

# PORTAGE HIGH SCHOOL

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## MISSION

Committed to the success of every student.

## VISION

The Portage Community School District will be a leader in education having high expectations for all students based on a clearly defined curriculum, partnering with parents and the community, and differentiating the instruction to meet the needs of every student in a literacy rich environment.

## COMMUNITY

Portage is located in the south central part of Wisconsin on the scenic Wisconsin River approximately 35 miles north of the state capital in Madison. The city has a population of over 10,000 residents and has been a transportation crossroads since Marquette and Joliet visited in 1673.

Portage is the third oldest city in the state characterized by two residential and two downtown historic districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition, the 19<sup>th</sup> century canal is currently being revitalized. Portage, a Wisconsin Main Street Community, offers various industries that include dairy products, plastics, medical products, and glass.

## SCHOOL

The Portage Community School District (4K-12) serves approximately 2,350 students in one urban primary school (K-1), two rural elementary schools (1-5), two urban elementary schools (1-5), one middle school (6-8), and one high school (9-12). In addition, the Portage Community School District offers an at-risk alternative high school, Portage Academy of Achievement (9-12).

Portage High School is located 16 miles from a two-year satellite college campus (UW-Baraboo/Sauk County) and down the street from a satellite technical college (Madison College). Students who qualify for the Early College Credit Program are allowed to take courses at either campus to earn both high school and college credit.

**MASCOT: Warriors**

**COLORS: Black & Orange**

**ENROLLMENT FOR 2020-2021**

785

**PATTERN OF THE SCHOOL YEAR (COVID-19)**

Two 18-week semesters (first semester 100% virtual with students in the building on two days a week); 180 student days per year; seven 40-min periods daily from 7:50 am - 3:15 pm with a 30-min homeroom and three academic “enhancement” periods coinciding with 3 lunch periods.

**PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

70 teachers, counselors, and specialists

**ADMINISTRATION**

Superintendent: Mr. Joshua Sween  
Principal: Mr. Oran Nehls  
Assistant Principal: Mr. Sean Stout  
Dean of Students: Mr. Brad Meixner

**COUNSELING STAFF**

Mr. Tim Belleau  
Mrs. Terry Gilman  
Mrs. Laura Kallenbach

**SPECIAL FEATURES**

1:1 Student with Chromebooks

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

English	4.0 credits
Social Studies	3.0 credits
Math	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
Physical Education	1.5 credits
Health	0.5 credit
Personal Finance	0.5 credit
Electives	<u>8.5 credits</u>

**Total Credits with Electives 24 credits**

**AVERAGE COMPOSITE SCORE ON THE ACT**

20.5%

**FURTHER EDUCATION OF GRADUATES**

4-year college/university: 45%  
2-year college satellite: 10%  
2-year technical college: 35%

**GRADING SCALE**

Portage High School utilizes a weighted grading scale derived from a 4-point scale. All courses in the curriculum are categorized into either: REGULAR - courses aimed at the majority of students. PRIME - courses designed to challenge the more capable students; they are generally upper level course, taken by college-bound students.

LETTER GRADE	PRIME	REGULAR
A+	5.000	4.330
A	4.667	4.000
A-	4.333	3.667
B+	4.000	3.333
B	3.667	3.000
B-	3.333	2.667
C+	3.000	2.333
C	2.667	2.000
C-	2.333	1.667
D+	2.000	1.333
D	1.667	1.000
D-	1.333	.667
F	0	0

- **Prime courses:** all AP and PIE courses, German III, IV & V, Spanish III, IV & V, Honors Global Studies & Research, Honors, U.S. History, Honors World Literature, Pre-Calculus.
- **Advanced Placement courses:** English Language, English Literature, Chemistry, Calculus, Biology, Computer Science.
- **Partners in Education courses through UW Whitewater:** English 101, Political Science 141.
- **Dual Credit courses:** Adv. Microsoft Office Academy, Nursing Assistant, Elementary Algebra, Welding Fabrication, Manufacturing Technologies.
- **Early College Credit Program** (earn high school & college credit at UW-Baraboo/Sauk County or Madison College).

**ACTIVITIES & CLUBS**

Art Club, Chess Club, Drama/Musicals, FBLA, FFA, FCCLA, Forensics, Gay-Straight Alliance, German Club, German National Honor Society (Delta Epsilon Phi), HOSA, Ice Fishing Club, Interact Club, Key Club, Link Crew, National Honor Society, Skills USA, Spanish Club, Spanish National Honor Society, Student Council, and Video Club.

**SPORTS CONFERENCE**

Badger Conference, North Division  
Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA)

**BOYS SPORTS**

Football, Cross Country, Soccer, Cheer/Dance, Basketball, Curling, Hockey, Wrestling, Track, Golf, Tennis, and Baseball.

**GIRLS SPORTS**

Volleyball, Golf, Swimming, Cheer/Dance, Cross Country, Tennis, Basketball, Curling, Hockey, Track, Softball, and Soccer.