

# 2023-2024 Perpich Arts High School Profile



## WHAT IS PERPICH ARTS HIGH SCHOOL?

**Perpich Arts High School** opened its doors in 1989 and graduated its first class in 1991. It is a tuition-free, public, residential high school for students in 11th and 12th grades. The school is part of Perpich Center for Arts Education, a state agency created in 1985 and funded through the Minnesota state legislature to promote access to and opportunities for arts education for all Minnesota students, teachers, and schools.

Students who wish to attend Perpich Arts High School must go through a **competitive admissions process**. Those accepted have demonstrated artistic promise and a strong commitment to study in the arts and academics. The school stresses **arts and academics equally** and emphasizes creative and analytical thinking, problem solving, and decision making.

The school may enroll no more than **310 students** and they must be residents of Minnesota. They come from all parts of the state and from diverse backgrounds. Average class size is **14 students**. The school's residence hall can accommodate approximately **140 students**.

## CLASSES AND INSTRUCTORS

The school follows a block schedule system in which full-credit academic courses are taught in 90-minute periods so that a full year's credit is earned in one semester. Half-credit academic and arts electives are offered during 50-minute blocks. Art courses are three hours per day, two credits per semester. The school day is 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The school is accredited by the North Central Association Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement (NCA CASI).

## WHAT WE OFFER

The school provides a college preparatory curriculum with core courses. The arts programs are dance, literary arts, media arts, music, theater (with a musical theater track), and visual arts. Art courses are also college preparatory in addition to technical work in each art area. Advanced Placement classes offered include AP Art History, AP Calculus AB, AP Literature and Composition, and AP Studio Art. Perpich has offered College in the Schools courses through the University of Minnesota-Twins Cities. Perpich uses the Postsecondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) as a means to supplement, not replace, in-school academics. Students must be available for all art classes.

## Perpich Arts High School grading scale

A	4.0	A-	3.67
B+	3.33	B	3.0
B-	2.67	C+	2.33
C	2.0	C-	1.67
D+	1.33	D	1.00
D-	.67	NC	0

## Perpich 2023 mean ACT scores

Composite	22.5
English	22.6
Mathematics	19.2
Reading	26.2
Science	21.5

## THE PERPICH CLASS OF 2023:

**100%**

Graduation rate

**310**

School capacity

**14:1**

Average class size

**140**

Residence hall capacity

**3.22**

Average GPA of incoming 2023-24 students

**30%**

Of graduates continue to pursue their art

**2**

Graduates named College Board National Recognition Awardees (Class of 2022)

**76%**

Of students have plans for postsecondary education

**35%**

Of students graduated with honors (final GPA of 3.6 or higher)

**91**

Minnesota High Schools represented in 2023-24

**36**

Minnesota counties represented in 2023-24

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## THE GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2022 & 2023 POSTSECONDARY PLANS:

The American University of Rome, Italy  
Augsburg University, MN  
Bemidji State University, MN  
Berklee College of Music, MA  
Bethel University, MN  
Central Lakes College, MN  
College of Charleston, SC  
Colorado College, CO  
Columbia College Chicago, IL  
Cornish College of the Arts, WA  
DePaul University, IL  
Dougherty Family College at University of St. Thomas, MN  
Flagler College, FL  
Gustavus Adolphus College, MN  
Hamline University, MN  
Hampshire College, MA  
Hennepin Technical College, MN  
Lake Superior College, MN  
Lawrence University, WI  
Long Island University, NY  
Luther College, IA  
Maine College of Art and Design, ME  
Maryland Institute College of Art, MD

Middle Tennessee State University, TN  
Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, WI  
Minneapolis College, MN  
Minneapolis College of Art and Design, MN  
Minneapolis Community and Technical College, MN  
Minnesota North College, MN  
Minnesota State College Southeast - Red Wing, MN  
Minnesota State University - Mankato, MN  
Minnesota State University - Moorhead, MN  
Montana State University, MT  
Normandale Community College, MN  
Northland College, WI  
North Dakota State University, ND  
North Hennepin Community College, MN  
Pacific Northwest College of Art, OR  
Paris College of the Arts, France  
Point Park University, PA  
Portland State University, OR  
Pratt Institute, NY  
Purchase College, State University of New York, NY  
Rhode Island School of Design, RI  
San Diego Mesa College, CA  
Savannah College of Art and Design, GA

School of Visual Arts, NY  
South Central College - Mankato, MN  
St. Catherine University, MN  
St. Olaf College, MN  
Sweet Briar College, VA  
University of Colorado Boulder, CO  
University of Manitoba, Canada  
University of Minnesota - Duluth, MN  
University of Minnesota - Morris, MN  
University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, MN  
University of Nevada, Reno, NV  
University of North Dakota, ND  
University of Oregon, OR  
University of Pennsylvania, PA  
University of Puget Sound, WA  
University of St. Thomas, MN  
University of Washington - Seattle, WA  
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, WI  
University of Wisconsin - River Falls, WI  
University of Wisconsin - Stout, WI  
University of Wisconsin - Superior, WI  
Willamette University, OR  
Winona State University, MN

## 2023 MN & National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

One National Silver Medal

Regional Studio Arts: 34 Gold Key awards (One American Visions Nominee), 15 Silver Key awards, 32 Honorable Mention awards

Regional Literary Arts: 4 Silver Key awards, 7 Honorable Mention awards

## One National Merit Commended Scholar

## One U.S. Presidential Scholar in Arts Semifinalist

## One YoungArts National Finalist in Design Arts

## Perpich Arts High School Counselor

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## LEARN MORE

About Perpich arts and academic areas:  
<http://perpich.mn.gov/arts-high-school/>

View the Course Registration book:  
<https://perpich.mn.gov/arts-high-school/student-services/courses-scheduling/>

