

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

The single best indicator of college success is grades earned in rigorous high school courses that satisfy college preparatory criteria. Course rigor is an excellent predictor of college success. Therefore, we encourage students to take the most challenging courses that they can handle in order to develop skills and study habits needed to be successful at the college level.

College Preparatory Admission Requirements:

1. Minnesota State Universities (4-year): The Minnesota Colleges and Universities website will provide general information about admissions requirements as well as links to each specific institution and their admissions requirements. Please refer to this website for the most detailed and updated information: <https://www.minnstate.edu/>. In general, Minnesota State Universities (4-year) require the following college preparatory classes when considering admission:

Subject Area	Number of Years	Special Recommendations
English	4	Including Composition, Literature and Speech
Math	3	Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2
Science	3	Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry or Physics
Social Studies	3	American History, Geography, World History
World Language	2	Two years of a single world language
Arts/World Culture	1	Visual or performing arts

2. The University of Minnesota: Twin Cities, Duluth, Morris, Crookston, and Rochester. The University of Minnesota website will provide links to each specific institution and their admissions requirements. Please refer to this website for the most detailed and updated information: www.umn.edu. In general, the U of M Universities require the following college preparatory classes when considering admission:

Subject Area	Number of Years	Special Recommendations
English	4	Emphasis on Writing, Speaking, Reading and Literary Appreciation
Math	4	Please reference the University of Minnesota's website for more specific information
Science	3	Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Social Studies	3	American History, Geography, World History
World Language	2	Two years of a single world language (3 recommended)
Arts/World Culture	1	Visual or performing arts



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3. Minnesota Private Colleges and Universities: The Minnesota Private Colleges/Universities website will provide general information about admissions requirements as well as links to each specific institution and their admissions requirements. Please refer to this website for the most detailed and updated information:

www.mnprivatecolleges.org. In general, Minnesota private colleges/universities require the following college preparatory classes when considering admission:

Subject Area	Number of Years	Special Recommendations
English	4	Emphasis on Writing, Composition and Literature
Math	3 or more	Proficiency in Algebra 1/Algebra 2, Geometry and Probability
Science	3 or more	Biology, Chemistry, Physics
Social Studies	3 or more	History and Geography
World Language	2 or more	Consecutive years of a single world language (highly recommended)
Arts/World Culture	1 or more	Visual or performing arts

4. Wisconsin State Universities (4-year): The Wisconsin Colleges and Universities website will provide general information about admissions requirements as well as links to each specific institution and their admissions requirements. Please refer to this website for the most detailed and updated information:

www.wisconsin.edu. In general, Wisconsin State Universities (4-year) require the following college preparatory classes when considering admission:

Subject Area	Number of Years	Special Recommendations
English	4	Emphasis on Literature and Composition
Math	3	Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2
Science	3	3 years of natural science
Social Studies	3	American History, Geography, World History
Foreign Language	varies	See college website for detailed requirement information
Academic Elective	4	Foreign Language, Fine Arts, Computer Science or other academic area



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5. Minnesota Public State Community and Technical Colleges:

<https://www.minnstate.edu/>

Most Minnesota State Community and Technical Colleges (2-years) admit any student with a high school diploma (or equivalent) on a space available basis. Upon admission, students will be required to take a placement test in Math, Reading and Writing. If students do not meet minimum requirements (typically Algebra II for math), they will be enrolled in remedial (non credit earning courses).

College Admission Testing:

Each four year institution will provide specific information about their college entrance exam requirements. Recently, many colleges have moved towards a “test optional” or “test blind” process which allows students to submit an ACT score if it will support other areas of their application (test optional), or not have the score considered under any circumstances (test blind).

ACT: www.act.org

General testing information, testing dates, registration information, test taking strategies and practice tests are available at the official ACT website. Mound Westonka High School is a test center for the June national test date and offers all junior students the opportunity to take an official ACT (at a reduced cost) during the school day in Semester II each year. Students must register for any National ACT test date directly with the testing agency. The high school code number is 241-775.

SAT: www.collegeboard.com

General information, testing dates, registration information, test taking strategies and practice tests are available at the SAT site. Mound Westonka High School is not a testing site for the SAT. However, there are many nearby high schools and colleges that are. Students register directly with the testing agency. The high school code number is 241-775.

