



# Olathe Northwest High School

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## Accreditation

Kansas Department of Education  
North Central Accreditation

## Administration

Chris Zuck, Principal  
Leah Cogswell, Assistant Principal  
Joe Gunderson, Assistant Principal  
Kathi Hilliard, Assistant Principal  
Steve Page, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director  
Brent Yeager, Superintendent

## Counselors

Sydnee Harris – Counselor  
Last Name A-B & W-Z  
Joe Geiger – Counselor  
Last Name C-G  
Heather Jasper – *Lead Counselor*  
Last Name H-L  
Becky Riffel – Counselor  
Last Name M-Q  
Lacey McDannald Gillis – Counselor  
Last Name R-V

**Enrollment:** 1961 students (Grades 9-12)

Seniors: 487  
Juniors: 523  
Sophomores: 460  
Freshmen: 479

## Class of 2023

National Merit Finalists: 6  
National Merit Semifinalists: 6  
National Merit Commended: 9  
469 Graduates  
85% reported planning to pursue post-secondary education:  
○ 65% reported entering 4-year universities  
○ 20% reported entering 2-year universities

## District Information

The Olathe Public School District is located in Johnson County, Kansas, in the southwest part of the Kansas City metropolitan area. This predominantly suburban, residential district became the second largest school district in Kansas with its enrollment of 29,567 students encompassing the cities of Olathe, Lenexa, and Overland Park. There are 36 elementary schools (grades K-5), 10 middle schools (grades 6-8), and 5 high schools (grades 9-12). Demographers predict that the population of the Olathe School District will continue to grow for the next 30 years.

## This is Olathe Northwest!

Olathe Northwest High School opened in August of 2003 in response to rapid growth in the northwest part of the rapidly growing Olathe Public School District. In every year of its existence, Olathe Northwest has earned the Standard of Excellence ranking by the Kansas State Department of Education in all academic areas. Our goal is to inspire all students to be globally-minded and socially responsible life-long learners by providing a rigorous curriculum in a safe and nurturing environment.

## Advanced Placement & Weighted Courses

Honors English I	AP Chemistry
Honors English II	AP Computer Science
AP English Language	AP Environmental Science
AP English Literature	AP/College Physics I
Honors Modern World History	AP Physics I
AP European History	AP Physics C
AP US History	AP Spanish V
AP US Government & Politics	AP French V
Honors Algebra I & II	German IV
Honors Geometry	Japanese IV
AP Calculus – AB	AP Psychology
AP Calculus – BC	AP Music Theory
AP Statistics	Honors Adv. Debate
Multivariable Calculus	AP Studio Art: 2-D Design
Linear Algebra	AP Studio Art: 3-D Design
Honors Biology	AP Studio Art: Drawing
Honors Chemistry	
AP Biology	

## ACT Scores

2023 Average Composite score of 22.2

Kansas Average Composite score 20.4

National Average Composite score 20.6

## Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a minimum of 24 credits:

4 credits English

3 credits Math

3 credits Social Science

3 credits Science

1 credit Applied Communications or  
International Language

1 credit Fine/Visual Art

1 credit PE/Health

1 credit Practical/Consumer Studies

0.5 credit Consumer & Personal Finance

0.5 credit Technology

6 credits Electives

## Grading Scale

100 – 90% = A

89 – 80% = B

79 – 70% = C

69 – 60% = D

59 – 0% = F

## Class Rank

Class rank is determined by GPA.

Grade Point Average is computed by using the Weighted Grade Formula figured by taking the number of weighted courses and dividing it by the number of semesters multiplied by 7.

Weighted GPA =

$GPA + \# \text{ of Weighted Courses} \div 7$

(# of Semesters)

## Maximum Weighted GPA

4.69

## Transcript Endorsements

- Engineering Academy
- e-Communications Academy

## Student Programs

### Academics and Activities

Extensive academic programs are offered at Olathe Northwest in all subject areas necessary for rating in Kansas as a comprehensive high school. Special education programs are available in most areas of exceptionality.

Olathe Northwest also has a comprehensive program including all of the major sports, Student Council, service clubs, interest groups, National Honor Society, performing groups and publications.

### College NOW

Concurrent enrollment for selected and approved courses through Johnson County Community College open to sophomores, juniors and seniors.

### AVID Program

Advancement via Individual Determination program for targeted college-bound freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors.

## 21st Century Academies



### Engineering Academy

Engineering Academy offers our students real world solution through engineering design. The academy challenges our students through technology and teamwork. Empowering students to use informed engineering design practices to collaboratively create responsible and innovative solutions to their current and future challenges, both individual and global.

### e-Communication Academy

e-Communication Academy provides a platform for learners to communicate, collaborate, innovate and design. Animators, graphic designers, web designers, film makers and broadcasters work beyond the classroom to create media for the school, community and professional clients.

## Mentorship/Internship Opportunities

Many of our specialized programs offer the opportunity for mentorship and internships with industry leaders.

## Industry Certifications

At our school, we offer specialized programs that prepare our students for their future endeavors. Whether they want to pursue higher education or enter the workforce, our students can gain valuable skills and credential in various fields. Some of the industry certifications that our students can earn include auto technology, welding, culinary arts, engineering & applied math, and programming & software development. These certifications give our students a competitive edge and open up new opportunities for them.