

BRAINERD HIGH SCHOOL

Academic Profile ~ 2023-2024

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OUR COMMUNITY

The Brainerd Lakes Area, centrally located in the heart of Minnesota, is a vibrant region with a diverse economic base, high quality educational systems, and unparalleled natural beauty and recreational opportunities. Brainerd, the county seat of Crow Wing County, can be found along the banks of the Mississippi River, in the heart of Minnesota about two hours north of the Twin Cities, and nestled among more than 500 area lakes.

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Brainerd High School is a comprehensive, public 4-year high school. We are located in Brainerd, Minnesota and our schools are part of Independent School District #181. We have 87 full-time teachers on staff. Our current enrollment is approximately 1900 and includes students from Brainerd, Baxter, Nisswa, Garrison, Crosby, Fort Ripley, Pequot Lakes, Pillager, and Merrifield.

GRADING

Percent	Letter	GPA	Weighted GPA
93 and above	A	4.0	5.0
90.0-92.99	A-	3.7	4.7
87.0-89.99	B+	3.3	4.3
83.0-86.99	B	3.0	4.0
80.0-82.99	B-	2.7	3.7
77.0-79.99	C+	2.3	3.3
73.0-76.99	C	2.0	3.0
70.0-72.99	C-	1.7	2.7
67.0-69.99	D+	1.3	
63.0-66.99	D	1.0	
60.0-62.99	D-	0.7	
Under 60	F	0.0	

RECOGNITION CRITERIA

Honor Graduate w/Distinction	3.80 GPA
National Honor Society (eligibility)	3.50 GPA
Fine Arts Scholar	3.50 GPA
Scholar Athlete	3.50 GPA
Honor Graduate	3.25 GPA

SCHOOL DAY SCHEDULE

Brainerd High School has a 7 period-modified block schedule. The intervention/enrichment time is called "WIN" and stands for "What I Need." WIN time can be for academic support, structured study, or participation in enrichment activities.

CURRICULUM

To meet the needs of students, BHS offers coursework in career and technical education, college preparation, College in the Schools (CIS), and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. For a complete course listing go to the Brainerd High School website, click on Student Success Center, Academic Support, Brainerd High School Course Registration Catalog.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

AP English Language & Comp.
AP English Literature & Comp.
AP Seminar Language & Comp.
AP Research
AP Calculus
AP Statistics
AP Music Theory
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics
AP American Government
AP Psychology
AP Human Geography
AP World History
AP US History
AP Spanish

COLLEGE IN THE SCHOOLS

CIS Accounting
CIS Intro to Business
CIS Civil Engineering & Architecture
CIS Intro to Engineering
CIS Principles of Engineering
CIS Biological Engineering
CIS Chemical Engineering
CIS Intro to Communication/Speech
CIS College Algebra
CIS Intro to College Algebra
CIS Pre-Calculus
CIS Medical Terminology
CIS Environmental Science
CIS Human Biology
CIS Physics
CIS Spanish

BLENDED LEARNING COURSES

American History
Advanced Math Topics
CIS Intro to College Algebra
CIS College Algebra

ADVANCED STANDING COURSES

CIS Accounting I
CIS Intro to Business Management
Digital Photography
Video Production IIs

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Credit requirements are 44 credits minimum

Arts	2 credits
English	8 credits
Math	6 credits
Science	6 credits
Social Studies	7 credits
PE/Health	2 credits
Electives	13 credits

TESTING PROFILE

ACT: Number of candidates tested: 181 (data is from 2021)

ACT	School Mean	State Mean
English	22.65	20.12
Math	24.3	21.59
Reading	26.03	22.2
Science Reasoning	24.98	21.98
Composite	24.63	21.55

AP Testing

School Year	# Testing	# of Exams	Scores 3 +
2022-2023	392	693	76%
2021-2022	321	577	78%
2020-2021	392	727	65%
2019-2020	478	834	65%
2018-2019	640	557	68%

RECOGNITION & AWARDS

National Merit Recognition

School Year	Commended	Semifinalists	Finalists
2020-2021	5	1	1
2019-2020	1	0	2
2018-2019	2	0	1

POST-SECONDARY STATISTICS - CLASS OF 2021

Attending a 4-year college	44%
Attending a 2-year college	17%
Military	5%
Employment	34%

TOP 25 COLLEGES - CLASS OF 2021

Central Lakes College-Brainerd	MN
North Dakota State University	ND
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	MN
University of Minnesota-Duluth	MN
University of North Dakota	ND
Bemidji State University	MN
Minnesota State University-Mankato	MN
College of Saint Benedict	MN
Minnesota State University Moorhead	MN
Saint John's University	MN
St Olaf College	MN
University of Wisconsin-Madison	WI
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	WI
University of St Thomas	MN
Concordia College At Moorhead	MN
Gustavus Adolphus College	MN
South Dakota State University	SD
University of Wisconsin-River Falls	WI
Lake Superior College	MN
Waldorf University	IA
Northern Michigan University	MI
The College of Saint Scholastica	MN
Hamline University	MN
Saint Cloud State University	MN
Montana State University	MT