time distance learning. While learning from home, students will have access to live streaming, on-demand lessons, and/or activities that reinforce and apply learning concepts. Students will be assigned letter grades A-F.

GPA Calculations

GPA is calculated on a four-point scale. Honors, Enriched, College in the Schools and AP courses are given a weighting of one extra point (A=5). Dual enrollment courses taken at a college or university via Minnesota's Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) are NOT given additional weighting. Transcripts reflect BOTH weighted and standard GPAs.

Mean Standard GPA ranges have held steady with mean ACT ranges indicating little grade inflation. However, as AP courses have been added and access has been increased, the mean weighted GPA has increased slightly. A historical snapshot of the overall median GPA and the mean GPA of the mid 50% is included below.

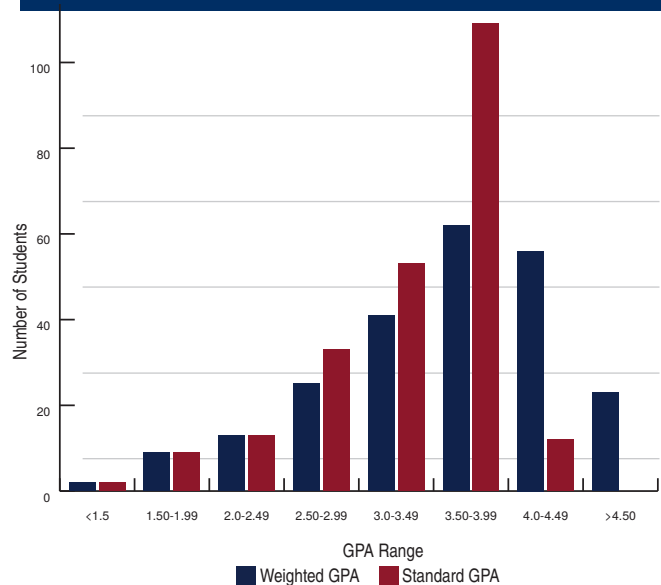
MEDIAN GPA	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Weighted	3.51	3.49	3.64	3.61	3.72
Standard	3.29	3.28	3.39	3.37	3.52
MEAN GPA (Mid 50%)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Weighted	3.53	3.54	3.59	3.60	3.70
Standard	3.28	3.35	3.36	3.48	3.47

GPA Distribution - Class of 2021

Orono High School does not report individual class rank. In order to assist in the interpretation of GPA information, we have provided a frequency distribution of sixth-semester weighted and standard GPA's for the class of 2021.

GPA Range	Weighted # of Students	Standard # of Students
>4.50	23	N/A
4.0-4.49	56	12
3.50-3.99	62	109
3.0-3.49	41	53
2.50-2.99	25	33
2.0-2.49	13	13
1.50-1.99	9	9
<1.5	2	2
Mean	3.34	3.59

OHS Class of 2021 Sixth-Semester GPA Distribution



Awards & Recognition

National & International Awards

- National District of Character, Character Education Partnership
- America's Best High Schools/STEM High Schools, *U.S. News & World Report*
- Best Communities for Music Education, NAMM Foundation

- AP Honor Roll, The College Board
- Top School Award, AFS-USA
- Top 500 STEM High Schools, *Newsweek*
- Speech Team, National Forensics League Inductee

State Awards

- Minnesota Scholar of Distinction Award for Science
- Prudential Spirit of Community Awards
- Minnesota Student Council of the Year, Minnesota Association of Student Councils
- First Place, Minnesota Renewable Energy Society Solar Boat Regatta

2014-2019 | College Matriculation

91% of the Class of 2019 went on to post-secondary education.

Due to the impact of COVID-19 we are not reporting matriculation data for the Class of 2020 at this time.

ALABAMA

Auburn University
University of South Alabama

ARIZONA

Arizona State University
Grand Canyon University
University of Arizona

ARKANSAS

Harding University

CALIFORNIA

Chapman University
Harvey Mudd College
Loyola Marymount University
Pepperdine University
Point Loma Nazarene University
Santa Clara University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles
University of San Diego
University of Southern California

COLORADO

Colorado Christian University
Colorado College
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado Mountain College
Colorado School of Mines
Colorado State University
Regis University
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Colorado at Denver
University of Denver
University of Northern Colorado

CONNECTICUT

Taft School
Trinity College
University of Hartford
Yale University

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Georgetown University
The George Washington University

FLORIDA

Broward College
Eckerd College
Flagler College
Florida Gulf Coast University
Florida Southern College
Florida State University
Rollins College
University of Miami

GEORGIA

Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Southern University
Savannah College of Art and Design

IDAHO

Brigham Young University, Idaho
Lewis-Clark State College

ILLINOIS

Bradley University
DePaul University
Loyola University Chicago
Northwestern University
Olivet Nazarene University
University of Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Wheaton College

INDIANA

Butler University
DePauw University
Indiana University at Bloomington
Purdue University
University of Notre Dame

IOWA

Drake University
Grinnell College
Iowa State University
Luther College
Northwestern College
The University of Iowa

KANSAS

Benedictine College
Kansas State University
Ottawa University
University of Kansas

KENTUCKY

University of Kentucky
University of Louisville

LOUISIANA

Louisiana State University
Tulane University

MAINE

Bowdoin College
Colby College
University of Maine

MARYLAND

Goucher College
University of Maryland, College Park
U.S. Naval Academy

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston College
Boston University
Harvard College
Northeastern University
Smith College
Tufts University
University of Mass - Lowell

MICHIGAN

Northern Michigan University
Michigan Technological University
University of Michigan

MINNESOTA

Augsburg College
Bemidji State University
Bethel University
Carleton College
College of Saint Benedict
College of St. Scholastica
Concordia College - Moorhead
Concordia University - St. Paul
Crown College
Gustavus Adolphus College
Hamline University
Lake Superior College
Macalester College
Minnesota State University, Mankato
Minnesota State University, Moorhead
Northwestern Health Sciences University
Saint John's University
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
Southwest Minnesota State University
St. Catherine University - St. Paul
St. Cloud State University
St. Olaf College
University of Minnesota, Crookston
University of Minnesota, Duluth
University of Minnesota, Morris
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Northwestern
University of St. Thomas
Winona State University

MISSISSIPPI

University of Mississippi

MISSOURI

Culver-Stockton College
Principia College
Saint Louis University
University of Missouri, Columbia
Washington University in St. Louis

MONTANA

Montana State University, Bozeman
The University of Montana, Missoula

NEBRASKA

College of St. Mary
Creighton University
University of Nebraska at Lincoln
University of Nebraska at Omaha

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dartmouth College
University of New Hampshire

NEW JERSEY

Edison State College
Princeton University

NEW MEXICO

University of New Mexico

NEW YORK

Colgate University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Fordham University
Hamilton College
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
New York University
Syracuse University
Union College
University of Rochester
U.S. Military Academy at West Point

NORTH CAROLINA

Davidson College
Duke University
Elon University
High Point University
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Wake Forest University

NORTH DAKOTA

Jamestown College
Lake Region State College
North Dakota State University
University of North Dakota

OHIO

Case Western Reserve University
Miami University, Oxford
Ohio State University
University of Cincinnati

OREGON

Lewis & Clark College
Oregon State University
Portland State University

PENNSYLVANIA

Haverford College
Lehigh University
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
Villanova University

RHODE ISLAND

University of Rhode Island

SOUTH CAROLINA

Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
Furman University

SOUTH DAKOTA

Augustana College
Dakota State University
South Dakota State University
University of Sioux Falls

TENNESSEE

Belmont University
Vanderbilt University

TEXAS

Baylor University
Southern Methodist University
Texas Christian University

UTAH

Brigham Young University
University of Utah

VERMONT

Middlebury College
University of Vermont

VIRGINIA

George Mason University
Hampden-Sydney College
Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Washington and Lee University

WASHINGTON

Gonzaga University
Seattle University
University of Puget Sound
University of Washington
Whitman College

WEST VIRGINIA

Mountain State University

WISCONSIN

Alverno College
Carroll University
Carthage College
Lawrence University
Marquette University
University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
University of Wisconsin, La Crosse
University of Wisconsin, Madison
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
University of Wisconsin, River Falls
University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
University of Wisconsin, Stout
University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Viterbo University

INTERNATIONAL

McGill University, Montreal, Canada
University of British Columbia
University of Manitoba
University of St. Andrews
University of Tokyo

Matriculation Highlights for the Class of 2019

Total Matriculation	91%
2-year College	9%
4-year College	82%
Public 4-year	61%
Private 4-year	39%
In State	42%
Out of State	58%
Barron's Best	8.5%



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