



“The teachers truly care about you and they do their best to help you succeed. It is an international school, so there is plenty of diversity for those who care about that.”

Boarding School

St. Croix Lutheran Academy Minnesota

Located in Minnesota’s Twin Cities region, St. Croix Lutheran Academy offers a rigorous college preparatory education for domestic and international students. The school provides a diverse environment with strong academic programs, modern facilities, and a welcoming Midwestern community.

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Quick Facts

Founded: 1958

Niche.com Score: A-

Students: Co-educational

Climate: Cold winters / Warm summers

Population: 22,000

School Population: 500

High School Population: 460

Accepting students: Grade 6-11

Diploma Year offered: No

Interview Required? Yes

English as Second Language (ESL) support: Yes

University Acceptance rate: 95%

Academic Excellence

St. Croix Lutheran Academy provides a balanced, Christ-centered education focused on spiritual, intellectual, and physical growth. The school maintains a 13:1 student-teacher ratio, with over 60% of faculty holding advanced degrees. Students benefit from AP courses, STEM and PSEO programs, and dual-credit opportunities that prepare them for university-level learning. With a 95% college acceptance rate, **SCLA is accredited by both MNSAA and Cognia** for its consistent academic excellence and commitment to developing future Christian leaders.

Student Accomplishments

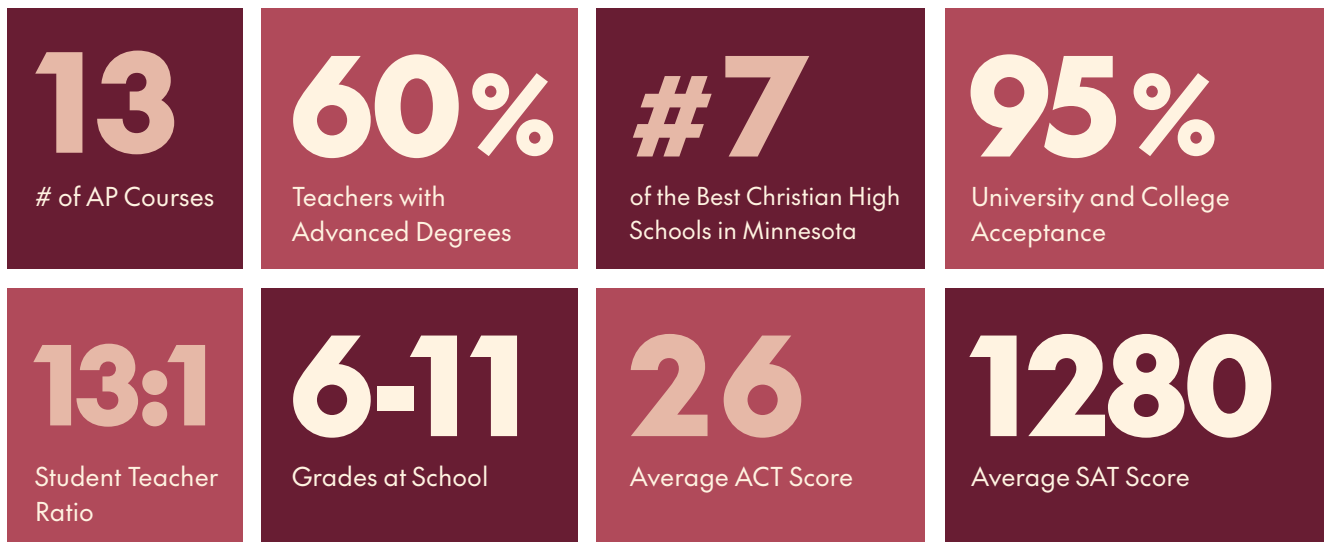
- 95% of graduates advance to higher education
- State football champions in 2011 and 2013
- Men's track and field Class A Minnesota True Team champions in 2009 and 2023
- Accredited by MNSAA and Cognia for outstanding educational quality.

Recent University Acceptances

- Boston College
- Cornell University
- Columbia College
- Clark University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Harvard University
- Indiana University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Marquette University
- New York University
- Ohio State University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Pepperdine University
- Purdue University
- Syracuse University
- University of Michigan
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin
- University of Texas
- University of Notre Dame
- University of San Francisco
- University of California
- Washington State University



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Campus Facilities

SCLA's 30-acre campus blends modern facilities with a welcoming atmosphere. Students learn in **interactive classrooms, science labs, and dedicated spaces for music, art, and theater.** The award-winning chapel hosts daily worship and events, while athletic amenities include **Crusader Stadium, a full gymnasium, baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, and practice facilities.**

Residential Life

The on-campus dormitory accommodates about 150 students in a **safe, faith-based environment.** Rooms are shared, with modern furnishings, study areas, lounges, and supervised support. Boarding students come from over 15 countries, enjoying cultural diversity, weekend activities, and community service within a nurturing Christian setting.

Athletics and Arts

Athletics play a major role at SCLA, with 23 interscholastic teams that foster teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship. The academy's football and track programs have achieved multiple state championships.

The fine arts department supports creativity through courses in 2D and 3D design, ceramics, sculpture, and theater. Music ensembles such as the Croixaliers, Jazz Band, and Chapel Band perform throughout the Twin Cities, showcasing exceptional student talent.



Highlights

Sports: American Football, Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Cross Country Running, Dance, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Track and Field, Volleyball, Wrestling

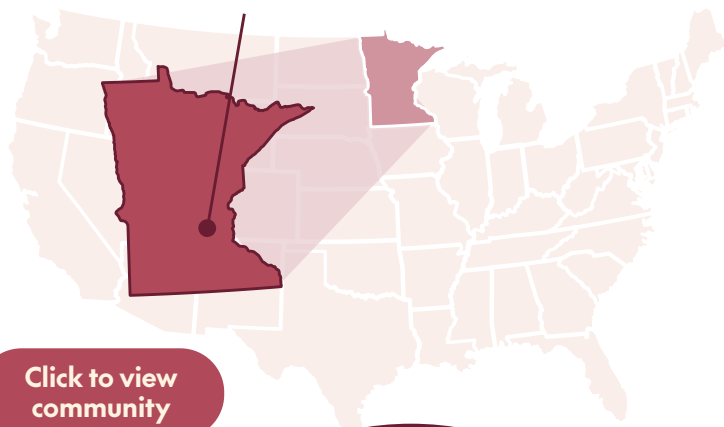
Arts: 2D Art and Design, Ceramics, Drawing, Painting, Performing Arts, Sculpture, Studio Art, Theater, Music Theory

Advanced Placement courses: Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Physics 1, Physics 2, Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism, Physics C: Mechanics, Psychology, Statistics, U.S. History

Clubs and extracurriculars: Ballroom Dancing, Honor Choir, Model United Nations, National Honor Society, Newspaper Club, Peer Leadership, Youth in Government

Community

West St. Paul is a suburban community of about 22,000 residents, located just 8 miles from Saint Paul and 11 miles from **Minneapolis–Saint Paul International Airport (MSP)**. Students enjoy nearby museums, parks, and attractions such as the **Minnesota Zoo and Science Museum of Minnesota**, offering a perfect balance of safety and city access.



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Climate in Minnesota

West St. Paul experiences a four-season climate with warm summers and snowy winters. Average high temperatures range from 25°F (-4°C) in January to 82°F (28°C) in July, with about 32 inches (810 mm) of annual precipitation and January as the snowiest month.



"I remember the day I went to go shadow; I was crying my eyes out because I didn't want to go there. I was so against it, but my mom insisted, and oh boy, was I wrong. By the end of the day I was laughing and having fun with people that later on I would become great friends throughout my time at St. Croix."

P. Lewis

"I love the smaller class sizes and how the teachers care for the whole student. Growing up in this era is hard, and I am glad to have the staff at SCLA in my corner helping my children with their student life and their spiritual life.."

SCLA Parent

video

Learn more about the school

