

Traverse City West Senior High School

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The District and Community

Traverse City is located in Michigan's Lower Peninsula on Grand Traverse Bay, approximately 250 miles northwest of Detroit. It is a family oriented community, with high expectations from educators and excellent educational opportunities for students.

Traverse City Area Public Schools (TCAPS) offers a comprehensive PreK-12 curriculum with an enrollment approximately 10,000 students throughout a 300-mile geographic area and nearly 1,300 teaching and support staff. District school facilities include 12 elementary schools, two middle schools, two high schools, and an alternative high school.

High School Accomplishments

- 2022 US News & World Report recognition for being one of Michigan's Best High Schools.
- 2019 Bridge Magazine Academic State Champs List

Graduation Requirements

Class of 2024 must earn a minimum of 22 credits in grades 9-12 for graduation. The required credits are as follows:

Mathematics: 4 credits	Health/ Phys. Ed: 1 credit
Language Arts: 4 credits	Visual Performance, Applied Arts: 1 credit
Science: 3 credits	World Languages: 2 credits
Social Studies 3 credits	Electives: 4 credits

Grading System

All grades are recorded alpha. Transfer grades are recorded using the previous school of record transfer grades. The TCAPS Cumulative GPA (unweighted 4.0 GPA scale) is used for all TCAPS awards, recognition, honors cords, and extra and co-curricular activity eligibility while enrolled in high school. The Scholarship GPA is calculated with College Board Advanced Placement courses weighted on a 5.0 GPA scale and all other courses calculated on the traditional 4.0 GPA scale. West Senior High does not calculate class rankings. Grade reporting is reflected as follows:

A	93-100	B	83-86	C	73-76	D	63-66
A-	90-92	B-	80-82	C-	70-72	D-	60-62
B+	87-89	C+	77-79	D+	67-69	F	0-59

Testing Profile

Class of 2024 SAT (397 Students tested):

Average SAT score: **1042**

68% of students met English benchmarks

46% of student met Math benchmarks

44% of students met both Math and English benchmarks

Graduates- Post High School Education

Attending College	65%
4 Year College or University	36%
2 Year College or University	29%
Other	35%

Recent graduates were admitted to colleges and universities across the country including: United States Air Force Academy, Arizona State University, Montana State University, The University of Alabama, Tufts University, University of Cincinnati, Virginia Tech, Michigan Technological University, University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

Of the 308 Class of 2023 graduating seniors, 45 were Magna Cum Laude recipients and 66 were Summa Cum Laude recipients. Seniors qualified for over 39 local scholarships. In addition, 134 seniors qualified for Presidential Education Awards.

Curriculum

Traverse City West Senior High is a comprehensive school for grades 9-12. There are three small learning communities within the larger West structure in which all students have been placed into one of three neighborhoods; Athens, Olympia, or Sparta. Average class size is 28 students within six class periods of 59 minutes each Monday thru Friday on a semester schedule.

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program includes 18 course offerings:

Biology	History- European	Studio Art- Drawing
Chemistry	History- United States	Studio Art- 2D Design
Calculus/AB	United States Govt and Politics	Studio Art- 3D Design
Calculus/ BC	World History	Computer Science
Statistics	Human Geography	
English Lang and Comp	Environmental Science	
English Lit and Comp	Psychology	

- **82% of students enrolled in AP classes scored 3 or higher on the 2023 Advanced Placement tests. There were 406 AP students who took 690 exams with an excellence in equity rate of 35.1%.**

The Honors Program includes 10 course offerings:

Biology	Physics
Chemistry	United States History
English Language Arts- 9	Honors Algebra II
English Language Arts - 10	Honors Trig/Pre-Calc
Honors Debate	Model United Nations

Dual Enrollment & Early College:

Offers students, who qualify, an opportunity to enroll in college level course. Qualifying students are eligible to earn tuition free college credit in approved courses while completing their high school education.

- Approximately 200 students completed course work throughout the year at Northwestern Michigan College.

2 Year Career and Technical Programs offered in conjunction with Traverse Bay ISD

Arts & Communication	Health Sciences
Business Management, Marketing & Technology	Human Services
Engineering/Manufacturing & Industrial Technology	Natural Resources & Agriscience