Central High School is the oldest high school in the state of Minnesota. Its many rich traditions, including academic excellence, are widely acclaimed and copied throughout the state. Founded in 1852 in downtown Saint Paul, Central has educated leaders in business, government, literature, arts, sciences, and education throughout the state of Minnesota and the United States. Central also prides itself in having produced numerous Rhodes Scholars, our most recent scholar being announced in 2003. Central is a model for public education serving diverse populations.

Many Traditions, One School
Central is located in Saint Paul, Minnesota’s Capital City, which is home to 302,000 people. Central is one of the largest enrollment of the seven Saint Paul public high schools.

**Grade Point Determination**

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*Students may take up to 7 courses per quarter and all grades earned in years 9-12 are used for GPA and class rank deter

**All grades from courses designated as honors will be figured for GPA via a 1.25 multiplier effect, e.g. an “A” in an honors course will be multiplied by 1.25 to yield a weighted grade point of 5.0: (4 x 1.25 = 5.0).**

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<td>International Baccalaureate (IB)*: 42 IB courses;</td>
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*See description on the back of this page.

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**ACT DATA**

Central Composite Averages:

- 2017 (415 students) ……………………………………..21.4
- 2016 (446 students) ……………………………………..21.5
- 2015 (456 students) ……………………………………..20.8
- 2017 MN average ……………………………………..21.5
- 2017 National average ……………………………………..21

**SAT DATA**

Central scores:

- 2014 (72 students)………Reading-629; Math-618 Writing-606
- 2014 MN average………Reading-598; Math-610; Writing-578
- 2014 Nat’I average………Reading-497; Math-513; Writing-487

**NATIONAL MERIT COMPETITION**

- 2018 Merit Program
  - Commended………………...12
  - Semifinalists…………….4
  - Finalists………………..3
- 2017 Merit Program
  - Commended Student ………10
  - Semi-Finalists…………..3
  - Finalists………………..3
  - National Merit Scholar.……1
- 2016 Merit Program
  - Commended Students……..9
  - Semi-Finalists…………..2

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM**

- Number of exams, May 2018: 1100
- Students taking exams: 613
- Subject areas: 22
- Passing rate: 57%
- AP Scholars Awarded: 73
- AP Scholars with Honors: 21
- AP Scholars with Distinction: 63
- AP National Scholars Awarded: 11
- Total Scholars: 168

**INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM**

- Number of exams, May 2018: 562
- Students taking exams: 282
- Full Diplomas Awarded: 16
- Highest Diploma Points: 35

**IB Program Tests:** English, German, French, Latin, Mandarin, Russian, Spanish, Philosophy, Economics, History, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Visual Arts, Music, Dance, Theater Arts

**COLLEGES ATTENDED BY 2018 TOP TEN GRADS:**

- Harvard University (Cambridge, MA)
- Illinois Institute of Technology (Chicago, IL)
- Northwestern University (Evanston, IL)
- Princeton University (Princeton, NJ)
- Stanford University (Stanford, CA)
- Swarthmore College (Swarthmore, PA)
- Tulane University (New Orleans, LA)
- University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN)
- University of Toronto (Toronto, ON)

**SURVEY OF THE CLASS OF 2018**

- Students surveyed…………………………………..374
- Four-year college…………………………………..76%
- Community/Technical college………………………22%
- Unknown………………………………………………8%

- University of Toronto (Toronto, ON)
- University of Minnesota (Minneapolis, MN)
- University of Toronto (Toronto, ON)
The IB program is a global pre-university program that provides an interdisciplinary curriculum and incorporates multi-cultural perspectives and internationally-based standards of achievement. IB and pre-IB courses develop and refine higher level thinking skills, writing techniques and oral communications.

Middle Years Program – MYP
Central HS in partnership with Ramsey Middle School is authorized to offer the IB MYP since 2009. The partnership shares a common philosophy of commitment to challenging and high quality international education.

2. Advanced Placement
Central High School has been offering AP courses and exams since 1994. The school currently offers 14 courses and continues to have a significant number of AP award recipients including National AP Scholars.

3. Quest
For over 30 years, Quest classes have combined traditional group learning with individual pursuit of academic interests and artistic talents. Students are trained to think independently and to learn from each other and from the instructor. The humanities-based curriculum delves into ancient and modern texts by multiethnic authors of both genders. Quest classes stress analysis and synthesis of ideas as well as critical thinking processes articulated in written and oral assignments.

4. College in the Schools (CIS)
Instructors trained by U of M faculty teach English for University credit at the high school.

5. Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program
Students in grades 11 and 12 may enroll in courses at colleges or technical institutes through the MN Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEO).

Other Specialties

Media Communications
Central has a dedicated recording studio. In the audio studio, musicians, singers and technicians rehearse daily to prepare, perform, and record original compositions with state-of-the-art equipment. In the TV studio, broadcast journalism students produce CMN, the Central Morning News.

Performing Arts
Experience is available in acting, band, choir, jazz band and orchestra. Central’s Touring Theater Group has won many honors and awards, including special recognition from the state legislature and the Mayor’s Public Art Award. Vocalists and instrumentalists in Central’s Music Department perform throughout the school year. Central musicians have a tradition of first place awards and superior ratings at local, state and national festivals and competitions.

Visual Arts
The visual arts department provides a solid introduction to the formal, technical, and expressive qualities of several art media. After completing introductory courses, many students continue work focusing on ceramics, drawing, jewelry/sculpture, photography, painting, and art history in upper level, honors, IB and AP courses. Central’s visual artists participate in several juried exhibits throughout the year, including an end-of-the-year exhibit put on in partnership with Concordia University.

Extracurricular Activities
Extracurricular activities at Central support optimal youth development and engage every segment of the school’s diverse student population. Central’s athletic program includes swimming, tennis, football, soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, badminton, wrestling, gymnastics, track and field and cross-country running and skiing. Central teams consistently participate in post-season competition for regional and state championships.

Central also has a rich variety of extracurricular activities including theater, jazz band, honor society, community service activities (Fresh Force, Roots & Shoots), Habitat for Humanities, speech, debate, Science Olympiad, math team, juggling, a yearly multicultural festival, and much more.