

Community of Peace Academy Profile 2017-2018

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THE SCHOOL

Community of Peace Academy has been a National School Of Character since 2003, and was founded upon the premise that public education must be about the business of educating citizens who freely make decisions and choices that are good for themselves and good for others. Community of Peace Academy opened its doors in 1995 on the east side of St. Paul, Minnesota, to 160 students in grades K-5, with the intention of serving grades K to 8 by 1998. In 1999, Community of Peace Academy started a high school and in 2003 our first high school class graduated. Now in its twentieth year, CPA serves a diverse urban population of over 700 students in grades Pre-K to 12.

OUR VISION

At Community of Peace Academy our desired outcome is to educate the whole person; mind, body and will; for peace, justice, freedom, compassion, wholeness and fullness of life for all.

OUR MISSION

To be a racially and culturally diverse community of students, parents, and staff, dedicated to creating a peaceful environment in which each person is treated with unconditional positive regard and acceptance. To create such an environment, a non-violent perspective will be intentionally taught and all members of the community will strive to practice a non-violent lifestyle.

STUDENT POPULATION 2016

CPA Secondary serves a diverse 9-12 population of over 275 students. Within the student body:

- 45% Hmong (Immigrants from Laos/ Thailand)
- 22% African American
- 25% Hispanic
- 8% European American
- 88% Free and Reduced Lunch
- 19% Special Education Services
- 50% Speak home languages other than English

HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- High School founded in 1999
- Over 250 total students in grades 9-12
- 57 students in class of 2018
- Average class size is 25
- Staff-student ratio 10:1
- Uniforms Required
- College Possible and St. Olaf TRiO Educational Talent Search Partnership
- First MN High School with a Green Roof
- 2003 & 2014: National School of Character, Charter Education Partnership, Washington D.C.
- 2005: Named PeaceBuilder Model Site, Peace Partners Inc.
- 2007: National Charter School of the Year by the Center for Education Reform, Washington D.C.
- 2010 & 2012: Bronze Medal, Best High Schools in America, U.S. News and World Report
- 2013: Minnesota Department of Education Reward School

Education Happens Through Relationships

Unconditional Positive Regard for All is the fundamental principle underlying relationships within our school community. We believe education happens through relationships, and thrives within caring, peaceful and value rich community, therefore we:

- Visit each students home annually
- Promote long-term home/school relationships
- Teach and model caring and ethical behavior

Community Building & Service Learning Retreats

- Youth Frontiers Retreat- Grade 9
- Camp Iduhapi Retreat- Grade 10
- Habitat for Humanity- Grade 11
- Vision Quest Retreat- Grade 12

ATHLETICS AND COMPETITION

CPA is an official member of the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL). Competitive activities offered at CPA include:

- Boys Soccer
- Girls Volleyball
- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- One Act Play
- Musical

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- Student Council
- Peer Mediation
- Academy Choir
- Homework Club
- Art Club
- Science Club
- Badminton Club
- Model United Nations
- College Possible
- TRiO Educational Talent Search

Community of Peace Academy Class of 2017 Graduation Data

Graduation Rate: 94%
 Post-Secondary Acceptance Rate: 96%
 Average ACT Composite: 17.5

Community of Peace Academy College Enrollment Classes of 2008 to 2016

Augsburg College
 Bethel University
 Brown College
 Century College
 Chicago State University
 College of Visual Arts
 Concordia University
 Cornell College
 Carleton College
 Dakota County Technical College
 Dakota State University
 Gustavus Adolphus College
 Hamline University
 Howard University
 Lawrence University
 Metropolitan State University
 Mills College
 MCAD/Minneapolis College of Art and Design
 Minnesota Community & Tech College
 Minnesota State University, Mankato
 Mount Mary College
 Northwestern College
 Reedley College
 Saint John's University
 Saint Paul College
 South Dakota State University
 Southwest Minnesota State University
 St. Catherine University
 St. Cloud State University
 St. Mary's University
 St. Olaf College
 University of St. Thomas
 University of Minnesota, Duluth
 University of Minnesota, Morris
 University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
 University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
 University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
 University of Wisconsin, River Falls
 University of Wisconsin, Stout

CLASS OF 2018 GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4 Credits
Social Studies	4 Credits
Mathematics	3 Credits
Science	3 Credits
Ethics	2 Credits
PE	1 Credit
Art	1 Credit
Health	.5 Credit
Science Elective	1 Credit
Math Elective	1 Credit
General Electives	4.5 Credits
<u>World Language</u> (CPA recommends completion of 2 credits)	
TOTAL	25 credits

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Community of Peace Academy is organized in a semester system. Students are awarded a half year credit after each semester for Math and English. Science and Social Studies classes are delivered through block schedule format with students earning a full year credit after one semester. Ethics is awarded a quarter credit after each semester.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

GPA is based on marks earned in grades 9-12. All courses for which the student receives a grade A - F are included in the GPA. Pass grades are not included in the GPA, but do count towards graduation. GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale. **CPA does not weight grades.**

A = 4.0	A- = 3.7	B+ = 3.3	P = Pass
B = 3.0	B- = 2.7	C+ = 2.3	I = Incomplete
C = 2.0	C- = 1.7	D+ = 1.3	NC = No Credit
D = 1.0	D- = 0.7	F = 0	NG = No Grade
			EW = Ethics

CLASS OF 2017 GPA DISTRIBUTION

Total number of students= 56
 Highest GPA: 3.94
 Middle GPA: 2.75
 Lowest GPA: 1.35

CLASS RANK

Class rank is based off of the unweighted grade point average, and is calculated after semester I and again after semester II. Community of Peace Academy does not weight rank.

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COURSE CURRICULUM 2017-2018

COLLEGE IN THE SCHOOLS

CIS Writing Studio
 CIS College Algebra through Modeling
 CIS Statistics

ENGLISH (4 credits)

Mixed Genres
 World Literature
 American Literature
 Public Speaking
 Contemporary Themes: Lit & Composition

SOCIAL STUDIES (4 credits)

United States History
 World History
 Civics
 Economics

MATHEMATICS (4 credits)

Intermediate Algebra
 Honors Intermediate Algebra
 Geometry
 Honors Geometry
 Algebra II
 Honors Algebra II
 CIS College Algebra through Modeling
 Calculus

SCIENCE (4 credits)

Physical Science
 Biology
 Chemistry
 Environmental Science
 Advanced Biology

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (1 credit)

Physical Education I
 Lifetime Fitness
 Advanced Physical Education

ARTS (1 credit)

Music Appreciation
 Academy Choir
 Musicals 101
 Visual Arts
 Advanced Visual Arts

ELECTIVES (5 credits)

Health
 Everyday Health
 Spanish I
 Spanish II
 CIS Writing Studio
 Dramatic Communication
 Film Studies
 Mass Media
 Drama
 Intro to Goggle Apps
 Math Tutorial- Algebra II
 CIS Algebra through Modeling
 Math Tutorial- Geometry
 Science Workshop
 Biology Topics
 CIS Multicultural Perspectives in Sociology
 History Through Media
 Historical Novels
 Post-Secondary Exploration
 ACT College Prep
 Teacher Assistant
 Study Skills
 Computer Programing
 Introduction to Engineering
 Journalism

ETHICS (2 credits)

Personal Ethics
 World Religions
 World Peacemakers
 Citizenship

SPECIAL EDUCATION

A full range of education alternatives with varying degrees of mainstream, co-taught or small group instruction are offered.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Both small group and mainstream classroom ESL services are provided for our English as a second language learners.

#916 CAREER & TECH

Career and Technical classes taken at Century College are offered to students to provide career exploration and preparation for employment. High school credit and possible college credit can be earned.

TRANSCRIPT NOTATIONS

TR= Transfer School
 North East Metro #916= Remedial
 Gordon Parks= Remedial
 PSEO= Postsecondary Enrollment
 #916 Career & Tech= Century College Course Work

Ethics Waiver= Student waived from CPA Ethics Requirement

*Ethics elective credit may be waived for students who were not enrolled at CPA during the time the course was offered.

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT DATA

TOTAL ENROLLMENT IN PSEO AND CIS COURSES

School Year	PSEO	CIS	Total
2016-2017	17		
2015-2016	24	115	139
2014-2015	22	127	149
2013-2014	26	130	156
2012-2013	14	86	100
2011-2012	11	66	77

Post-Secondary Enrollment Options: This Minnesota program allows sophomores, juniors and seniors to take college or technical classes at a college/technical campus for dual credit.

College in the Schools (CIS): College in the Schools is a program offered in conjunction with the University of Minnesota. The curriculum is provided by the U of M. Students earn high school and University of Minnesota college credit by completing the coursework.