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2023-2024 Washington Park High School Profile

Community

Located in southeastern Wisconsin, Racine Unified School District (RUSD) is the fifth largest school district in the state, serving nearly 16,000 students from seven communities, covering 100 square miles. Our culturally diverse schools prepare our students to thrive in a global community.

School

Washington Park High School is a comprehensive public high school enrolling 1,200 students in grades 9–12. The school opened in the fall of 1928 and graduated its first senior class in the spring of 1929. Park High School is accredited by the **North Central Association of Secondary Schools** and holds membership in the **College Board** and the **National Association for College Admission Counseling**. Park High School's athletic teams compete in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) and belong to the Division I Southeast Conference. Administratively, the school is divided into three academies: Freshman Academy, the Academy of Health and Public Service and the Academy of Business and Technical Services. Park's student population is 35% Hispanic, 32% Black, 26% white and 6% other.

Curriculum

The academic program is organized on a rotating block schedule. Eight credits per year is the maximum course load; students take four 90-minute block classes on a rotating A/B day schedule. Block classes are semester-long; each block class meets every other day. Block scheduling was instituted in the 2016 – 2017 school year.

There are approximately 200 courses available to students. Courses in the five academic disciplines are sometimes identified as regular, College Prep or Advanced Placement courses. Students also have the opportunity to participate in courses in Business, Family and Consumer Science and Technical Education Work Study Programs. We offer PLTW courses for college and high school credit. Park High School offers multiple Transcribed Credit classes through Grate Technical College and a General Chemistry PACC class through the University of Wisconsin - Parkside.

AP® Course Offered: Biology, Physics 1 & 2, Calculus, Statistics, PreCalculus, Literature & Composition, Language & Composition, US Government, World History, US History, Human Geography, Psychology, Studio Art, Spanish Language, AP Research & AP Seminar.

PLTW® Courses Offered: Intro to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering, Digital Electronics, Human Body Systems, Computer Science Essentials, Civil Engineering & Architecture.

Additional College Prep (CP) and accelerated courses offered: English Usage/Writing, Algebra II/Trigonometry, Math Studies, Chemistry, Physics, Spanish 3 & 4, Spanish for Spanish Speaker, and CP Sociology.

What are the Academies?

The Academies of Racine Park High School offers small learning communities or pathways that provide real-world experiences with local businesses and professionals. Each pathway prepares students for specific career areas by connecting regular high school coursework to college and career opportunities after graduation. Students select a pathway their freshman year and study it for the next three years, earning college credits and nationally-recognized industry certifications along the way. Students enrolled in the Academies of Racine are also able to take rigorous Advanced Placement and Project Lead the Way courses, world languages, participate in fine arts, join a variety of clubs and activities depending on their interests and participate in athletics.

Principals

Directing Principal: William O'Malley

Academy Principals:

Sabrina Manuel

Joseph Miller

Erin Wakim

Activities Director:

Michael Jackson

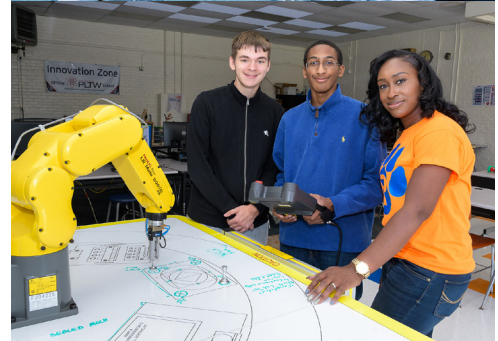
Counselors

Department Chair: Jennifer Binneboese

Thomas Kasproovich

Wendy Saber

Jeffrey Wilkins



Grading and Ranking

A+ 97% at 4.0	B+ 87% at 3.3	C+ 77% at 2.3	D+ 67% at 1.3
A 93% at 4.0	B 83% at 3.0	C 73% at 2.0	D 63% at 1.0
A- 90% at 3.7	B- 80% at 2.7	C- 70% at 1.7	D- 60% at 0.7

School policy uses a student's unweighted GPA to determine class rank as well as valedictorian and salutatorian. Some courses are not calculated into the GPA and are indicated on the transcript. *Weighted class rank was eliminated beginning with the Class of 2020.* Some courses are graded using Standards or Evidence-Based Grading and calculated on a 4-point scale.

Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation

GPA is computed using the above quality points. Beginning with grade nine, all subjects, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation. Grades are recorded on the transcript and GPA is computed at the end of the semester in January and June. The graduation requirement was adjusted for the class of 2020 - 2023 due to Covid. **The graduation requirement for the Class of 2024 is 24 credits.**

Student Activities

Our School athletic program offers 20 athletic teams for our young men and women to participate in

- Football
- Cross country
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Golf
- Tennis
- Swimming
- Diving
- Wrestling
- Track
- Baseball
- Softball

We also offer 30+ club activities ranging from service groups to academic organizations, including

- National Honor Society
- Key Club
- Cheerleading
- DECA
- FBLA
- LINK Crew
- Poms
- Skills USA
- Theater Arts
- Yearbook

Subject	Carnegie units required
English	4.0
Mathematics	3.0
Science	3.0
Social Studies	3.5
Physical Education	1.5
Health Education	0.5
Fine Arts	1.0
Electives	4.5
Pathway Credits	3.0
Total Credits	24.0

Class of 2023

There were **212** graduates in the Class of 2023, for a graduation rate of 82.2%.

Standardized Test Results:

ACT® Average Composite Score: 16 - taken by all juniors. There were multiple complications with the statewide digital ACT taken in March 2023, resulting in lower scores.

AP® Results:

5-year total results to date: A total of **775** exams were taken by **453** students. Park had **58** total AP scholars including 4 Capstone & 2 Research & Seminar Certificates.

Post High School Placement: Our students have been accepted and attend a myriad of schools within the public, private, and technical school systems as well as schools public & private outside of Wisconsin.

59% matriculated to 4-year colleges

30% matriculated to 2-year institutions

11% selected work, military service or technical instruction

The classes of 2023 to date earned **\$2.475 million** in scholarship and award money.

