



St. Paul Preparatory School

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Number of seniors in current graduating class: 67

Percentage of seniors who continue on to college: 93%

Percent of international students: 85%

Amount of financial aid scholarships given: \$887,000

Percentage of students on scholarship: 60%

St. Paul Preparatory School (SPP) is a private high school located in the heart of Saint Paul, Minnesota. It is an NCA accredited, college preparatory school enrolling students in grades 9 through 12. SPP was established in 2003 as the first school in the Nacel International School System. SPP delivers a unique educational experience to students from the Twin Cities and from over 25 countries around the world. Small class sizes allow for challenging individualized learning within a diverse educational environment.

Mission Statement

St. Paul Preparatory School prepares our international student body for success in a global society by offering a college preparatory education, comprehensive English language instruction and cultural exchange opportunities.

School Overview

St. Paul Preparatory School offers students a unique educational experience through every facet of our program. Students come to SPP to prepare for their futures while learning more about the world, and ultimately themselves. Our curriculum provides students with quality, college preparatory academics and enrichment through the arts and physical education. Our classes are taught from a culturally relativistic perspective and take advantage of the wealth of diversity within our student body. Through our course offerings, we meet the educational needs of a wide range of students from those with limited English ability to those requiring substantial academic rigor. As an added benefit, advanced placement courses are offered in math, science, English, and social studies. SPP teachers share a passion for working with students from around the world. Our small classes allow us to provide students with individualized instruction. The majority of our faculty members hold a Master's degree or higher, and many have professional career experience beyond the classroom. We truly care about the well-being of our students and offer them a safe, supportive and nurturing environment in which to learn.

We seek to provide students with opportunities for the development of self-awareness, social consciousness, leadership skills and creativity through our enrichment activities, clubs and study abroad programs. We also recognize the importance of providing our students with an enjoyable and memorable high school experience, and promote positive interaction through field trips, dances and other social events. Students are encouraged to take an active role in shaping the culture and climate of SPP, ensuring that it is a comfortable place to grow and learn.

Location – the Twin Cities

The Twin Cities of Saint Paul and Minneapolis are located on opposite banks of the mighty Mississippi River. Together, the metropolitan area is home to approximately 2.8 million people. The cities are known as the cultural center of the upper Midwest and are home to countless artistic, recreational, and educational opportunities. Residents enjoy the conveniences of urban city life in a beautiful, natural setting. Lakes, parks, and riverside trails are abundant throughout the metropolitan area.

Academics

The primary educational goal of St. Paul Preparatory School is to prepare students for professional success in the global community. We believe that students must be culturally literate and competent problem-solvers. Our curriculum emphasizes the development of critical thinking skills and intercultural learning within a college preparatory, academic framework. We also recognize the benefits of the non-formal learning that students gain from their daily interactions.

Curriculum

Significant global changes suggest a need for corresponding changes in the ways in which we think about ourselves and the world. Personal and social responsibilities sustain learning and help young people apply their international education to everyday and global situations. Ultimately, we aim for students to make meaning of their international education and integrate this learning into their life experience. SPP graduation requirements correspond with the NCA guidelines for college preparatory schools and meet or exceed the Minnesota state graduation standards.

Course Offerings

In our mission to prepare students to be competent global professionals, St. Paul Preparatory School offers a wide variety of courses in science, mathematics, language arts, foreign language, social science, arts, and physical education. In each of our classes we endeavor to maintain a culturally relativistic viewpoint, and encourage students to share their personal experiences to increase the awareness and understanding of their peers. Classes at SPP are on a semester system.

For students in need of intensive language training, SPP offers multiple levels of ESL (English as a second language) courses to help students transition into our college preparatory classes. Our ESL program concentrates not only on the mechanics of English, but on the application of English in the content areas.

SPP Student Achievement

Our students consistently earn scores of 4s and 5s on AP exams. SPP students have received the AP Scholar award which is granted to students who receive a score of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams as well as being awarded the AP Scholar with Distinction award which is granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, AND a score of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. The SPP Math Club ranked 2nd in the state of Minnesota among Tier 2 high schools in 2010. Other distinctions include: the New England Journal of Medicine mystery case competition response winner; 2009 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist; perfect score on SAT math section.

Graduation Requirements

Saint Paul Preparatory School graduation requirements

Requirements correspond with the NCA guidelines for college preparatory schools and meet or exceed the Minnesota state graduation standards. 48 semester credits* are required for graduation:

8 Language Arts credits

1 must be in Speech

6 Mathematics credits

7 Social Studies credits

Including courses in geography, civics, &U.S. and world history, and economics

6 Science credits

2 must be in Biology

2 Physical Education credits

1 Health credit

2 Fine /Performing Arts credits

1 Technology credit

6 Foreign Language credits

4 must be in the same language

9 Elective credits

**1 credit is earned for each semester course.*

Requirements for International Students

International students who have fulfilled the following requirements are eligible to receive a high school diploma from SPP:

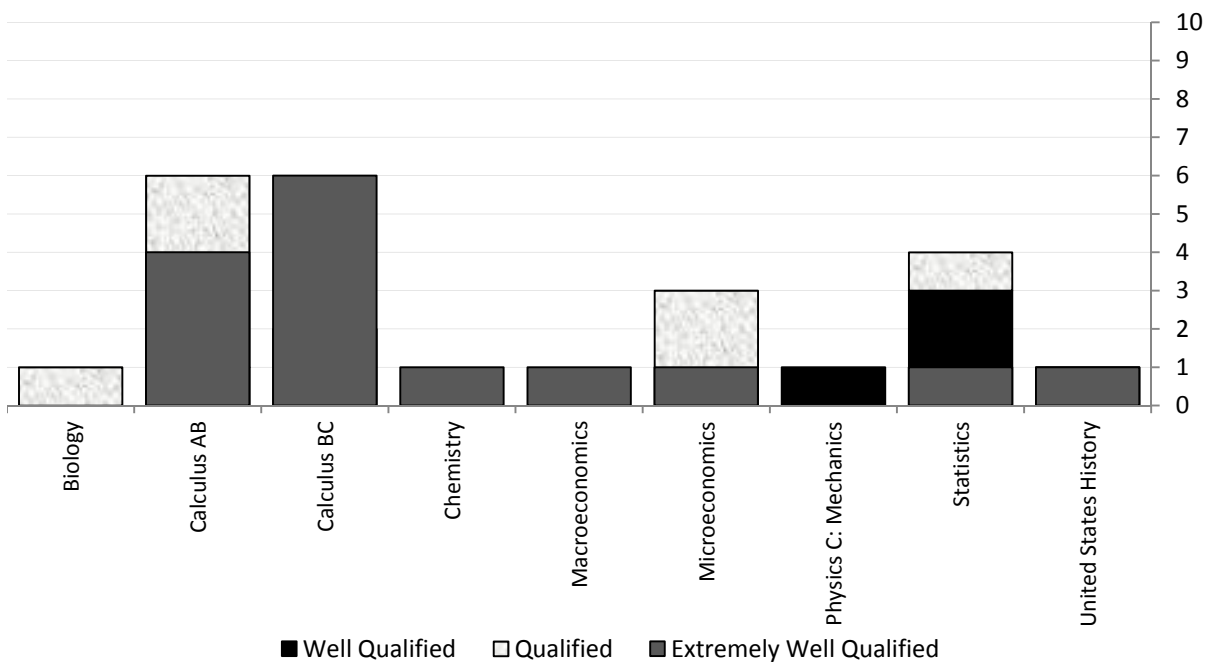
- Completion of an equivalent of four years of high school
- Completion of the above academic credits

Students must submit complete, translated academic transcripts for each year of high school in order to be considered as a candidate for graduation.

Advanced Placement courses

To provide students with additional academic challenge, SPP offers several Advanced Placement (AP) courses. These courses allow students to explore subject matter at an accelerated level, and prepare them to take the standardized AP examinations in May. All students are eligible to take AP courses if they are academically ready. Colleges and universities around the world award credit for qualifying AP exam scores. All students who earn a C or better in an AP course and complete the corresponding AP exam, will receive a 5% increase in their final percentage grade for that particular class each semester. This will result in an increase in the student’s overall GPA. Taking AP courses in a foreign language illustrates the aspiration our students have for higher level learning.

AP Scoring 2010-2011



*61 total tests taken. 33 tests qualified, 28 tests not qualified

Grading System

St. Paul Preparatory School grades on a four-point scale. The school will use a variety of measures including classroom and standardized measures to document the success of its students. Teachers will assign letter grades to students. The following letter grades will be used:

A+ = 97-100% = 4.0	C = 74-76% = 2.0
A = 94-96% = 4.0	C- = 70-73% = 1.7
A- = 90-93% = 3.7	D+ = 67-69% = 1.3
B+ = 87-89% = 3.3	D = 64-66% = 1.0
B = 84-86% = 3.0	D- = 60-63% = 0.7
B- = 80-83% = 2.7	F = 0-59% = 0.0
C+ = 77-79% = 2.3	

Percentages are rounded to the nearest tenth of a point in the calculation of grades.

St Paul Preparatory School does not rank. All graded courses are included in GPA calculation.

RANKING POLICY:

Due to the unique makeup of the student population; the varied ethnic, cultural and economic backgrounds; St Paul Preparatory does not believe rank is an accurate measure of our student accomplishments or academic commitment. Therefore we do not rank.

Grade distribution list

Course	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F
Algebra 1	6	5	11	5	2	7	2	4	2	1	1	0	6
Algebra 2	4	11	6	8	3	9	7	4	4	3	3	2	1
American Government	4	12	7	6	3	7	5	4	6	2	2	2	1
American History	3	13	6	2	2	1	1	4	1	1	1	0	3
American Literature	6	7	7	6	3	3	1	2	6	0	0	0	0
American Music	8	7	7	4	5	3	4	1	2	2	0	1	5
AP Biology	0	5	2	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
AP Calculus AB	12	3	4	3	6	6	4	4	2	1	3	0	1
AP Calculus BC	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Literature	5	6	4	4	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
AP Statistics	3	1	5	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
AP U.S. History	0	1	3	4	5	6	0	4	4	1	2	1	1
AP Statistics	3	1	5	1	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Astronomy	0	2	1	0	2	4	4	5	0	2	1	1	1
Biology	2	5	4	3	1	6	2	4	2	1	3	1	1

Chemistry	2	1	4	3	7	1	0	6	3	2	1	1	0
Chinese I	5	2	2	1	3	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Creative Writing	4	4	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	4
Comm. Journalism & Tech.	12	2	2	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Drawing	3	12	8	7	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Economics	1	8	12	4	6	6	7	3	2	0	6	1	5
French I	2	5	8	3	1	2	0	1	2	1	1	1	0
French II	1	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Geography	1	5	3	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Geometry	9	6	8	4	3	4	3	1	1	2	0	0	3
Health	13	9	12	5	3	3	2	4	3	5	1	0	2
Honors American Gov	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Honors English	1	10	6	2	0	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Honors Speech	1	9	6	4	1	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Painting	1	2	1	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0
Physical Science	1	1	3	5	1	4	1	1	2	1	0	1	0
Physics	0	1	5	1	3	4	5	5	2	2	2	0	2
Pre-Calculus	5	4	7	2	9	5	2	1	3	1	1	2	1
Public International Law	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	3	2	0	1	0	1
Scientific Method	0	2	2	3	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1
Spanish 1	6	3	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	1	0	1	0
Spanish 2	3	3	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Speech	5	8	19	6	6	7	2	3	5	0	0	3	1
U.S. History	2	3	14	5	8	3	4	3	0	1	2	1	0
World Art	3	3	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
World History	5	2	9	3	2	4	1	1	1	0	1	1	4
World Literature	4	1	9	5	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	4
World Music	10	4	1	6	1	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	1
Yearbook: Layout & Technology	2	9	4	0	1	4	4	2	2	0	0	0	0

Student Life

Sports

Boy's and girl's soccer is offered as an after school option in the fall. It is played outside until the weather drives the team indoors. There is a fee for participation in this activity. The school has also joined the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL), the official governing body of high school sports in MN. Boy's and girl's basketball is offered during the winter.

Student Council

St. Paul Preparatory School's student council is the governing body that exists to address some of the cultural issues that come up during the school day, as well as planning social events for the school. The group consists of students elected to the council by their peers and appointed students based on teacher recommendations. Gender and cultural balance are also taken into account in the appointment of students. Throughout the year the students have an opportunity to perform community service, engage in cross cultural simulations, help orient new students to living and attending school in the United States and organize school activities to engage cross-cultural relationships among all of the students.

Clubs

St. Paul Preparatory school students are encouraged to enjoy the camaraderie and educational benefits gained through participation in clubs. Time is built into the schedule for students to meet on a weekly basis with fellow club members. Each group is supervised by a faculty member. Although clubs may change from year to year, SPP offers a combination of the following: Math Club, Mock Trial, Model UN, Speech Club, Art Club, Theater Club, Science Club, Newspaper Club, Robotics Team.

Colleges & Universities

St. Paul Preparatory graduates continue to be accepted at some of the finest colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and around the world including, but not limited to:

- Academy of Art University
- American University (Asia)
- Augsburg College
- Baylor University
- Bethany Lutheran College
- Boston College
- Boston University
- California Polytechnic State University
- Clark University
- College of St. Benedict
- College of St. Scholastica
- Cornell University
- Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange
- DePaul University
- DePauw University Indiana
- Drake University
- Drexel University
- Elmira College
- Fordham University
- Gustavus Adolphus
- Hamline University
- International University of Monaco
- Iowa State University
- Kendall College
- Lawrence University
- Loyola University
- Luther College
- Macalester College
- Marymount Manhattan College
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Michigan State University
- Michigan Tech
- Monroe College NY
- New York University
- Ohio State University
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Penn State
- Purdue University
- Reed College

- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Richmond University
- Rochester Institute of Tech
- St. Norbert College
- St. John’s University
- St. Olaf College
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- University of Annaba School of Medicine (Algeria)
- University of California Davis
- University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)
- University of Hawaii
- University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign)
- University of Indiana
- University of Mass Amhurst
- University of Minnesota
- University of Missouri (Kansas City)
- University of Monterrey School of Medicine (Mexico)
- University of Montivideo (Uruguay)
- University of Nauc Mayab (Mexico)
- University of Richmond
- University of San Francisco
- University of Southern California
- University of St. Thomas
- University of Texas (Austin)
- University of Waterloo (Ontario)
- University of Wisconsin (Madison)
- Villanova University
- Wartburg College
- William and Mary
- Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Host Families

International students who attend SPP live with host families during their stay. This provides the opportunity for total immersion into the culture and language of the United States. We believe that this is the best way for a student to learn about and experience a new country and way of life. Being part of a host family allows students to experience American culture in intimate and personal ways not open to the typical tourist.

SAT Scores	11 th Grade Mean	12 th Grade Mean
Critical Reading	330	425
Math	640	500
Writing	430	448

data: November, 2010

ACT Scores 2011	St. Paul Preparatory School	State of Minnesota
English	23.0	22.3
Math	23.5	23.0
Reading	25.0	22.9
Science	21.0	22.8
Composite	23.0	22.9

Please note that by testing in English, 95% of our students are taking the exam in a foreign language! We do not believe these scores accurately reflect our students’ abilities or college readiness.