

2025-2026 SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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Administrative Personnel

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Community

The Village of Sparta is located 20 minutes north of Grand Rapids. This small rural town of 4,244 residents reflects the values of the community. Sparta offers a diverse labor market, employment opportunities and quality schools. Most notably, it is known for the apple trees and bountiful orchards covering thousands of acres of rolling farmland dedicated to the 3rd largest apple industry in the country.

Educational Environment

Sparta High School is a comprehensive four-year public high school enrolling approximately 770 students. The district consists of one high school, one middle school and two elementary schools that utilize K-2 and 3-5 grade level configurations.

Curriculum

The academic program during this school year is organized on an alternating A/B day schedule. The school year is divided into 2 semesters with students taking 3 courses on A days, and the other 3 courses B days. Each course is worth a .5 credit. Students have a career exploration period called Focus incorporated into their last period class, earning a .5 credit at the end of the school year for it. Overall, students may earn 6.5 credits per year.

District Mission Statement

The Sparta Area School District is committed to working in partnership with students, families and the community. Our goal is to ensure that all students master the essential skills to develop the attitudes and behaviors necessary to function successfully in a changing world. The members of this partnership are committed to guaranteeing an educational environment to challenge all students to achieve their greatest potential.

SAT Scores and Grade Point Average

State average SAT composite for the Class of 2025: 952
SHS average SAT composite for the Class of 2025: 965
SHS average GPA for the Class of 2025: 3.12

Graduation Requirements

Students must earn 24 credits to graduate. Credits must be earned in the following subjects:

4 English
4 Mathematics
3 Science
3 Social Studies
2 World Language (in the same world language)
1 VPAA (Visual, Performing and Applied Arts)
.5 Physical Education
.5 Health
6 General elective credits
Online Experience

Courses

Over 75 courses are offered. Traditional core subjects and electives are graded on a 4.00 scale. Advanced Placement (AP) and honors courses are weighted with an additional .50. There are 13 AP courses (in a traditional classroom setting) and 6 honors-level courses available. Additional AP courses are also offered online. Note: The majority of AP courses become available to students in their junior and/or senior years, after they have met the prerequisites. Currently partnering with Grand Rapids Community College, Sparta High School also offers 3 college English courses and 2 college math courses on the high school's campus.

Grading Scale

A	4.000	93-100%
A-	3.667	90-92%
B+	3.333	87-89%
B	3.000	83-86%
B-	2.667	80-82%
C+	2.333	77-79%
C	2.000	73-76%
C-	1.667	70-72%
D+	1.333	67-69%
D	1.000	63-66%
D-	.667	60-62%
F	.000	0-59%
NM/NC	.000	

Post-Secondary Plans of 2024 Graduates

- 44% of graduates will attend a four-year college
- 23% of graduates will attend a two-year college
- 23% of graduates will pursue career plans
- 6% of graduates will pursue apprenticeships
- 3% of graduates will attend a trade school
- 1% of graduates joined the U.S. military