

2020-2021 school profile



Mound Westonka High School

The Westonka community is located approximately 20 miles west of Minneapolis. Westonka Public Schools serves approximately 2,300 students living in eight communities along the western shoreline of Lake Minnetonka. Included in the district are two elementary schools (K-4), one middle school (5-7) and one high school (8-12).

Westonka Public Schools is a collaborative community of learners that:

- uses effective instructional methods
- implements research-based curriculum models
- engages and challenges all learners with high academic expectations
- develops healthy social and emotional relationships

Mound Westonka High School is ranked as one of the top high schools in the United States by national publications, including U.S. News & World Report and Niche. MWHS students scored in the top 20 districts in the state on the 2019 Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments in math, reading and science.

MWHS is also home to the 2017 Minnesota Teacher of the Year, English teacher Corey Bulman.

Fast Facts

Mound Westonka High School prides itself on offering small school advantages with big school opportunities, which leads to real-life success stories for students.

Enrollment 9-12	842
Size of Senior Class	199
School year	Two, 18-week semesters
School day	Seven, 48-min. periods (modified block two days per week)
Faculty	83% of MWHS teachers have master's degrees or higher

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advanced placement

College Prep Curriculum

AP Courses

AP English & Composition
 AP U.S. History
 AP World History
 AP U.S. Government
 AP Biology
 AP Chemistry
 AP Physics
 AP Statistics
 AP Calculus AB
 AP Calculus BC
 AP 2D Art & Design
 AP 3D Art & Design
 AP Drawing

Honors Courses

Honors English 9
 Honors English 10
 Honors English 11
 Honors Chemistry

College in the Schools Courses

CIS Spanish I
 CIS Spanish II

AP Awards	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
AP Scholar	14	12	15	24	25	34
AP Scholar with Honor	10	12	3	5	5	7
AP Scholar with Distinction	17	12	8	3	7	11
National Scholar	0	0	2	0	0	1
Total Scholars	41	36	28	32	37	52

2020 AP Exams	No. Students Taking Exam	No. Students Scoring			Average Score
		5	4	3	
Biology	24	1	6	14	3.21
Calculus AB	60	6	13	13	2.87
Calculus BC	17	4	5	6	3.65
Chemistry	6	0	0	1	1.67
Chinese Language & Culture	1	0	1	0	4
English Lit. & Comp.	38	6	10	13	3.32
Human Geography	1	0	1	0	4
Microeconomics	1	0	0	0	2
Physics 1	19	0	4	8	2.63
Statistics	13	1	2	8	3.08
Studio Art: Drawing	6	2	3	1	4.17
Studio Art: 2D	2	0	1	1	3.5
Studio Art: 3D	2	0	1	0	3
U.S. Government & Politics	28	5	8	10	3.36
U.S. History	62	1	4	19	2.23
World History	54	4	12	22	3.04
Total exams	334	65% scored a 3 or higher			

college admission testing

MWHS was proud to have one National Merit Finalist, one National Merit Semifinalist and one National Merit Commended Student in the Class of 2019

ACT Participation

ACT	Percent
Percent of Class of 2019 Testing	
Composite (All)	23.4
Composite (Top 25%)	

Mean ACT Scores Class of 2019

Subject	MWHS	State
English	22.9	20.3
Math	22.9	21.4
Reading	24.3	21.7
Science	23.2	21.6
Composite	23.4	21.4

statistics & recognition

Grading

GPA is based on grades earned in grades 9-12. All courses for which a student earns a grade A-F are included in the cumulative GPA. Pass (P) grades are not included in the GPA but do count for graduation credit. An A is the highest grade that can be earned and a D- is the lowest passing grade that can be received. GPA is unweighted.

GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale:

A=4.0	A-=3.7	B+=3.3
B=3.0	B-=2.7	C+=2.3
C=2.0	C-=1.7	D+=1.3
D=1.0	D-=0.7	F=0

Students do not receive an individual class rank. In order to assist in the interpretation of GPA, information from the following table can be used.

Class of 2021

Sixth Semester GPA Distribution

Median GPA: 3.096

Total number of students: 199

GPA	Number of Students
3.8-4.0	21.1% (42 students)
3.5 or better	38.1% (76 students)
3.0 or better	60.8% (121 students)
2.5 or better	75.8% (151 students)
2.0 or better	89.4% (178 students)

Transcript notations

ALC.....	Alternative Learning Center
ALCNS.....	Night School Credit Recovery
ALCSS.....	Summer School Credit Recovery
AP.....	Advanced Placement
CIS.....	College In the Schools
OL.....	Online Course
L. Lab.....	In School Credit Recovery (online)
SGLL.....	Small Group Learning Lab (special ed.)
SM. GRP.....	Special Education

Course credits

Students earn .5 credits for each course successfully completed each semester. Students who take a full course load will earn 7.0 credits each year.

Graduation requirements

Course Credits required (0.5=one semester)

English.....	4.0
Speech.....	0.25
Social Studies.....	3.5
Math (including Statistics).....	3.0
Science.....	3.0
Health.....	0.25
Physical Education.....	0.5
Fine Arts.....	1.0
Total Credits Required.....	23.5

covid-19 statement

- Minnesota Schools were ordered to close March 18, 2020 due to the threat of COVID-19. Mound Westonka High School students participated in distance learning for the fourth quarter of the 2020-21 school year.
- Students were offered pass/fail for their quarter IV grade. MWHS practiced no penalty grading for Semester II: all students who chose P/F for the quarter received their quarter III grade for the semester.
- All members of the class of 2021 had access to one state ACT test. Further testing has been very limited due to cancelled sessions or limited access to testing sites. One additional ACT test offered to all students on September 12. No additional ACT tests will be offered in house
- MWHS will begin the 2020-21 school year in a hybrid learning model with 50% total capacity and strict social distancing. Students will alternate between in-person and distance learning days. Students/families had the option of full-time distance learning (synchronous).

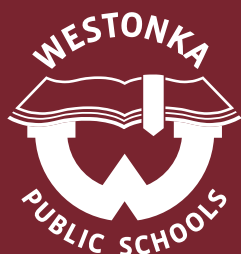
awards & recognition

- U.S. News & World Report 2020 “Best High Schools”
- Niche 2020 “Best Public High Schools”
- The Washington Post 2017 “America’s Most Challenging High Schools”
- 2017 Minnesota Teacher of the Year Corey Bulman
- Three 2019-2020 state tournament teams: gymnastics (3rd), jazz dance (4th) and high kick dance (8th)
- 153 state DECA competitors and 32 DECA Internationals qualifiers in 2019-2020
- 26 Minnesota Scholastic Art Awards in 2020 with two Gold Keys, five Silver Keys and 19 Honorable Mention awards.
- Superior ratings for MWHS Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Choir and Madd Jazz in regional contests
- Several Hennepin Theatre Trust Spotlight Musical Theatre awards for 2019 MWHS fall musical, “Annie,” including Outstanding awards for Overall Production, Ensemble Performance, Acting Performance, Student Orchestra, Overall Technical Team and Light & Sound Crew.



Class of 2019 Graduating Class Profile

3.0 GPA or higher	50.1%
Continuing formal education	73.5%
To attend a 4-year school	61%
To attend a 2-year school	12%
To attend a technical school	0.5%



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