



This is a list of frequently asked questions that are meant to help you select a high school as the best fit for your prospective student. In a competitive educational marketplace, we believe that Nicolet High School is strategically positioned to help you. But don't take our word for it; compare for yourself. Use the scorecard on the last page to compare our answers to other schools you visit.

1) Is there a culture of academic excellence?



Nicolet's tradition of excellence dates back to our first year of operation in 1955. Since then, the list of Nicolet accomplishments and accolades has grown to include being named a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence twice by the U.S. Department of Education. Our faculty has received national recognition for the many awards and honors that have been earned through hard work and a passion for excellence. For example, Nicolet's World Language Department was chosen to receive the Donna Clementi Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence in World Language Programs by the Wisconsin Association for Language Teachers. Fifteen of our faculty members are Kohl Fellowship Award recipients and 84% of our staff members have advanced degrees.

Nicolet students are no less accomplished. Since 2014, 26 Nicolet students have been named National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists, and since 2012, seven Nicolet students recorded perfect scores on the ACT® college admission. Also, seventeen Nicolet graduates have received the Kohl Fellowship Award. In the spring of 2016, students took 742 Advanced Placement (A.P.) exams in twenty-seven subject areas with 73% of those students earning a score of 3 or higher (out of 5). A quick look at our 2016 Commencement Program lists hundreds of individual awards and scholarships received by our graduates.

The Washington Post ranked Nicolet among America's Most Challenging Schools in 2015 and 2016 based on the number of advanced placement tests given. This is a measure of how well our students are prepared for college.

Other area high schools – both public and private – simply do not produce the depth and breadth of scholastic excellence that takes place at Nicolet on a daily basis.

2) Will you fully prepare my child for college and beyond?



Nicolet students had a composite ACT® score of 22.9 in 2015-16. Nearly 80% of Nicolet graduates continue their education at some of the most prestigious post-secondary colleges and universities in America. Recent graduates were accepted to Harvard, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Princeton, Stanford and Yale. Nicolet grads do very well upon entry into their undergraduate, graduate and professional programs.

Nicolet High School District is committed to ensuring that our students are well prepared for the post-secondary opportunities that await them. The large majority of our students plan on attending college and we know performing well on the ACT® is one of the important ways students can set themselves up for admission to their preferred college or university. In an effort to give students a competitive advantage, Nicolet is partnering with nationally renowned ACT® tutor, Kreigh Knerr, to offer an ACT prep program integrated into the current school day.

Our counseling department goes to great lengths to individualize the post-secondary planning process from high school course selection up to, and including, systematic guidance during the complex college application process. Colleges and universities are seeing record numbers of qualified applications each year. The competition for seats at post-secondary institutions is only getting stronger. Based on what we've seen, a Nicolet High School experience opens many postgraduate doors.

At Nicolet, our goal is not simply to help our students get into their school of choice, but to ensure their success once they get there. In addition to the 20+ Advanced Placement (A.P.) courses offered at Nicolet, we have a broad array of academic opportunities through our honors and accelerated courses that move at a faster pace and cover more advanced material than a typical public high school. Nicolet is also one of the few schools in the state offering college math courses beyond A.P. As a large comprehensive high school we offer many high-level electives, independent study options, as well as internships for the student who has a high interest and/or skill in elective areas such as art, music, theatre or engineering.

The depth and breath of our academic program options result in graduates that can function on their own and, ultimately, are well prepared for the rigors of college and career.

3) Are there multiple options to explore personal interests?



In addition to our extensive academic program of studies, Nicolet offers a multitude of extracurricular and club opportunities. We realize that athletics, community service, and other activities are a high priority for most students. If a student or group of students can't identify a club that meets their specific interests, we encourage self-determination through the creation of new clubs and activities.

Knowing that colleges and universities often ask applicants about their interests outside of the classroom, we strive to offer opportunities for personal growth, as well as avenues for social and emotional development. We understand that a well-rounded high school experience leads to a happier, healthier and more productive young adult.

4) What support will you offer my child?



As we endeavor to challenge, grow and stretch our students' minds, we acknowledge that even the brightest students may encounter academic, social or emotional difficulty at various points of their high school career. Our Freshmen Academy and its yearlong high school transition program, our daily resource period and our Academic Success Center all serve as specific student support structures built into our extensive instructional system. These specific institutional structures fully complement an already elaborate peer and 1-1 teacher tutoring opportunities, before, during and after school.

We also recognize the importance of mental health and students' overall well being. Services such as individual and group counseling are combined with the use of outside speakers in an effort to proactively build resiliency during periods of overextension, anxiety, and stress. Finally, a school psychologist and social worker are available for additional emotional and social support.

5) Will my child be safe here?



Student safety is paramount. While Nicolet has a strong track record regarding student safety, we adhere to a continuous improvement model. We have worked closely with the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as various local law enforcement and emergency management agencies to implement cutting-edge safety and security protocols and systems.

You are invited to stop by and observe the hallways, common areas, and lunchroom during the school day to see how calm and safe they appear. Our practice of Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports has proven to be a successful proactive approach to school culture and climate. A nurturing environment of respect and personal responsibility has taken hold, as we do not sweep important conversations under the proverbial rug such as bullying, hazing, and substance abuse. At Nicolet, we are aware and pro-active.

HIGH SCHOOL SCORECARD

	NICOLET HIGH SCHOOL	SCHOOL #2:	SCHOOL #3:
Academic Excellence			
Preparation for College & Beyond			
Extracurriculars, Clubs & Athletics			
Student Support			
Safety			