



2008 – 2009

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GRADES 9–12

ENROLLMENT 1,588

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.

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 much more. Irondale offers parents a number of Internet-based home-to-school communication



tools, including a way to electronically access records of their student's grades, assignments, schedules and attendance using an Internet portal called SchoolView. Irondale parents stay connected via daily school e-news updates and monthly principal newsletters.

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 651-621-6800. Non-residents are welcome to apply for enrollment as well. For more information, call 651-621-6013.



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ACADEMICS

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

CURRICULAR OFFERINGS

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| :: Advanced Placement (AP) | :: Mentor Connection | :: Special Education |
| :: Art | :: Music: Band, Choir, Orchestra | :: Technology Education |
| :: Business Education | :: Northeast Metro Tech. Center | :: World Languages: |
| :: Career Education | :: Peer Tutoring | American Sign |
| :: College in the Schools | :: Physical Education/Health | Language, Chinese*, |
| :: Family and Consumer Science | :: Pre-engineering Education | French, German, |
| :: Language Arts (English) | :: Science | Spanish |
| :: Mathematics | :: Social Studies | <i>*Pending registration and
staffing</i> |

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.moundsvIEWSchools.org/irondale or contact Student Services at 651-621-6800.

Newsweek magazine ranked Irondale among the top high schools in the nation for encouraging students to excel through its Advanced Placement Program (*Newsweek*, 2003, 2006, 2007 and 2008). *U.S. News & World Report* (December 2008) named Irondale among the best high schools in the country. In addition, Irondale has received a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence award and the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation School Spotlight 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 15 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. Irondale is currently working with the Minnesota Department of Education, Minnesota High Tech Association and the Science Museum of Minnesota to implement a \$40,000 STEM grant for the 2008-2009 school year.



ELLENCE



CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

More than 75 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, | :: Soccer* |
| :: Basketball* | :: French Club | Concert Band, Drum | :: Softball |
| :: Cheerleading | :: Future Problem | Line, Jazz Band, | :: Speech |
| :: Cross Country* | Solving | Marching Band, Pep | :: Student Council |
| :: Dance Team | :: GSA | Band, Orchestra | :: Students Against |
| :: Destination | :: German Club | :: National Honor | Destructive Decisions |
| Imagination | :: Golf* | Society | (SADD) |
| :: Distributive | :: Gymnastics | :: Newspaper | :: Swimming* |
| Education Clubs of | :: Hockey* | (<i>The Irondale Eye</i>) | :: Tennis* |
| America (DECA) | :: Lacrosse* | :: Peer Helpers | :: Track* |
| :: Drama | :: Math Team | :: Quiz Bowl | :: Voice of Democracy |
| :: Earth Corps | :: Mock Trial | :: Robotics | :: Volleyball |
| | | :: Skiing | :: Winter Colorguard |
| | | (Nordic and Alpine)* | :: 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 2008, 100 Irondale students received AP Scholar awards: five National Scholars, 35 Scholars with Distinction, 17 Scholars with Honor and 43 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 more than 150 course offerings.
- The community supports Irondale students and graduates. In 2008, more than \$97,000 in locally-generated scholarships was granted to Irondale graduates.

2008–2009 DEMOGRAPHICS

Average class size by subject area:

- Language Arts – 31
- Math – 33
- Science – 31
- Social Studies – 27

Percent of students enrolled for entire year: 87.2*

Average percent daily attendance: 94.5*

Diversity of student population (by percent):

- Native American – 1.5
- Black – 7.4
- Asian – 7.4
- White – 80
- Hispanic – 4

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

Percent of students receiving special services:

- Special education – 10.5
- English as a second language – 3.7

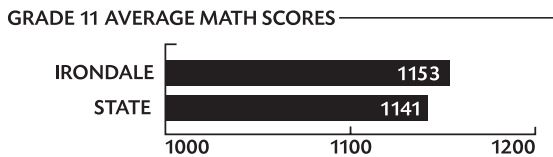
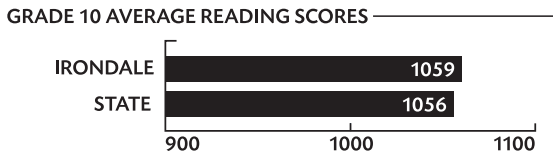
Parent Involvement:

- Percent of parents attending parent/teacher conferences – 60*
- Number of parents providing volunteer services – 450*

** Indicates totals from 2007–2008 school year. For multi-year reporting of demographics, visit www.moundsviewschools.org.*

2007 – 2008 ASSESSMENT RESULTS

MINNESOTA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT: MCA-II



	ACT Composite	SAT Verbal	SAT Math	SAT Writing	SAT Total
Irondale	23.6	601	621	586	1808
State	22.6	596	609	579	1774
Nation	21.1	502	515	494	1511

NATIONAL & STATE EXCELLENCE

Each year Irondale's senior class has several students who attain National Merit scholarship honors. The class of 2009 boasts 2 National Merit Semifinalists and 7 Commended Scholars.

IRONDALE HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL MERIT HISTORY

Commended Semifinalists Finalists

Year	Commended	Semifinalists	Finalists
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	12
2009	7	2	*

** The 2009 National Merit Finalists had not been named at the time this publication was produced.*

COMPARING IRONDALE

Every year the Minnesota Department of Education compiles a report card of test scores for schools throughout the state. To view Irondale's test scores and compare them with other schools in Minnesota, visit <http://education.state.mn.us>. For more information on standardized tests and results, go to www.moundsviewschools.org/news.