

# 2015 2016

## School Profile

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### Student Body

- 280 high school students, including 72 seniors
- Approximately 5% international students
- Our students live in Racine, Kenosha, Milwaukee's south suburbs, and northern Illinois
- We value and intentionally seek diversity in all forms

### Advanced Placement Courses

- Students are limited to 2 AP courses as JUNIORS and 3 AP courses as SENIORS. Exceptions are rare.
- A small number of sophomores are invited to take AP World History in lieu of World History 10
- 626 exams were administered in 2011-15
- 81% of the Class of 2016 enrolled in one or more AP courses

### Financial Aid

- 52% receive need-based financial aid
- A small number of Upper School students receive merit-based awards (scholarships are funded by our endowment)
- Our endowment is approximately \$41 million

### Accreditations, Awards, and Memberships

- Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS)
- North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvements (NCA CASI)
- Three-time E.E. Ford grant recipient
- Association of College Counselors in Independent Schools (ACCIS) member
- Malone Family Foundation endowment award recipient
- National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) member
- National Association of College Admissions Counselors (NACAC) member
- Wisconsin Association of College Admissions Counselors (WACAC) member
- Cum Laude Society member
- College Board member

### Graduation Requirements

*Our graduation requirements reflect our belief in the importance of nurturing and empowering well-rounded students for their college experience and lifelong leadership.*

- 4 years of English & Public Speaking
- 3 years of Social Studies
- 3 years of Mathematics
- 3 years of Science
- 3 years of World Language
- 1-2 years of Fine and Performing Arts (varies according to course selection)
- 2 years of Physical Education
- Junior Thesis: Long-term research paper on historical or literary topic
- Senior Capstone Project: Long-term investigative project, including research paper and presentations to student and adult audiences
- Junior and Senior Interim: Two-week internships for career exploration and school-sponsored trips to other countries or national parks
- One major co-curricular commitment each year (75 hrs)
  - Performing Arts: Orchestra, jazz ensemble, chorus, audition chorus, theatre, technical theatre
  - Interscholastic Athletic Teams: seven for girls and seven for boys
  - Non-athletic Teams: Model OAS, Model UN, Science Olympiad, Robotics, Geography Bowl
  - Publications: Yearbook and fine arts magazine
  - Clubs: Service, Spanish, French, Chinese, wilderness & sustainability, debate, knitting, and others
  - Activity independent of school
- Community Service to school or community each year (minimum 25 hrs)
- Outdoor Leadership Education each year: Four-day experience in Wisconsin's Northwoods to build collaboration, problem-solving, and leadership skills
- Buddy Program each year: Individual three-way partnerships of Upper, Middle, and Primary School students for special activities and mentoring
- Physical activity through interscholastic sports, PE classes, or individual fitness plans each year (minimum 3 times/week)

**English**

English 9, 10, 11, 12  
 Film Workshop (1 tri)  
 Mind-Twisting Literature (1 tri)  
 Writing the Planet (2 discrete trimester courses)  
 Writing Workshop (2 discrete trimester courses)  
 Public Speaking  
 AP English 12 (Literature)

**Fine and Performing Arts**

AP Music Theory

**Mathematics**

Algebra 1 & 2  
 Intermediate Algebra  
 Geometry  
 Precalculus A  
 Precalculus AB  
 Probability & Statistics  
 AP Calculus AB  
 AP Statistics

**Science**

Biology  
 Honors Chemistry  
 Chemistry  
 Honors Physics  
 Physics  
 Anatomy & Physiology (3 discrete trimester courses)  
 Robotics (3 discrete trimester courses)  
 AP Biology  
 AP Chemistry  
 AP Environmental Science

**Social Studies**

World History 9 & 10  
 U.S. History  
 American Experience (1 tri)  
 Comparative Religions (1 tri)  
 Economics (1 tri)  
 Introduction to Psychology (1 tri)  
 Government and Politics (2 discrete trimester courses)  
 International Conflict Resolution (1 tri)  
 AP U.S. History  
 AP World History

**World Language**

Chinese 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
 French 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
 Spanish 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
 AP French 5 (Language)  
 AP Spanish 5 (Language)

**GPA, Weighting, and Ranking**

- We use a 4.0 scale comprising the following values per credit:  
 A (4.0) B+ (3.3) C+ (2.3) D+ (1.3) F (0)  
 A- (3.7) B (3.0) C (2.0) D (1.0)  
 B- (2.7) C- (1.7) D- (0.7)
- Middle 50% GPA Class of 2016: 3.0-3.7
- AP courses are weighted an additional 1.0 per credit
- All courses are rigorous and college-preparatory
- We do not rank

**AP Exam scores earned in 2011-15**

**5 - 32.1%**  
**4 - 32.4%**  
**3 - 23.8%**  
**2 - 9.7%**  
**1 - 1.9%**



**The Prairie School**

The interlocking circles of Prairie School's architectural design both reflect and contribute to the school's sense of community and student-centered philosophy.

**Standardized Testing**

Middle 50% Ranges

Year	ACT
2015	24 - 31
2014	23 - 30
2013	24 - 31
2012	23 - 30
2011	24 - 30

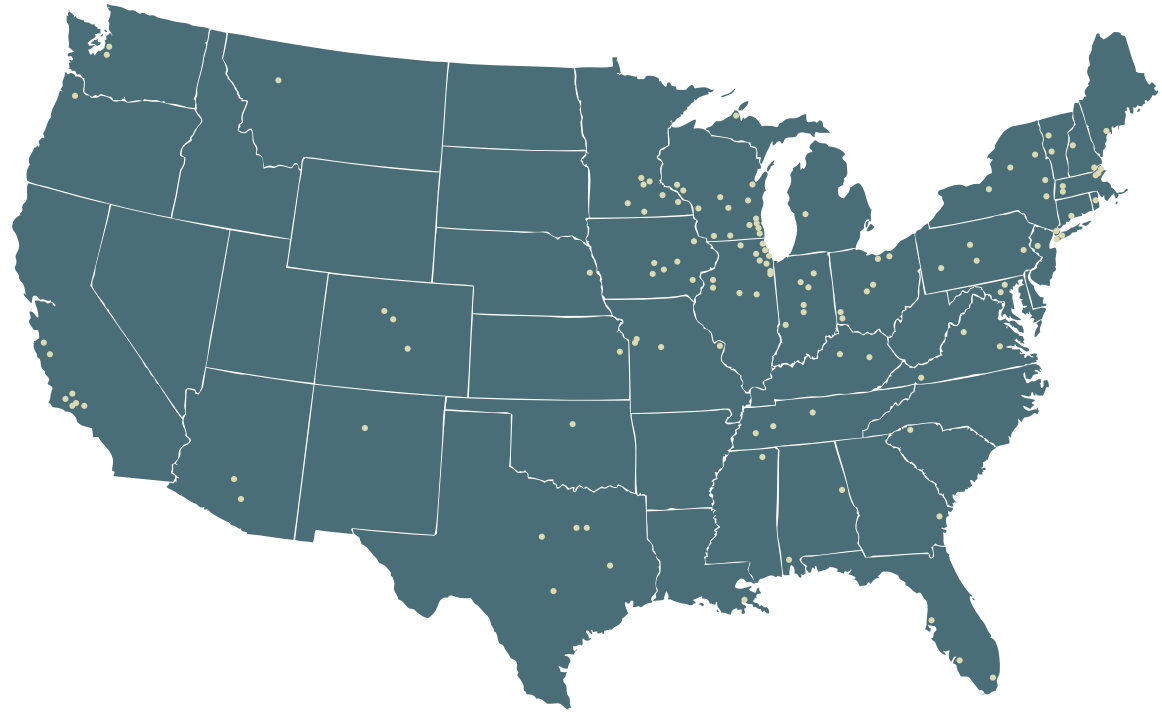
**National Merit Scholarship Competition 2011-2015**

5 Scholars  
 11 Finalists  
 12 Commended

# College Acceptances and Enrollments 2011-15

# Enrollments 2011-15

College	Accepts, Enrolls	College	Accepts, Enrolls
Abilene Christian University	1, 1	Concordia University River Forest	1
Allegheny College	1	Concordia University Wisconsin	3, 1
Alverno College	1	Cornell College	3
American University	11	Cornell University	3
Arizona State University	6, 1	Creighton University	4, 1
Asbury University	1	Dartmouth College	2, 1
Auburn University	3, 1	Denison University	3
Augsburg College	1	DePaul University	15, 8
Augustana College	2, 2	DePauw University	7
Baldwin Wallace University	1	Dickinson College	2
Ball State University	2	Drake University	5, 2
Bard College	1	Drexel University	1
Barnard College	2, 1	Eastern Kentucky University	1, 1
Baylor University	1	Eckerd College	4
Belmont University	2, 1	Edgewood College	4
Beloit College	1, 1	Emerson College	2
Bemidji State University	1	Emory University	4
Berklee College of Music	3, 1	Florida Atlantic University	1
Boston College	2	Florida Gulf Coast University	1, 1
Boston University	17, 2	Florida International University	1
Bowdoin College	1, 1	Florida Southern College	1
Bradley University	4, 2	Fordham University	2, 1
Brock University	1	Franklin & Marshall College	2
Brown University	1, 1	Franklin College Switzerland	1
Bryn Mawr College	1	Gardner-Webb University	1
Bucknell University	2, 1	Gateway Technical College	1, 1
Butler University	9, 2	George Mason University	1
California State University, Long Beach	1	George Washington University, The	7, 1
Calvin College	5, 1	Georgetown University	2, 1
Carleton College	6, 2	Georgia Institute of Technology	2
Carnegie Mellon University	3, 1	Gettysburg College	2, 1
Carroll University	6, 2	Goucher College	1
Carthage College	19, 6	Grinnell College	2, 2
Case Western Reserve University	9, 1	Gustavus Adolphus College	5, 1
Centre College	2, 2	Hamline University	3
Clark University	2	Hampshire College	2, 1
Clarke University	1, 1	Harvey Mudd College	1, 1
Coe College	3	Hawaii Pacific University	1
Colby College	1	Hofstra University	1
Colgate University	3, 1	Humboldt State University	2
College of Charleston	1	Huntington University	1, 1
College of Wooster, The	2	Illinois State University	2, 1
Colorado College	2, 1	Illinois Wesleyan University	4, 2
Colorado School of Mines	1	Indiana State University	1
Colorado State University-Fort Collins	10, 1	Indiana University Bloomington	16, 1
Columbia College Chicago	5	Iowa State University	13, 4
Columbia University, Sciences Po Dual BA	1	Iowa Wesleyan College	1
		James Madison University	1, 1
		Johns Hopkins University	1



Kalamazoo College	1	Massachusetts College of Art and Design	1
Kansas State University	1	McDaniel College	1
Knox College	2, 1	McGill University	2
Lafayette College	1	Miami University (Ohio)	16, 2
Lake Forest College	1, 1	Michigan State University	17
Lake Superior State University	1	Michigan Technological University	4, 1
Lawrence University	9, 2	Middlebury College	1, 1
Lehigh University	1	Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design	2, 2
Lewis & Clark College	8	Milwaukee School of Engineering	3, 1
Lipscomb University	1, 1	Minnesota State University-Mankato	2
Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus	1, 1	Minnesota State University-Moorhead	2
Louisiana State University	1	Monmouth College	1
Loyola University Chicago	6	Montana State University (Bozeman)	4, 1
Loyola University New Orleans	1	Montclair State University	3, 2
Luther College	2	Mount Holyoke College	1
Lynn University	2	Muhlenberg College	1
Macalester College	7, 1	Murray State University	1
Marian University	1	New York University	9, 1
Marquette University	40, 11	North Central College	5, 2
Marshall University	1	Northeastern University	3

Northern Arizona University	1	Tulane University	3, 1	University of Puget Sound	7, 1
Northern Illinois University	2	Union College	3, 3	University of Richmond	2, 1
Northland College	2	Union University	2	University of Rochester	3
Northwestern University	9, 5	United States Air Force Academy	1, 1	University of San Diego	1
Norwich University	2	University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa	2	University of San Francisco	2, 1
Oberlin College	1, 1	University of Arizona, The	2	University of South Alabama	1, 1
Occidental College	3, 1	University of British Columbia	1	University of South Carolina	1
Ohio Wesleyan University	2, 1	University of California-Berkeley	1	University of South Florida	1
Oklahoma State University	1	University of California-Los Angeles	1	University of Southern California	3, 1
Pennsylvania State University	2	University of California-San Diego	1	University of St. Thomas	7, 2
Pepperdine University	1	University of California-Santa Cruz	2, 1	University of Tampa, The	6, 5
Pomona College	1, 1	University of Central Florida	1	University of Tennessee, Knoxville	2
Princeton University	1	University of Chicago, The	2	University of the Pacific	1
Providence College	2	University of Cincinnati	4	University of Vermont	6, 1
Purdue University	22, 2	University of Colorado at Boulder	22, 2	University of Virginia	3
Reed College	4, 1	University of Colorado at Denver	1	University of Washington	3, 1
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	2, 1	University of Connecticut	1	University of West Florida	1
Rhodes College	2, 2	University of Dayton	3	University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	9, 3
Rice University	2	University of Denver	8, 3	University of Wisconsin-Green Bay	8
Ringling College of Art and Design	1	University of Dubuque	1	University of Wisconsin-La Crosse	20, 5
Ripon College	4	University of Florida	1	University of Wisconsin-Madison	92, 36
Riverland Community College	2, 2	University of Illinois at Chicago	1	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	52, 23
Robert Morris University, Chicago	1	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	16, 2	University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh	15, 6
Rochester Institute of Technology	1	University of Iowa, The	33, 5	University of Wisconsin-Parkside	12, 4
Rockford University	1	University of Kansas	4, 1	University of Wisconsin-Platteville	12, 4
Rockhurst University	1, 1	University of Kentucky	1, 1	University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point	10, 2
Rollins College	3	University of Louisville	3	University of Wisconsin-Stout	6, 2
Roosevelt University	1, 1	University of Miami	3, 1	University of Wisconsin-Whitewater	27, 8
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	3, 1	University of Michigan	3	University of Wyoming	1
Saint Louis University	20, 3	University of Minnesota	1	Ursinus College	1
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota	1, 1	University of Minnesota, Morris	1	Valparaiso University	3
Santa Clara University	2	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	60, 19	Vanderbilt University	2
Santa Fe University of Art and Design	1, 1	University of Mississippi	1, 1	Vassar College	3, 1
Santa Monica College	1, 1	University of Missouri (Columbia)	7, 1	Virginia Intermont College	1, 1
Savannah College of Art and Design	4, 2	University of Missouri-Kansas City	3	Viterbo University	2
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	3, 1	University of Montana, Missoula, The	1	Wake Forest University	1
Seattle Pacific University	1	University of New England	1	Wartburg College	2
Seattle University	1	University of New Hampshire	2	Washington State University	1
Skidmore College	1	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, The	1	Washington University in St. Louis	5, 3
Smith College	1, 1	University of North Carolina at Greensboro	1	Wayne State University	1
Southern Methodist University	3, 2	University of North Carolina	1	Webster University	1
St. Cloud State University	2, 1	University of Northwestern	1	Wellesley College	2, 2
St. Edward's University	1, 1	University of Notre Dame	4, 4	Western Michigan University	4
St. Norbert College	13, 3	University of Oklahoma	2, 2	Wheaton College (Illinois)	3, 1
St. Olaf College	12, 5	University of Ontario Institute of Technology	1, 1	Wheaton College (Massachusetts)	1
Syracuse University	3, 1	University of Oregon	3	Wichita State University	1
Taylor University	1	University of Pennsylvania	1, 1	Winona State University	8, 2
Texas A & M University	4, 1	University of Pittsburgh	3	Wisconsin Lutheran College	1
Texas Christian University	1, 1	University of Prince Edward Island	1	Worcester Polytechnic Institute	1
Truman State University	1			Wright State University-Lake Campus	1
Tufts University	1, 1			Xavier University	2, 1



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