



Appleton North High School



The Rest of the Story...

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School Profile

Enrollment: 1,710

Grade Levels: 9-12

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Awards & Honors

Appleton North H.S. received a "Silver" ranking in U.S. News & World Report's "Best High Schools" 2017 edition. We have received this award in 2013, 2016 and 2017.

Appleton North has been **recognized** by the Wisconsin Advanced Placement Advisory Council (WAPAC) as a "Pacesetter" school in Advanced Placement Testing.



Appleton North H.S. was included in this year's Newsweek's Top 500 High Schools in America!

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) recently issued School Report Cards for every public school in Wisconsin.

The School Report Card, using multiple measures of student learning, provides guidance on how our school is doing and where it can improve.

Our school scored significantly higher than the state average in the area of "Student Achievement" and was slightly below for "On-

Track and Postsecondary Readiness" and "Closing Gaps" with an overall accountability rating of "Meets Expectations."

It is important for us to continue reviewing all of the data and searching out measures to help us improve in all areas.

As an integral part of our Continuous School Improvement Plan for the 2017-18 year, one of our goals is to communicate with our families about multiple data points in order to provide a broader view of our students' performance on numerous measures. It is important to share "the rest of the story" with our families.

This review includes standardized tests, but it should also include a variety of other assessments in our pursuit of ensuring high-quality educational programming. When viewed together, these measures provide valuable data that assist classroom teachers as they make instructional decisions to maximize student learning.

One such measure is our school's participation and success with Advanced Placement (AP) exams.

This past school year, North had **405 students** take **834 AP exams** and score a **grade of 3 or higher resulting in advanced placement standing for college on 675** of them! **(81% pass rate)**

This is tremendous and we're excited to report our students' successes on these very rigorous exams!

This data is even more impressive when one factors in the overall positive growth of our AP program over the past several years.

For example, in the spring of 2009, North had 216 students take 370 AP exams and score a grade of 3 or higher on 281 of them.

From 2009 to 2016, North has more than doubled the number of AP exams taken by students while maintaining a 78% advanced placement score of 3 or higher!

Another assessment measure highlights our school's performance on the **American Collegiate Test (ACT)**. All juniors are now required to take this test each spring and the most recent average composite score for the 2016-17 school was above the national and the state average composite score.