

2025-2026 Perpich Arts High School Profile



PERPICH

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, and AP Literature and Composition. Perpich offers a College in the Schools course through the University of Minnesota-Twins Cities. Perpich uses the Postsecondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) as a means to supplement, not replace, in-school academics.

THE PERPICH CLASS OF 2025:

100%

Graduation rate

310

School capacity

14:1

Average class size

140

Residence hall capacity

3.29

Average GPA of incoming 2025-26 students

68%

Of graduates continue to pursue their art

5

Students named AP Scholars - one AP Scholar with Honor and four AP Scholars

86%

Of students have plans for postsecondary education

27%

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

76

Minnesota High Schools represented in 2025-26

26

Minnesota counties represented in 2025-26

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-	.667	NC	0

Perpich 2025 mean ACT scores

Composite	23.6
English	24.1
Mathematics	20.7
Reading	25.8
Science	23.3

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THE GRADUATING CLASSES OF 2024 & 2025 POSTSECONDARY PLANS:

American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA), NY
Anoka-Ramsey Community College, MN
Augsburg University, MN
Aveda Arts & Sciences Institutes, MN
Beloit College, WI
Berklee College of Music, MA
Columbia College Chicago, IL
Concordia College, MN
Cornell College, IA
Cornish College of the Arts, WA
DePaul University, IL
Emily Carr University of Art + Design, Canada
Hamline University, MN
Iowa State University, IA
Knox College, IL
Lake Forest College, IL
Lewis & Clark College, OR

Long Island University Post, NY
Los Angeles College of Music (LACM), CA
Luther College, IA
Maine College of Art and Design, ME
Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design (MIAD), WI
Minneapolis College (MCTC), MN
Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD), MN
Minnesota State College Southeast, MN
Minnesota State University, Mankato, MN
Minnesota State University Moorhead, MN
Montana State University, MT
Mount Holyoke College, MA
New York University, NY
Normandale Community College, MN
North Dakota State University, ND
North Hennepin Community College, MN
Pacific Northwest College of Art, OR
Parsons School of Design | The New School, NY

Ringling College of Art and Design, FL
Sarah Lawrence College, NY
Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD), GA
School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), IL
St. Catherine University, MN
University of British Columbia (UBC), Canada
University of Manitoba, Canada
University of Minnesota Twin Cities, MN
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, NE
University of North Carolina School of the Arts, NC
University of St. Thomas, MN
University of Winnipeg, Canada
University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point, WI
University of Wisconsin - Stout, WI
Western Washington University, WA
Willamette University, OR
Winona State University, MN

2025 Regional & National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Two National Medals, one Gold and one Silver

Art Awards Regional – 73 awards: 17 Gold Key, 20 Silver Key, 36 Honorable Mention awards

Writing Awards Regional – 17 awards: 2 Gold Key, 4 Silver Key, 11 Honorable Mention awards

Minnesota State High School League State Champion in Speech

Second Place in 3rd & 5th Congressional District Art Competition

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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/>

