

Menlo Park Academy High School - Info

Menlo Park is a contract alternative high school in the Minneapolis Public School District.

Students who do well in this program are in need of a smaller environment where they can get more individualized support for academics with flexible scheduling for Junior and Senior level high school students.

Student supports available:

Strong Advisory Program: Students are assigned a staff advisor who meets with them individually twice each quarter to discuss their progress at school and in life. The daily Advisory Class provides further support and development of social/emotional skills and societal trauma resilience as the group of 12-14 investigates topics of concern to teens.

East Side offers a variety of job skills and employment opportunities. Menlo also has elective opportunities to make up academic credits.



Additional support:

- Day Care is available on site or next door at Turnquist Center (waiting lists exist).
- Menlo offers internships for work study and elective credits.
- Open campus at lunch.
- Constant parent involvement and conferences as requested.
- Many of the same activities as traditional high schools, including prom, yearbook, and graduation ceremony at Menlo.
- Bus passes for students in Minneapolis and over 2 miles from school.

Unique qualities of this school environment:

Staff works with students to create a very safe and caring environment. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their academic progress and contribute positively to the school community. In conjunction, Menlo offers **Wild Wednesdays**, a field trip program where students engage in hands-on experience in the community, with science, social studies, or math.

Credit make-up opportunities:

Students can earn up to 7 credits per year when completing daily work. Opportunities for extra credit are also available when staff create an individual contract to complete work outside of school. Students can also attend classes at Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC) earning both high school and college credit through the D3 program.

After school options/activities:

Menlo partners with ESNS' Youth Department to offer an after-school program, Menlo Vibe, 4 days a week. This is an activity-based program for elective credit, not an academic program. Students can also participate in extra-curricular activities and sports at their assigned community high school.

Unique coursework/elective options:

Sexual Health and Gender Identity resources are available in partnership with Northpoint Health, along with PhyEd and Art in addition to all other coursework required for graduation. Menlo also partners with Change Inc. for mental health services with proof of insurance. Students can double up core classes if they are behind on graduation requirements (i.e., could take English 10 and English 11 in the same quarter). Students ready to move forward with education can take classes at MCTC for free as a part of the D3 program.

School Times: 8:30am - 3:23pm
Class Length: Four 90-minute blocks
Typical Class Size: 10-15 students
Capacity: 75
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