

# CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS 2011-12










Information related to Centennial High School is listed below in a Question/Answer format.  
Interested in asking a question that isn't listed? E-mail Cathy Wyland at [Cwyland@isd12.org](mailto:Cwyland@isd12.org)

**What is the number of AP or CIS credits offered?** AP Courses Offered: Human Geography, Biology, English Literature and Composition, U. S. History, Economics, Chemistry, Psychology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Computer Science. College Courses Offered: University of Minnesota – Introduction to Literature, American Democracy in a Changing World Anoka Ramsey Community College – General Physics (2 college courses), Environmental Science

**What is the number and/or percentage of students scoring a three or higher on the AP tests administered?** AP scores 3 and above for the past 5 years:

2007	162 exams	60.4%
2008	288 exams	64.6%
2009	309 exams	75.4%
2010	351 exams	78.3%
2011	558 exams	69.3%

**What is the percentage of your students who go to a four year college?** Here are the stats related to 2011 grads. The percentage of students attending a 4-year college is 67.1%. If you include the 2 year and technical schools, the figure is 90.8%

Attend a 2 year College	 19.7%	(97)
Attend a 4 year College/University	 67.1%	(330)
Joining the Military	 3.9%	(19)
Undecided/No Plans	 1.2%	(6)
Apprenticeship Program	0%	(0)
Employment	 0.8%	(4)
Technical College/Trade School	 4.1%	(20)
I am Taking a Year Off	 1%	(5)
Service Program (Peace Corps, Missions, etc)	0%	(0)
Other	 2.2%	(11)
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<b>TOTAL RESPONDED</b>	 100%	(492)

**What is the list of colleges attended by last year's graduates?**

### 2011 Graduates

Alexandria Technical and Community College (1)	Bethel University (15)
Anoka-Ramsey Community College – Coon Rapids (19)	Black Hills State University (1)
Anoka-Ramsey Community College – Cambridge campus (2)	Century Community and Technical College (40)
Argosy University (2)	University of Cincinnati (1)
Arizona State University (2)	Concordia University – St. Paul (5)
University of Arizona (1)	Cornell College (1)
University of Arkansas (1)	Dakota County Technical College (1)
The Art Institutes International – Minnesota (1)	Dunwoody College of Technology (1)
Augsburg College (1)	George Washington University (1)
Bemidji State University (4)	Gustavus Adolphus (7)
	Hamline University (3)
	Hennepin Technical College (2)

Iowa State University (4)  
 Iowa State University – Engineering (2)  
 University of Iowa (2)  
 John Hopkins University (1)  
 Le Cordon Bleu (1)  
 Lehigh University (1)  
 Luther College (1)  
 Marquette University (1)  
 Mayville State University (1)  
 University of Miami (1)  
 Michigan Tech (3)  
 Minneapolis Business College (3)  
 Minneapolis Community and Technical (2)  
 Minnesota State University – Mankato (19)  
 Minnesota State University – Moorhead (3)  
 University of Minnesota – Crookston (1)  
 University of Minnesota – Duluth (39)  
 University of Minnesota – Morris (5)  
 University of Minnesota – Twin Cities (30)  
 University of Missouri, Kansas City (1)  
 Morningside College (1)  
 University of Nebraska at Lincoln (1)  
 North Central University (1)  
 North Dakota State University (10)  
 University of North Dakota (13)  
 Northwestern College (4)  
 NRI Academy of Sciences (1)  
 The Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University (1)

Rasmussen College (1)  
 Regency Beauty Institute (1)  
 Rochester Community and Technical College (1)  
 College of St. Benedict (2)  
 St. John’s University (1)  
 St. Paul college (1)  
 South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (1)  
 South Dakota State University (2)  
 St. Catherine University (4)  
 St. Cloud State University (6)  
 St. Cloud Technical & Community College (1)  
 St. Olaf College (4)  
 College of St. Scholastica (3)  
 University of St. Thomas (16)  
 Vermilion Community College (1)  
 Viterbo University (2)  
 Wartburg College 1)  
 Washington and Lee University (1)  
 Winona State University (12)  
 University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire (8)  
 University of Wisconsin, La Crosse (2)  
 University of Wisconsin, Madison (7)  
 University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee (1)  
 University of Wisconsin, Platteville (1)  
 University of Wisconsin, River Falls (12)  
 University of Wisconsin, Stout (11)  
 Wyotech Institute (2)

**What is the average tenure of a teacher/average age of the teaching population?** Our HR software cannot disaggregate data in this manner (it’s old). We have staff at varying stages in their career - veterans and rookies alike.

**Are there tracks available? What and how are they differentiated?** Services to students are based on an individual’s needs.

**What is the financial state of this district? How many teachers, programs or electives have been cut in the last three years? What programs or electives have you added in the last three years?** The 2009-10 budget was balanced by cutting \$1 million, using \$1.5 million from reserves, delaying technology and textbook purchases, and instituting a soft freeze for all employee groups. \$3.6 million was cut in 2010 and included a reduction of 68 staff. \$2.5 million was cut in 2011 and included moving to a 6 x 2 block at the high school, staff reductions, transportation changes, reduction in technology and supply purchases. Future plans include asking residents in November to increase the operating levy to match a retiring building bond and a reduction in the lease levy. That would make the levy tax neutral. Following the levy election, Centennial will conduct community-wide conversations about Centennial’s future. The hope is that additional programs and services will be identified and added to the bedrock that is the Centennial School District.

**How is the parent involvement? How is this encouraged?** Each school has a parent organization and opportunities for volunteers. This is encouraged via individual teachers, building principals and program leaders. District level committees with parent members include Systems Accountability, Community Service Advisory Council, Special Education Advisory, etc. I believe parents can be as involved as they like - serve on the parent group, volunteer in the classroom and for special events, etc.

**What technology is available? Are there plans to add any technology?** Most elementary and some secondary classrooms have SMARTBoards, many secondary classrooms use LCD projectors. All classroom teachers have PCs. Ipods and other handheld technology is being piloted and/or used in the classroom, students work on technology skills in the media centers and computer labs. Centennial is piloting on-line learning hybrids at the high school. At early childhood, staff make use of assistive technology with students who have special needs, and the district is collaborating with Infinite Campus on further integration in technology.

**Are travel experiences available for the students?** Yes. Opportunities at the high school are associated with the band and choir programs, with foreign language classes, and family and consumer science. Some elementary schools have an annual trip to Wolf Ridge.

**Are there community scholarships available? If so, how much?** Yes, last year over \$50,000 was awarded in area scholarships to CHS seniors.

**What college/career services are offered?** Career Center is open to students M-F 8am – 3:30pm and one evening per month. Students are required to complete a Career Task each year they are at Centennial.

- 9<sup>th</sup> grade – Career Speaker
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade Job Shadow
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade Post- Secondary Visit
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade Resume Writing.
- Various field trips are scheduled throughout the school year including National College Fair, Career Jam, Century College/916, Health Careers, etc.

All students at Centennial have an account on Family Connection/Naviance which is a career/college investigation/planning tool. Various activities using Family Connection are scheduled throughout the school year with various grade levels.

Various activities are scheduled at Centennial to assist students with career and college planning. Here are some examples:

- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Learning Style Inventory
- 9<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> day of school activities
- PLAN – all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students take this test and then participate in follow up activities.
- PSAT- optional for 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- College Planning Night – 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, but all students and their parents are welcome
- Making Your College Choice Count – 11<sup>th</sup> grade during advisory
- Financial Planning Night – all parents and students welcome
- Transition for Success – 9<sup>th</sup> grade during advisory
- Financial Aid Night – 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> but all are welcome
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Path to the Future – all 10<sup>th</sup> grade during advisory
- ACT Practice Session – optional for 11<sup>th</sup> grade
- Junior Information Session – during advisory
- Senior Information Session – during advisory
- Lunch & Learn Sessions – seniors

**What is the counselor to student ratio?**

- CHS (Centennial High School): 400-441 students per counselor supported by a school psychologist, student assistance coordinator and school resource officer. At Centennial Area Learning Center, the student per counselor ratio is 100:1.
- CMS (Centennial Middle School): 450 + per counselor, assigned by grade level and supported by a school psychologist, school resource officer and contracted therapist.

**What is offered over the summer?** Through Community Education, a variety of programs are offered to Centennial residents. Most of the programs are athletic with a few enrichment programs. Special education offers a summer school program. Some credit recovery opportunities are available through Centennial Area Learning Center along with a program aimed at elementary students struggling in math and reading. Centennial also participates in a Summer Academy for high potential students.

**How do you challenge bored students in the regular classroom? What support do you offer for struggling/discouraged students?** Each school addresses these two issues in ways that best meet the needs of their individual student populations. For example, the high school has a Gifted Services Coordinator that works with gifted students and Cougar Cafe serves students who are struggling or credit deficient. Further discussion with a principal is suggested.

**What programs are available for preschool and kindergarten? Are there before and/or after school programs available for young children?** Preschoolers are served through the Early Childhood Family Education Program, School Readiness and some Community Education programming. A before and after school child care program meets the needs of parents who require child care while offering fun, choice-driven educational opportunities. Community Education programming is also offered after school. The middle school and high school offer a variety of activities and athletic opportunities.

**What is the age of all of your schools?** The Minnesota Department of Education has a website with this information. You can find it at:

[http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Accountability\\_Programs/Program\\_Finance/Facilities\\_Health\\_Safety/Building\\_Age\\_Reports/index.html](http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Accountability_Programs/Program_Finance/Facilities_Health_Safety/Building_Age_Reports/index.html)