

# CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

## ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

The Academic Success Center (ASC) is designed to assist students in gaining the fundamental concepts, skills, and strategies that will enable them to be successful in their current and future academic goals. Working in collaboration with an ASC advisor, long-term and short-term academic goals are developed to ensure that each student is achieving adequate progress towards his or her goals.



## ART

Nicolet offers several types of visual art courses – Drawing and Design, Painting, Graphic Design, Ceramics, Art Metal, Photography and AP Studio Art. Students in each class learn how art relates to the world and how artists integrate skills learned in other academic classes. Nicolet art students have their work selected for many exhibitions each year and have a strong tradition of receiving awards and scholarships.



## AVID

Nicolet became the first school in Wisconsin to adopt AVID – Advancement Via Individual Determination – a college preparatory program aimed at students who are not performing up to their potential but want to be successful. AVID's goal is to increase the number of students who enroll and succeed in higher education, and their lives beyond high school.



## BUSINESS

Courses in technology, business, finance, accounting, marketing and management prepare students for a successful future. Nicolet received the Governor's Award in 2015 for its Financial Literacy program and was also named a Blue Star School for students' performance on the Financial Literacy Certification Exam sponsored by WISE (Working in Support of Education).



## ENGLISH

The English Department helps students to develop skills in reading, writing, speaking, listening and viewing. Through the curriculum, students gain extensive research and analytical skills needed throughout their college careers. Classes revolve around reading novels, essays and other forms of literature, and require students to analyze, interpret and dissect written material in order to compare, contrast and discuss elements.



## FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCES

The Family and Consumer Education Department provides students with opportunities to develop skills to live a healthy, productive life and to strengthen participation in family experiences. Students gain valuable insights and experiences that can be employed when making career and consumer decisions.



## NICOLET STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Nicolet Student Services Department consists of four full-time counselors, a social worker, and school psychologist working collaboratively towards helping students achieve personal, academic, college, and career readiness while maintaining a healthy, balanced lifestyle. Students are assigned a school counselor who remains with them throughout high school. The counselors follow a curriculum structured around the Wisconsin Comprehensive Counseling Model. Counselors schedule meetings with students every year to help promote and develop personal and academic growth.



## MATH

Nicolet is in the second year of implementing a new curriculum, College Preparatory Mathematics. These standards challenge all students to be proficient in mathematical discourse, problem solving, logical reasoning, precision, collaboration and perseverance. Over 17 different courses are offered, including three AP classes and Computer Programming.



## MUSIC

The Nicolet Music Department offers performance ensembles in band, chorus and orchestra. In addition to performances for school events and throughout the community, Nicolet musicians consistently earn Superior ratings at Wisconsin School Music Association Solo and Ensemble festivals at both the district and state levels. Music students have the opportunity to travel domestically and internationally.



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELLNESS

The Physical Education Department at Nicolet High School seeks to provide students with the opportunity to foster continued improvement of skills in order to become efficient, knowledgeable and self-confident individuals who can successfully participate and manage a healthy and active lifestyle.



## SCIENCE

Nicolet has a five-acre forest, officially recognized as the Nicolet School Forest, which is enrolled in Wisconsin's School Forest Program. At the edge of the forest sits Nicolet's Outdoor Environmental Center, which serves as an outdoor classroom. The National Association of Biology Teachers named Nicolet teacher John Rhude Wisconsin's Outstanding Biology Teacher for 2013.



## SOCIAL STUDIES

The Social Studies Department is committed to empowering students to become creative and independent thinkers through the understanding and analysis of important political, geographic, economic, legal and social issues of our historical and contemporary world. The department strives to guide our student population in realizing their potential as citizens of a democratic nation and members of our local community.



## SPECIAL EDUCATION

Nicolet's Special Education Program, boasting two Kohl Fellows, offers expansive services in the areas of academic, social and life skills. Individual programming is designed to meet the needs of each student with an IEP. Our co-planning, co-teaching and co-serving programming impacts the learning of EACH student in the classroom.



## STEM

STEM curriculum (science, technology, engineering and math) is essential for preparing our students to be successful. STEM engages students through real work experiences, provides for dual credit options and creates opportunity to acquire industry certification. Nicolet is the first high school on the North Shore to implement the STEM Academy curriculum.



## THEATRE ARTS

The Theatre Arts program produces plays, student-directed one-acts and a musical every year. The program is a co-curricular and offers a variety of classes on the curricular level for those interested in acting and stage crew. The curriculum prepares students interested in pursuing a career in theatre. Students have the opportunity to take part in a master class featuring renowned performing arts professionals.



## WORLD LANGUAGE

Nicolet's World Language Department was awarded the 2014 Donna Clementi Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence in World Language Programs by the Wisconsin Association for Language Teachers. Nicolet offers courses in French, German, Hebrew and Spanish. Outside of the classroom, students participate in clubs, honor societies and travel.



## ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

In 2015, students took 750 Advanced Placement (AP) exams in 26 subject areas.  
77% of those students scored 3 or higher (out of 5).

AP Biology 2  
AP Calculus AB  
AP Calculus BC  
AP Chemistry 2  
AP Computer Science  
AP Economics  
AP English Language and Composition  
AP English Literature and Composition

AP Environmental Science  
AP European History  
AP French 5  
AP German 5  
AP Music Theory  
AP Physics 1  
AP Physics 2  
AP Physics C

AP Spanish 5  
AP Statistics  
AP Studio Art 2D  
AP Studio Art 3D  
AP Studio Art Drawing  
AP US Government & Politics  
AP US History