

"At WLHS, the teachers encouraged me not just to do the work but to understand it, knowing it would benefit me later in life. I'm grateful for their care and support."

Student of Wisconsin Lutheran High School

Boarding School

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## Wisconsin

Wisconsin Lutheran High School (WLHS) is a co-educational high school in Milwaukee offering strong college-preparatory academics, extensive AP and dual-credit options and growing STEM pathways. WLHS's boarding program creates an integrated community supported by faith-based values.



BOARDING



CO-ED



SPORTS



ARTS



CITY

### Quick Facts

Founded: 1903

Niche.com Score: A

Students: Co-educational

School Population: 939

Climate: Warm summers, Cold winters

Religion: Lutheran

Accepting students: Grade 9-12

Interview Required? Yes

Diploma Year? Yes

English as Second Language (ESL) support: Yes

University Acceptance Rate: 100%

## Academic Excellence

Wisconsin Lutheran High School offers a thorough college-preparatory curriculum supported by AP courses, dual-credit partnerships, and specialized programs such as Project Lead the Way engineering and ProStart culinary arts. Students can earn college credit through AP exams, online dual-credit courses with Bethany Lutheran College, and on-campus dual-credit with Wisconsin Lutheran College. Faculty maintain advanced academic training, and 64% hold or are pursuing graduate degrees. Small class sizes support personalized instruction, while strong academic outcomes include ACT averages above state and national norms. WLHS's Christian foundation shapes instruction and campus culture, integrating faith-based perspectives across coursework. School graduation pathways prepare students for university study, technical careers, and professional programs.

## Student Accomplishments

Students achieve strong results across academic metrics, including a 77.3% AP exam success rate with scores of 3 or higher, totaling 786 college credits earned. Recent achievements include two students earning perfect ACT scores, a distinction reached by only 0.5% of test-takers, and 9 perfect scores in the past 8 years. The school also reported 3 National Merit Scholarship finalists and more than \$5.2 million in college scholarships accepted by seniors.



## Recent University Acceptances

- Harvard University
- University of Pennsylvania
- Rice University
- Northwestern University
- New York University
- Boston University
- Boston College
- Purdue University
- University of California
- University of Michigan
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin
- University of Notre Dame
- Loyola University Chicago
- Michigan State University
- Indiana University
- University of Minnesota
- Iowa State University
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago



## Stats

**13:1**

Student Teacher Ratio

**60+**

Co-Curriculars, Clubs and Student Activities

**1:1**

Mobile Device Learning

**20**

Average Class Size

**149**

Number of Courses Offered

**43%**

Percentage of Faculty with Advanced Degree

**25**

Average ACT Score

**1330**

Average SAT Score

## Campus Facilities

The campus includes academic, STEM, arts, and athletic spaces, such as an auditorium, band rooms, engineering and technology classrooms, and a full outdoor athletic complex. Additional facilities support ceramics, visual arts, culinary training, and engineering design connected to Project Lead the Way. These spaces provide modern equipment and varied environments for science, arts, and technical coursework during school year.

## Residential Life

In 2025, the residential program hosts students from 16 countries and multiple U.S. states in supervised housing designed for academic structure and cultural integration. Students share community and study spaces and receive support from trained residential staff. The program continues to expand, including a cohort of 40 new international enrollees. Boarding students benefit from close access to school facilities and consistent daily guidance.

## Athletics and Arts

Wisconsin Lutheran High School competes in the Woodland Conference with strong participation across its athletic program. Nearly 60% of students take part in sports, supported by experienced coaches and on-campus facilities that include a gym and full outdoor athletic complex. Teams compete year-round and consistently perform well at the conference levels.

The fine arts program offers extensive opportunities in music, visual arts, and performance. Students join choirs, instrumental ensembles, and video production, supported by dedicated studios and coursework such as AP Art and advanced ceramics, design, and studio art. Individual lessons are also available.



## Lists

**Sports:** Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Dance, Football, Golf, Soccer, Softball, Track and Field, Volleyball, Wrestling

**Arts:** Choir, Brass Ensemble, Cantorei, Class Percussion, Color Guard, Concert Band, Graphic Design, Jazz Ensemble, Jubilation Handbell Ensemble, Marching Band, Pep Band, Percussion Ensemble, Pit Orchestra, Saxophone Ensemble, Steel Drum Band, String Orchestra, Video Production, Woodwind Ensemble

**Languages:**

German, Latin, Spanish

**IB Courses Offered:**

2-D Art and Design, 3-D Art and Design, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science Principles, English Literature and Composition, English: Language and Composition, Economics, Psychology, Spanish Language and Culture, Statistics, US History

**Tech and innovation courses:**

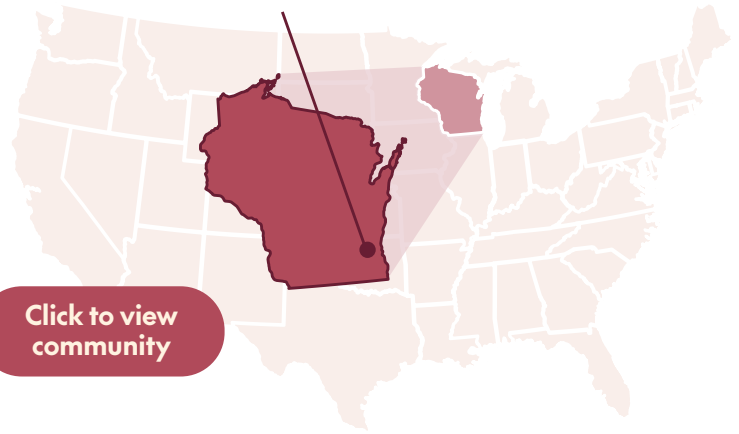
Engineering Design, Principals of Engineering, Computer Science & Software Engineering, Engineering Design & Development, AP Computer Science Principles

**Club and extracurriculars**

Aquaponics, Art Club, Canoe Club, Chess, Cooking Club, Culture Club, Drama, Esports, Forensics, Global Leadership Team, K-Club, Kindness Crew, Math Track, Mission Trips, Musical Production, National Honor Society, Newspaper, Page Turners Book Club, Robotics, Stock Club, Student Council, Tutors, Yearbook

## Community

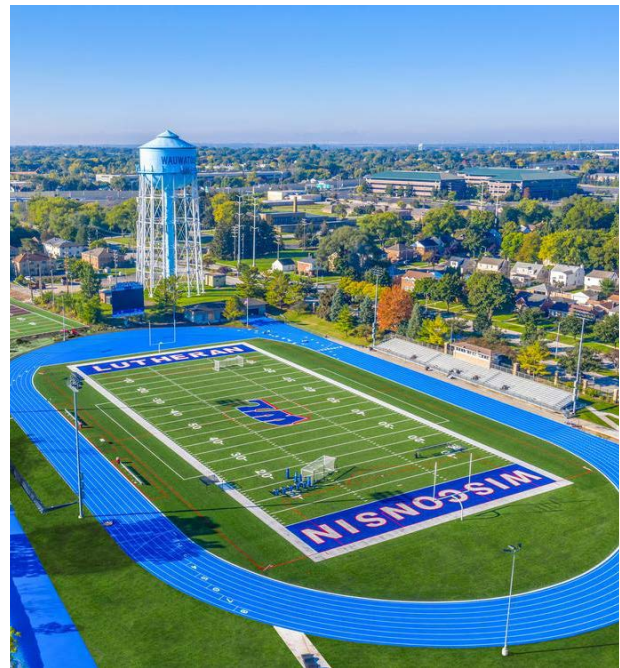
Milwaukee is a major city of 600,000 residents on Lake Michigan, known for its museums, performing arts venues, parks, and year-round festivals. WLHS is 90 minutes from Chicago, giving students access to additional cultural and academic resources. The area includes professional sports teams, lakefront recreation, and diverse neighborhoods, offering students a broad range of activities and urban experiences within a short distance of campus.



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## Climate in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Milwaukee experiences four distinct seasons, with warm summers and cold winters.



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