

Deerfield High School (Profile)
300 Simonson Boulevard
Deerfield, WI 53531
“Committed to Excellence and Equity in Education”

COMMUNITY

Deerfield Community Schools is located in Dane County, 20 miles east of Madison, Wisconsin’s state capitol. Deerfield students enjoy small class sizes, hands-on learning experiences, and many opportunities for participation in extra-curricular activities. We have very active parent organizations that encourage student involvement and are very supportive of our schools.

HIGH SCHOOL

Deerfield High School is a comprehensive four-year public high school enrolling 186 students in grades 9-12. Deerfield has highly-qualified teachers with 43% of staff holding a Master’s degree or higher and teacher/student ratio of 1 to 8. Our high school prepares students for college, vocational-technical, university, and the world of work. Students graduate ready to enter higher learning institutes, or, if inclined, with skills that take them from the classroom to the work place.

CURRICULUM

The academic program is organized on a 4X4 block schedule with a music/resource skinny. A full semester course load is equal to 4.5 credits; students take four 83 minute classes and one 44 minute music (band/choir) or an assigned resource class (no credit). Classes are scheduled as quarter or semester blocks. An audition-only Show Choir and Treble Choir meet during zero hour for the full year and earn partial credit. Block scheduling was instituted in 1999.

- AP courses are offered in English Language, English literature, US Government, US History. AP is an open-enrollment program. English 11 Honors is offered as preparation for AP English.
- Dual-credit is offered for English 12 through Madison College (MATC).
- Youth Apprenticeship and Youth Options programs enable juniors and seniors to enroll in college and/or career related courses and earn college credits at local institutions of higher education such as UW-Madison, Edgewood College and Madison College.
- Co-op courses such as AP Calculus and Agriculture courses are offered through a reciprocal partnership with Cambridge High School located 5 miles east of Deerfield.

ASSESSMENT

All freshmen and sophomore students take the ACT Aspire and juniors take the ACT in the spring. In addition, the ACT test is also hosted onsite four (4) times during the year. The PSAT test is offered once per year.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Seniors are required to complete a portfolio during College and Career Readiness and plan and implement a senior project.

Deerfield requires 28 credits for graduation. Grading scale is a standard 4.0

English – 4.0	Math – 3.0	Social Studies – 3.0
PE – 1.5	Health – 0.5	Science – 3.0 (Required after class of 2016)
Computer Science – 0.5	College & Career Readiness – 0.5	Personal Finance – 0.5 (Req. after class of 2017)
Fine Arts – 4.0 (Computer Science, Art, FACE, Tech Ed., Foreign Language, Music, Business)		
Electives – 8.0 (combination of any of the above subject areas) – 7.5 after class of 2017		

STUDENT EXTRACURRICULARS

Art Club, Academic Decathlon, Club Unify, Dramatics-Cast, Dramatics-Crew, Cheerleading-Spirit Squad, Solo/Ensemble, Music Festival, Math Team, National Honor Society, Science Club, School Musical, Forensics, True ID, GSA/ TREE, Student Council, Yearbook Staff, Jazz Band, Show Choir, Volleyball, Football, Wrestling, Basketball, Soccer, Softball, Baseball, Cross Country, Track and Field.

THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2016 has received a total of \$184,072.00 in scholarships. Of the 54 seniors that graduated, 23 went on to State Universities, 10 to Technical Schools, 5 to private schools, 6 to out-of-state schools, 8 seeking employment, 1 to the military, 1 volunteering. Honor roll of 3.50 or higher was 24/54 students. ACT class average was 21.5.