



CEDAR FALLS HIGH SCHOOL

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THE COMMUNITY

Cedar Falls is an Iowa community of approximately 41,000 people and is part of a larger metropolitan area shared by Waterloo. One of the largest employers in Cedar Falls is the University of Northern Iowa, an Iowa Regents institution of approximately 9,000 students. Other educational institutions in the metropolitan area are Hawkeye Community College and Upper Iowa University. The Cedar Falls Community School District is the 17th largest in the state of Iowa, serving 5892 students. As one of the largest employers in Black Hawk County, the school district has over 800 employees; full and part time.

CEDAR FALLS COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2022-23 DEMOGRAPHICS

Total number of students in the district: 5892

IEP: 13.78% **ELL:** 4.24% **504 Plans:** 2.43%

Free/Reduced Lunch: 26.83% **Talented & Gifted:** 5.72%

Asian: 3.26%

White: 82.81%

Pacific Island: 0.49 %

Hispanic: 2.85%

Black: 4.77%

Am Ind/Alk Nat: 0.12%

Multi-Racial: 5.70%

THE SCHOOL

Cedar Falls High School is a comprehensive high school of approximately 1,302 students in grades 10 through 12. Freshmen students attend at one of two junior high schools. In the 2020-21 school year the district opened a virtual K-12 school. The district includes seven elementary schools. The school day is comprised of seven 47-minute periods. The school calendar is comprised of two eighteen-week semesters. The school is also comprehensive in the variety of activities offered to its students and is recognized statewide for outstanding programs in athletics, music, and drama. Cedar Falls High School is accredited by the Iowa Department of Education. The school has a long history of high community expectations and support, including the passage of a local option tax twice in the last fifteen years. Two bond issues to build a new elementary school and high school were passed in 2016 and 2019. The high school is projected to open in the 2024-25 school year.

THE FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION

The secondary schools have approximately 212 FTE licensed staff members, 67% of who have earned a master's degree or above. The student-licensed staff ratio is 17.6. More than 164 teachers, administrators, and support staff are employed at CFHS. The CFHS Alternative Program staff includes two teachers and one counselor.

MEDIA AND TECHNOLOGY

The district and community has always made technology a commitment with the passage of the instructional support levy in 1991 resulting in a dramatic infusion of state-of-the-art media and technology. Both students and teachers are using the power of technology in daily teaching and learning outcomes. The instructional support levy was renewed until 2026. CFHS became a 1:1 school with students using Google Chromebooks during the 2nd semester of 2014.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Cedar Falls High School requires that students successfully complete forty-five semester credits to graduate. A CFHS Core Diploma requires completion of forty semester credits. Requirements include English (8), mathematics (6), science (6), social studies (6) financial literacy (1), and fine or practical arts (2). Students must also pass two semesters per year of physical education and .5 credit of Health. Physical education is awarded .5 credits per class. All students are required to carry at least six academic subjects in addition to physical education. Grade point average is based on a 4.0 scale with AP classes weighted on a 5.0 scale. CFHS eliminated class rank over ten years ago. Cedar Falls High School has fully implemented Standards Based Grading during the fall of 2019-20 school year. Standards Based Grading with strand scores determines the grade: A=All 4's or mostly 4s and no 2s or 1s. B=Mostly 3s with at least one 4 with no 2s or 1s. C=All 3s or mostly 3's and no 1s. D=All 2s or mostly 2s. F=All 1s or mostly 1s. In the spring semester of 2019-20 during the COVID19 shutdown, students earning credit chose either an earned letter grade or a P (pass). Students not earning credit received no credit (W) in lieu of a failing grade (F).

ADVANCED PLACEMENT/ACCELERATED COURSES

Cedar Falls High School offers Advanced Placement courses in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Environmental Science, Calculus, Statistics, History, Music, Psychology, Government, Human Geography, Computer Science, Language and Composition, and Literature and Composition, French and Spanish. Accelerated or honors courses are offered in Mathematics, Science, English, Social Studies and World Language. Level IV World Language is available in French, German, and Spanish. Qualified students also take courses at approved colleges and universities under the Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act. Students can take concurrent courses from Hawkeye Community College in Art, Business, CAPS, English, Industrial Technology, Math, PLTW, Social Studies and World Language.

NATIONAL MERIT AND COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS

For years Cedar Falls High School has produced National Merit Scholarship Finalists, Semifinalists, and Commended Students. This recognition is administered through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. In the 2022-2023 school year two students have been designated as National Merit Semifinalists and three Commended Students.

Students in the class of 2022 who took the ACT included 51%. Comparative mean ACT scores of students nationwide, students in Iowa and students at Cedar Falls High are listed below:

	English	Math	Reading	Science Reasoning	Composite
National	19	19.3	20.4	19.9	19.8
Iowa	20.4	20.6	22.3	21.6	21.4
Cedar Falls	22.4	22.5	24.4	24.1	23.5

Typically, no more than 10 students take the SAT. Mean scores for such a small sample have relatively little statistical significance and therefore are not included in this school profile.

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

Approximately 77 percent of Cedar Falls High School graduates continue their education beyond high school. About 49 percent of the graduates attend four-year colleges and universities; 28 percent attend community colleges and public or proprietary vocational/technical schools. CFHS has a graduation rate of 96%. Over 80% of the secondary students are involved in student activities.

CEDAR FALLS HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

ART

*Studio Art and Careers (9)
 *Digital Art (9)
 *Advanced Art (9)
 *Beginning Painting/ Adv. Painting
 *Beginning Sculpture/ Adv. Sculpture
 *Beginning Drawing/Adv. Drawing
 *Beginning Jewelry and Crafts/Adv.
 *Beginning Ceramics
 **HCC Ceramics (CC)
 *Beginning Design/Adv. Design
 * Graphic Design
 *Creative Digital Photography

BUSINESS

*Entrepreneurship
 *Intro to Computer (CC)
 *Web and Digital Tools
 *Sports & Entertainment Marketing
 *Introduction to Business (CC)
 *Business Law (CC)
 *Leadership with Character
 *Financial Literacy
 *Accounting I, II, III
 *Marketing Concepts
 *Sports Entertainment and Marketing

CAPS

*Careers (CC)
 *Exploration of Business Careers (CC)
 *Education (CC)
 *Introduction to Health Professions (CC)
 *Health CNA (CC)
 ‡Industries (CC)

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

Coop Education/Work Experience

ENGLISH

English 9
 Honors English 9 (H)
 English 10
 Honors English 10 (H)
 Beginning/Advanced News Journalism
 Beginning/Advanced Broadcast Journalism
 Yearbook Journalism
 *Great Books (H)
 *Modern Literature
 *Hawkeye Developmental Reading
 *Hawkeye Developmental Writing
 *Composition and Perception
 *Composition I (CC)
 *Composition II (CC)
 *Fundamentals of Oral Communication (CC)
 *Creative Writing
 *American Lit of 1930's
 *American Lit, 1940's to Today
 *21st Century Literacy
 *English Literature and Composition (AP)
 *Composition and Rhetoric (H)
 *English Language and Composition (AP)

WORLD LANGUAGE

French I through IV
 German I through V
 Spanish I through IV
 *Honors Spanish III and IV
 *Intermediate Spanish I and II (CC)
 French (AP)
 Spanish (AP)

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE

*Fashion Merchandising I and II
 *Child Development and Parenting I
 *Food and Nutrition I and II
 *Foods III Tiger Café
 *Interpersonal Relationships
 Interior Design

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

*Intro to Manufacturing (9)
 *Construction Technology
 *Wood Products Manufacturing
 *Cabinetry and Finished Carpentry
 *Metal Technology I
 *Introduction to Welding
 *Consumer Auto Mechanics/ Adv.
 * GMAW Short Circuit (CC)
 *Intro to Welding, Safety & Health (CC)
 *GMAW Developmental (CC)
 *Intro to Automotive Technology I and II (CC)

MATHEMATICS

Honors Algebra I (9) (H)
 Algebra I
 Honors Geometry (H)
 Geometry
 Algebra II
 Honors Algebra/Trigonometry (H)
 Honors Pre-Calculus (H)
 Calculus AB (AP)
 Calculus BC (AP)
 Statistics (AP)
 * Statistics (CC)
 Quantitative Reasoning
 Data Science

PLTW/Computer Science

Introduction to Engineering
 *Principles of Engineering I
 *Principles of Engineering II (CC)
 Computer Integrated Manufacturing
 Engineer Design/Development
 *Block Based Coding
 *Introduction to Python
 Introduction to Data Structures
 Computer Science Principles (AP)

MUSIC

Band
 Orchestra
 Chorus (9)
 Concert Choir
 Bass Clef Choir
 Treble Clef Choir
 Music Theory (AP)

SCIENCE

*Physical Science (9)
 *Earth Science (9)
 Honors Physical Science (9)
 Biology (AP)
 Honors Biology (H)
 Biology
 Chemistry (AP)
 Honors Chemistry (H)
 *Chemistry
 *Physics
 Honors Physics (H)
 Physics C Mech (AP)
 *Microbiology
 *Social Issues in Science
 *Anatomy and Physiology I and II
 *Astronomy
 *Environmental Science
 Environmental Science(AP)

SOCIAL STUDIES

United States History (9)
 *United States History II
 *American Government
 *World Geography
 *Global Issues
 *Developing Nations
 *Eastern Civilization
 *Western Civilization (CC)
 *Economics
 *Sociology (CC)
 *Introduction to Psychology
 *Psychology II
 Psychology (AP)
 History (AP)
 Government (AP)
 Human Geography (AP)

OTHER

*E.L.P. (Extended Learning Program)
 *Health
 * PE-Team Sports, Fitness, Individual Sports, Strength/Cond, Peer Helpers
 *Basic/Advanced Condition/Theory
 *Cadet Teaching-Special Needs
 Service Learning (9)
 *Beginning Acting/Advanced Acting

(9) –Offered only in 9th grade

*** - Semester courses**

(H)-Honors courses

(AP) Advanced Placement

(CC) Concurrent

CEDAR FALLS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Top Schools Our Students Are Attending

In-State

University of Iowa
Iowa State University
University of Northern Iowa
Hawkeye Community College
Luther College
Wartburg College
Buena Vista University
Clark College
Cornell College
Grandview College
Central College
Morningside College
Mt. Mercy College
Northwestern College
St. Ambrose University
University of Dubuque
Upper Iowa University
Des Moines Area Community College
Ellsworth Community College
Iowa Central Community College
Iowa Western Community College
Kirkwood Community College

Out of State

Adelphi University
Atlanta Metropolitan State College
Augustana College Sioux Falls
Belmont University
Boston University
Brigham Young University
Carleton College
Colorado Mesa University
Colorado State University
Concordia University Nebraska
Duke University
Goshen College
Loyola University Chicago
Michigan State University
Midland University Nebraska

Minnesota State University Mankato
North Dakota State University
Purdue University
Southwest Wisconsin Technical College
Swarthmore College
University of Arizona
University of Hartford-Connecticut
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Nebraska/Lincoln
University of North Carolina Wilmington
University of South Dakota
University of Southern California
University of Wisconsin Stout
University of Wisconsin Eau Claire