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GRADES 9–12

ENROLLMENT 1,574

SCHOOL HOURS 7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS 7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

THE IRONDALE EXPERIENCE

Inspired by the school's motto, Pride in Excellence, students at Irondale learn in a community dedicated to achievement in all areas. Irondale's staff members are focused on each student's success and lead a rich diversity of academic programs and activities. Families and the local community accent Irondale's learning opportunities and play a significant role in school accomplishments. Irondale offers students a healthy learning environment as well. Recent facilities upgrades include a remodeled gymnasium, new music area, new classrooms and state-of-the-art air handling systems.

PERSONALIZED INSTRUCTION

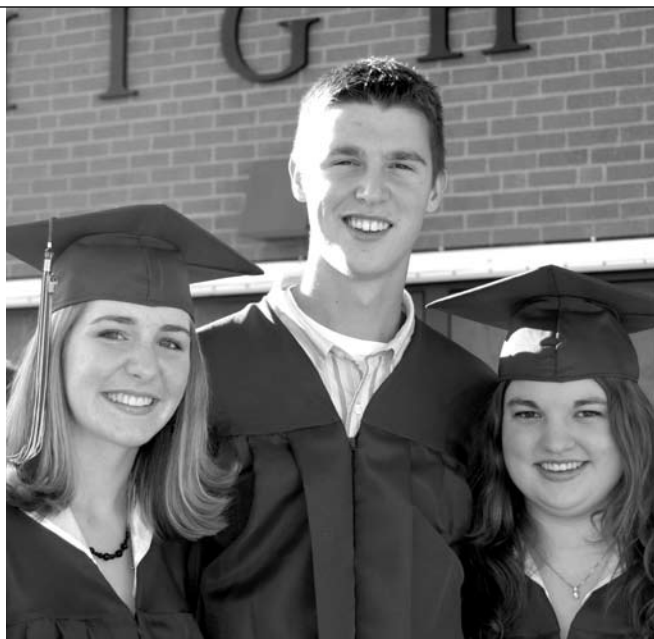
Irondale teachers know their students by name and work to personalize their instruction to meet the individual academic and social needs of students. Teachers have quick and easy access to a comprehensive online database of students' test scores and achievement data. Access to this timely information helps teachers tailor their daily instructional approach to match their students' individualized needs and meet personalized performance goals.

RESPECTFUL BEHAVIOR

Irondale offers every student a healthy, safe and respectful learning environment in which students are treated fairly and with respect by teachers and other students. An active school committee has established a code of conduct that requires respectful behavior from every student both inside and outside the classroom.

PARENT PARTNERSHIPS

Parents are encouraged to play an active role in their child's school experience. Irondale offers many opportunities for parents to support learning inside and outside of the classroom.



Volunteers assist with booster club efforts, specific clerical projects, tutoring, hallway and lunchroom supervision and many more projects throughout the school year.

STRONG PARENT CONNECTIONS

Irondale offers parents a way to electronically access records of their student's grades, assignments, schedule and attendance. Parents consider this Internet-based option an effective home-to-school communication tool.

HOW TO ENROLL

Each year, Mounds View Public Schools enrolls hundreds of new students at all grade levels. Irondale welcomes students in its attendance area which includes New Brighton, Mounds View, Arden Hills and Shoreview. To enroll at Irondale, District residents can call 651-786-5200. Non-residents are welcome to apply for enrollment as well. For more information, call 651-604-9782.



IRONDALE EXCELS

Academics

Irondale is proud to offer a comprehensive selection of courses and programs in all academic areas.

CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

- :: Advanced Placement (AP)
- :: Art
- :: Business Education
- :: Career Education
- :: College in the Schools
- :: Family and Consumer Science
- :: Language Arts (English)
- :: Mathematics
- :: Mentor Connection
- :: Music: Band, Choir, Orchestra
- :: Northeast Metro Tech. Center
- :: Peer Tutoring
- :: Physical Education/Health
- :: Pre-engineering Education/Health
- :: Science
- :: Senior Experience
- :: Social Studies
- :: Special Education
- :: Technology Education
- :: World Languages

FYI

For more information on specific courses offered at Irondale, please refer to the registration guide which is published each January.

To request a copy of the registration guide, go to www.moundsvievschools.org/irondale or contact Student Services at 651-786-5200.

Newsweek magazine ranked Irondale among the top 500 high schools in the nation for encouraging students to excel through its Advanced Placement Program (*Newsweek*, March 2000 and 2003). Irondale also has received a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award.

COLLEGE CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES

Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement (AP) is an on-campus program of college-level course work offered to high school students. AP courses have rigorous requirements, and often require more work, give greater opportunity for individual progress and accomplishment and go into greater depth. Irondale offers 18 AP courses.

College in the Schools

College in the Schools is a program of the University of Minnesota. All courses in the program are offered for degree credit and are approved by the college through which the courses are offered. Irondale offers two College in the Schools courses.

Career and Technical Education

This program serves students in grades 9-12 who desire academically rigorous coursework in preparation for post-secondary education or to develop practical skills for workplace and life applications. Courses are offered in these areas: Technology Education, Business Education, Family and Consumer Science, Career Education.

Math and Science

Irondale is renewing a commitment to preparing students in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). All students are using state-of-the-art equipment and technology for enhanced math and science courses. Irondale was named among the top 20 STEM schools in the state in 2006 by the Minnesota Department of Education.





Co-Curricular Opportunities

Over 90 percent of Irondale students participate in a wide range of co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Students involved in music, school publications, drama, speech, athletics, academic problem-solving and other special activities compete in the North Suburban Conference and regularly advance to state, national and international levels of competition.

ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT IRONDALE INCLUDE

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| :: Baseball | :: Football | :: Music: Choir, Concert | :: Softball |
| :: Basketball* | :: French Travel Club | Band, Drum Line, Jazz | :: Speech |
| :: Cheerleading | :: Future Problem Solving | Band, Marching Band, | :: Student Council |
| :: Cross Country* | :: GSA | Pep Band, Orchestra | :: Students Against |
| :: Dance Team | :: German Club | :: National Honor Society | Destructive Decisions |
| :: Destination | :: Golf* | :: Newspaper | (SADD) |
| Imagination | :: Gymnastics | <i>(The Irondale Eye)</i> | :: Swimming* |
| :: Distributive Education | :: Hockey* | :: Peer Helpers | :: Tennis* |
| Clubs of America | :: Lacrosse* | :: Quiz Bowl | :: Track* |
| (DECA) | :: Math Team | :: Robotics | :: Voice of Democracy |
| :: Drama | :: Mock Trial | :: Skiing | :: Volleyball |
| :: Earth Corps | | (Nordic and Alpine)* | :: Winter Colorguard |
| | | :: Soccer* | :: Wrestling |
| | | | :: Yearbook |

* Designates activities that offer both a boys' team and a girls' team.

Pride in Excellence is a motivational program at Irondale which encourages, recognizes and rewards student excellence regardless of talent level or scholastic ability. Irondale's Pride in Excellence program is a school/community-sponsored project.

Achieving Excellence

- Irondale's academic teams consistently win awards in state and national competitions.
- Irondale's music education program is comprehensive, offering award-winning instrumental and vocal performing groups and a nationally acclaimed marching band.
- In 2007, 87 Irondale students received AP Scholar awards: 2 National Scholars, 31 Scholars with Distinction, 20 Scholars with Honor and 34 AP Scholars.

POST-SECONDARY SUPPORT

Irondale prepares all students for life after graduation, whatever path they choose to follow.

Irondale's Career Center offers computers, resources, scholarships, financial aid information and evening hours to help in post-secondary planning.

GRADUATES OF IRONDALE

- Nearly 85 percent of Irondale students register in post-secondary schooling.
- College preparation is an emphasis at Irondale with an extensive curriculum of over 150 course offerings.
- The community supports Irondale students and graduates. In 2007, nearly \$50,000 in locally-generated scholarships was granted to Irondale graduates.

2007–2008 Demographics

Average class size by subject area:

- Language Arts – 31
- Math – 31
- Science – 31
- Social Studies – 31

Percent of students enrolled for entire year: 84.3*

Average percent daily attendance: 94.4*

Diversity of student population (by percent):

- Native American – 1.6
- Black – 6.3
- Asian – 7.1
- White – 81.6
- Hispanic – 3.3

* Indicates totals from 2006–2007 school year. For multi-year reporting of demographics, visit www.moundsviewschools.org.

Percent of students eligible for free or reduced price lunch: 23.5

Percent of students receiving special services:

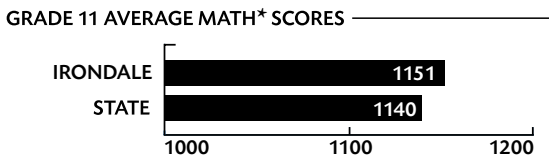
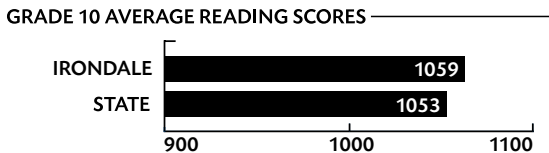
- Special education – 9.8
- English as a second language – 3.2

Parent Involvement:

- Percent of parents attending parent/teacher conferences – 60*
- Number of parents providing volunteer services – 450*
- Number of parents actively participating in advisory groups – 55*

2006 – 2007 Assessment Results

MINNESOTA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT: MCA II



* Includes mathematics test for English language learners

	ACT Composite	SAT Reading	SAT Math	SAT Writing	SAT Total
Irondale	23.7	629	644	613	1886
State	22.3	596	603	577	1776
Nation	21.1	502	515	494	1511

NATIONAL and STATE EXCELLENCE

Each year Irondale's senior class has several students who attain National Merit scholarship honors. The class of 2008 boasts 12 National Merit Semi-finalists and five Commended Scholars and one National Achievement Scholar.

IRONDALE HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL MERIT HISTORY

	Commended	Semifinalists	Finalists
2001	9	7	7
2002	5	3	3
2003	11	4	4
2004	5	5	5
2005	12	3	3
2006	10	2	2
2007	6	4	4
2008	6	12	*

* The 2008 National Merit Finalists had not been named at the time this publication was produced.

COMPARING IRONDALE

Each year since the inception of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, Irondale has met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) goals as defined by the government. For more on standardized tests and their results, go to www.moundsviewschools.org/news. To view the school's report card as compiled by the Minnesota Department of Education or to compare Irondale's test scores with other schools in Minnesota, visit <http://education.state.mn.us>