

# NICOLET HIGH SCHOOL

**SCHOOL OVERVIEW** 

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# **EXCELLENCE AT NICOLET**

1181

students were enrolled at Nicolet during 2020-21 Consistently named a

#### "BEST HIGH SCHOOL"

by US News and World Report and ranked within the

**TOP 5% OF SCHOOLS NATIONALLY** 

# 2020 GRADUATES

of students reported

97.5%

of our 2020 graduates plan to attend a 2 or 4-year college



2.5%

will enter the services, join an apprenticeship or enter the workforce 99.6%

**Graduation rate** 



**22.9** 

**ACT** composite score



55% will attend

will attend 4-year In state colleges **45**%

will attend 4-year colleges out of state

## TEACHING STAFF:

**12:1** 

Student -

National Board Certified Teachers

4

Teachers who have earned their doctorate degrees

Yael Gal-Ben Yitschak was named the Levi Family CJL **Jewish Educator of the Year**. Nicolet is

THE ONLY PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE TO OFFER HEBREW



2019-2020 National Merit Scholarship Finalists Ranked

# SIGNIFICANTLY EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction showing one of the most significant levels of improvement in the "Closing the Achievement Gaps" score in the Milwaukee area.



Nicolet prepares students by offering a robust advanced placement program of

**26 COURSES** 

and 13 additional dual high school/college credit courses

During the 2019-20 school year, 581 advanced placement tests were taken by 307 students. **79**%

of these students qualified for college credit by scoring a 3 or higher.



Named a 2019 GAPP School of Distinction by the German American Partnership Program (GAPP)



### **NICOLET ATHLETICS**

BOYS

**GIRLS** 

**FALL** 

**FALL** 

**Cross Country** Football Soccer Volleyball

**Cross Country** Cheer Dance Golf Swimming/Diving **Tennis** 

Volleyball

#### WINTER

WINTER

Basketball Hockey Skiing Swimming/Diving Wrestling

Basketball Cheer Dance **Gymnastics** Hockey Skiing

#### **SPRING**

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Golf Rugby **Tennis** Track Lacrosse Baseball

Soccer Softball Track Lacrosse







## **EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & CLUBS**

Anime Club Astronomy Club Best Buddies Black Student Union **Book Club** Culinary Club Ethiopian Initiative Club **Environmental Care Organization** E-Gamer Club F.E.A.R. Robotics Team 4786 Forensics French Club French National Honors Society Gay/Straight Alliance German Club Hand and Paw Hebrew Club Hebrew National Honor Society Historic Milwaukee Club International Pen Pal Club International Thespian Society Japanese Club Inklings Knit and Crochet Club Leadership and Service Club Mock Trial Model UN Multicultural Club National Business Honor Society National Honor Society Nicolet Mathletes Nicolet Political Union PAT (Principal's Advisory Team) Pit Orchestra Pep Band Painting Club Photo Club **Rock Climbing Club** She's the First Spanish Club Stage Crew STEM Club S.T.A.R. Tutors Student Council Swedish Club Theatre Troupe UNICEF Club





Women's Studies Club Zumba Club



# **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 classes - Drawing, Painting, Graphic Design, Ceramics, Art Metal, Photography and AP Studio Art. Students have their work selected for many exhibitions each year and have a strong tradition of receiving awards and scholarships.



#### **BUSINESS**

Courses in technology, business, finance, accounting, marketing and management, prepare students for a successful future while earning college credit. 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).



#### ENGINEERING, TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN

From producing video to building robots, our students plan, design and create experiences. In digital manufacturing, architecture and more, students can experience applied projects to help them decide future careers. With a focus on technological literacies, students develop hard and soft skills they will use throughout their lives.



#### **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. The counselors schedule meetings with students every year to help promote and develop personal and intellectual growth.



#### MATH

The Nicolet Mathematics Department offers high level courses with a variety of rigorous content throughout the curriculum. The courses are designed to challenge all students to be proficient in mathematical discourse, problem solving, logical reasoning, precision, collaboration and perseverance while implementing current technology. Over 17 different courses are offered, including Calculus 3/Linear Algebra, three AP courses, 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 AND WELLNESS

The Wellness 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 selfconfident 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 science department seeks to engage students in hands-on, real world scientific applications, and encourage them to consider STEM careers.

#### **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 both local and global communities.

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION

Nicolet's Special Education Program, boasting a Kohl Fellow recipient, offers expansive services in the areas of academic, social, transition 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 int he 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**

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 art professionals.

#### **WORLD LANGUAGE**

Nicolet's World Language Department was awarded the 2014 Donna Clementi Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence in Foreign Language Programs by the Wisconsin Association for Language Teachers. Nicolet offers courses in French, German, Hebrew and Spanish. Students have the opportunity to travel to another country or participate in an exchange program.

#### **ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES**

In spring of 2019, students took 703 Advanced Placement (AP) exams in 26 subjects. 85 percent scored a three (needed to qualify for college credit) or higher on those tests. In addition, 82 percent of its graduates pursued post-secondary education.

Biology
English Language & Comp
Physics 1
Studio Art 2D
Calculus
English Literature & Comp
Physics 2
Studio Art 3D
Chemistry
Environmental Science

Physics C
Studio Art Drawing
Computer Science A
European History
Psychology
US Government & Politics
Computer Principles
French Seminar
US History
Macro Economics

German Spanish Micro Economics Music Theory Statistics





# PARENT GROUPS

#### **PTSO**

The PTSO is an organization made up of Nicolet High School parents, teachers/staff, and students that sponsor student dances, Cocoa and Cram Study Sessions, staff appreciation, school gifts, grad grams, Spirit Awards, and the Senior Breakfast. All Nicolet Parents, teachers/staff, and students are encouraged to get involved.

For more information, visit nicolet.us/families/ptso.com





#### **MULTI-ETHNIC PARENT ASSOCIATION**

The Multi-Ethnic Parent Association's (MEPA) mission is to promote academic success for all students, advocate for equal access to a college ready curriculum for all students, and increase parental engagement, involvement and awareness of the Nicolet system to ensure success of the diverse student population.

For more information, visit www.nicolet.us/families/mepa.cfm





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#### PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE

The Performing Arts Committee is a parent group dedicated to promoting and preserving the highest quality programs for band, choir, and orchestra, and theatre students. As volunteers, parents help publicize events, serve as liaisons for collaborative middle and high school events, and raise money to support programs, projects, and materials that may not be covered due to budget restraints

For more information, visit nicolet.us/families/performing\_arts.cfm





#### **BOOSTER CLUB**

Nicolet High School All Sports Booster Club is a parent group iwth over 250 members that is dedicated to supporting over 750 athletes in 25 sports programs at Nicolet High School. The Club contributes directly to needs not covered in the athletics budget, like buses or athletic facilities updates. We also proudly support our outstanding students and athletes by annually awarding college scholarships and by sponsoring the Senior Award Night and Athletic Hall of Fame Awards.



