



HOWARD LAKE
WAVERLY · WINSTED
Public Schools

Career and College Readiness

In today's global economy, students must be prepared for the demands of college and the workplace. The first step in this process is for student to receive a high school diploma.

4 -Year Graduation Rate for the Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted School District

Year	Count	Graduated %
2016	71	93
2017	77	96
2018	59	91
2019	70	96
2020	86	98
2021	77	98

The graduation goal for HLWW Public Schools is always 100% of our students will graduate with a high school diploma. As the above table indicates, some students are not able to complete the required course work in four years. Consistently over the last five years, the average number of students graduating from one year to the next has been 95% or higher. Some of our students may not graduate for a number of reasons; reasons that impact their progress toward earning the required number of credits. Students may be educated until they are 21.

Planning for Students' Successful Transition to Postsecondary and Employment

Legislation requires all students starting in 9th grade to have a "Plan" around 7 key elements. These 7 key elements are as follows:

- academic scheduling
- career exploration
- 21st Century Skills
- community partnerships
- college access
- all forms of postsecondary training
- experiential learning opportunities.

The plan will be reviewed and revised at least annually by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and the school district to ensure that the student's course schedule ensures the student is making adequate progress to meet state and local high school graduation requirements and that the student will have a reasonable chance to succeed with employment or postsecondary education without the need to first complete remedial course work.

HLWW's Career and College Readiness Plan

8th Grade

- Students will take an interest inventory to begin exploration of careers
- Counselor visits all classrooms to discuss high school schedule planning and registration

9th Grade

- Counselor visits all classrooms to discuss schedule planning and registration
 - All students have access to the Minnesota Career Information Systems (MCIS). MCIS has a multitude of tools and surveys for students to access. Included are interest inventories, learning styles, reality checks, college matching and many other tools.

10th Grade

- All students have access to the Minnesota Career Information Systems (MCIS). MCIS has a multitude of tools and surveys for students to access. Included are interest inventories, learning styles, reality checks, college matching and many other tools.
- Wright Tech Center tour of classes offered during junior and senior year
- Counselor visits all classrooms to discuss schedule planning and registration

11th Grade

- Students take the ASVAB. The ASVAB career seminar is available to students for further career exploration.
- ACT Testing (April): for students applying to a four-year college. This test is offered in April at Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted High School for all 11th graders.
- PSAT is given to Juniors (optional)
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- National College Fair at the Minneapolis Convention Center
- Counselor visits all classrooms to present college readiness overview and timeline
- Counselor visits all classrooms to discuss schedule planning and registration
- Counselor meets individually with students to aid in college exploration, financial aid, and college application completion OR to discuss post-secondary plans for entry into the workforce or Military.
- College Reps available during school day
- Daily announcements about career exploration options and opportunities

12th Grade

- College Reps available during school day
- Daily announcements about career exploration options and opportunities
 - All students have access to the Minnesota Career Information Systems (MCIS). MCIS has a multitude of tools and surveys for students to access. Included are interest inventories, learning styles, reality checks, college matching and many other tools.
- Counselor meets individually with students to aid in college exploration, financial aid, and college application completion OR to discuss post-secondary plans for entry into the workforce or Military.
- Counselor visits all classrooms to present financial aid overview and process

Other Opportunities provided by the HLWW High School:

Advanced Placement (AP) is a College Board program that offers high school students in grades 11 & 12 the opportunity to take rigorous, college-level courses and earn college credit while in high school. The content in AP courses is structured similarly to college coursework. Students who complete an AP course and take the end-of-course examination may qualify for college credit from postsecondary institutions, provided their score meets the institution's credit policy. HLWW offers the following AP Courses:

- AP Biology
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Psychology
- AP English Literature
- AP English Language and Composition

Concurrent enrollment courses are college courses offered at the high school, taught by a trained high school teacher. These are offered in partnership with a college or university. Students who successfully complete these courses generate both high school and articulated college credit from the partnering postsecondary institution. There is no cost to the student to participate in these courses. Concurrent courses offered to students in Grades 11 & 12 at the HLWW High School are:

- College in the Schools (CIS): Math Modeling
- College in the Schools (CIS): Plant Propagation
- College in the Schools (CIS): Animal Sciences

Articulation: College credit is earned if the student attends that specific schools and has successfully completed the classes with the grade requirement. HLWW High School has articulation agreements with the following colleges through the Wright Technical Center:

- *Automotive Technology*: Hennepin Technical College, St. Cloud Community and Technical College, Anoka Technical College, and St. Cloud State University.

- *Construction Technology*: Hennepin Technical College, St. Cloud Community and Technical College, Anoka Technical College, and St. Cloud State University.
- *Cosmetology Careers*: St. Paul Technical College, Aveda Institute, Regency Beauty Institute, Empire Schools, and Model College of Hair Design.
- *Early Childhood & Elementary Careers*: Hennepin Technical College, St. Cloud Community and Technical College.
- *Graphic Communications*: St. Cloud Community and Technical College.
- *Health Science Technology & Nursing Assistant*: Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Anoka Technical College, Central Lakes College, North Hennepin Community College, St. Cloud Technical & Community College, and Hennepin Technical College.
- *Law Enforcement/First Responder*: Hibbing Technical College, and Alexandria Technical & Community College.
- *Project Lead the Way*: Engineering 1 and 2
- *Welding Technology*: Hennepin Technical College, St. Cloud Community and Technical College, Dakota County Technical College, Ridgewater Technical College, Riverland Community College, Rochester Community & Technical College and South Central College.

Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) is a program that allows 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students to earn college credit while still in high school, through enrollment in and successful completion of college-level courses. With traditional PSEO, these courses are generally offered on the campus of the postsecondary institution; some courses are offered online.

Work-study options are available to students to begin training and pathways to chosen career fields. The counselor continues to meet with students to help design the necessary pathways to postsecondary work and training.

The various military branches visit the high school often throughout the school year to help students with decision making and planning for a military career.