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#### **Priority 1: Student Success**

- Congratulations to our Cardinals of the Month for January – Lillian Pasche, Caiden Streich, Violet Passow
- Congratulations to the dance team on a strong conference performance and good luck at sections. Clair Daley was recognized as All-Conference and Class A All-State in Jazz and Kick, and Sophia Erickson was Honorable mention for conference jazz.
- Congratulations to Zane Nelson on reaching 100 career points and setting a new boy's record for scoring 45 points in a game.
- Going into their last meet on Monday, the Math League team is 3<sup>rd</sup> out of seven teams. Currently, Jonah Simon is in 7<sup>th</sup> place, Nate McCann is in 8<sup>th</sup> and Alaina Barkheim is in 12<sup>th</sup> out of approximately 180 students in the Three Rivers Division. Great work and good luck on Monday.
- In a 21 team meet, our knowledge bowl teams took 5<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. They have one meet to go this season.

#### **Priority 2: Effective Staffing**

- We are searching for after school activities para support for track and golf.
- Baseball is interviewing for their open junior high position.
- On January 24<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed Dr. Ruth Charles to talk about Brain Architecture and resilience. Thank you to Mr. Wilmes for writing the grant to the Resilient Winona initiative to provide Dr. Charles for free to the high school. We will continue this topic in April with Hiawatha Valley Crisis Response and QPR training.

#### **Priority 3: Finance**

- Thank you to the Foundation for the Owen Mundt Memorial ag classroom purchases and donation to the student council.
- Thank you to the Mark Morris Foundation for donating money for 19 students to complete ACT prep and for stipends for the three teachers (Mrs. Nusbaum, Mrs. McDermott and Mr. Simon).
- Mark Morris will be funding the annual 7<sup>th</sup> grade Courage Retreat. They will also be sponsoring a new 9<sup>th</sup> grade Respect Retreat.

#### **Priority 4: Facilities**

- Gary met with us on February 6 to talk about projects for this year and to clarify a few questions related to plumbing.

#### **Priority 5: Community Engagement**

- Student Council will be hosting a fundraiser event on February 15 at Mango's to raise money for the state leadership conference.
- The activities department strawberry fundraiser orders were due on February 6. Strawberries will be arriving on February 26.
- The music Pasquales fundraiser items will be available on Thursday, February 13 after school. Thank you to all that supported the music department.

**Upcoming Events:**

**February Events (National FFA Week and Snoball)**

**Feb. 17 – No School**

**Feb. 18 – No School for student / Staff Development Day**

**Feb. 20 – Ag Olympics**

**Feb. 22 – Snoball Dance**

**March 4 – Courage and Respect Retreats (Mark Morris)**

# Winona State University

## First-Year Admissions

To complete your application, you'll just need to send official high school transcripts and pay the application fee. No ACT or SAT scores required!

## Guaranteed Admission

If you're a student with a **cumulative high school GPA of 3.0 or higher** on a 4.0 scale, you'll be **guaranteed admission** to Winona State University as long as you complete the required high school courses before the end of your senior year.

Keep in mind that Rochester is a degree-completion campus, so you need at least 60 credits to enter these programs.

If you don't meet this requirement—don't worry.

**We still encourage you to apply.**

An admissions counselor will review your application to determine your potential for success at WSU.

We may request additional information before making an admissions decision.

## High School Course Preparation

To be admitted to WSU, we look for the following high school course completions on your transcript(s):

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of mathematics
- 3 years of science (1 year biological science and 1 year chemistry or physics—all should include labs)
- 3 years of social studies (including 1 year U.S. history)
- 1 year of specified electives (e.g. world cultures, computer science, arts, music)

It is optional to take 2 years of a world language (American Sign Language included).

## How to Apply

Apply Online Pay the Application Fee Send Your Transcripts

The [online application for Winona State University](#) is open and ready for you to apply. Get a head start now for Fall 2025!

Be sure to use your personal email—not your school email—when applying.

You can pause and save your progress if you'd like to come back later. But it often takes just 15 minutes or less!

Your application **won't be processed** until your **transcript and fee payment are received**.

If you need to change any information after you've submitted your application, contact us at [WSUfirstyear@winona.edu](mailto:WSUfirstyear@winona.edu).

## ACT & SAT Scores

**Winona State doesn't require ACT or SAT scores for admission.**

However, you're encouraged to send scores if you've taken either test.

These test scores help determine your placement in English, math, and foreign language courses and may help you qualify for certain scholarships.

# Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

If you're applying for admission to Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, you are no longer required to submit your ACT or SAT test scores as part of your application. Saint Mary's University has adopted a test optional admission policy beginning fall 2020. This means you choose whether or not you want to include your scores.

Will I be at a disadvantage if I decide not to submit —  
standardized test scores?

No. There will be no negative impact on applications without test scores, and applicants will still be considered for our undergraduate scholarships and financial aid.

Who is required to submit test scores? —

- Students interested in being considered for the 3+2 Physician Assistant Program. View requirements.
- Students who have been homeschooled or attended non-grade-based schools will need to submit ACT, SAT, or CLT.
- International students who need to demonstrate proficiency in the English language will need to submit ACT, SAT, TOEFL, IELTS, DET, or PTE Academics.

# MN College Southeast

## New Students

If you have never attended college before, we can establish course placement based on the following:

- ACT, SAT scores taken within the past 5 years. Many students take ACT exams in the 10th and 11th grade. Send scores to [enrollmentservices@southeastmn.edu](mailto:enrollmentservices@southeastmn.edu).
- Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) scores in reading and math taken within the last 5 years. Send scores to [enrollmentservices@southeastmn.edu](mailto:enrollmentservices@southeastmn.edu).
- High School Grade Point Average (GPA) if you graduated in the past 10 years. Your GPA is supplied when you apply for admission.
- Next-Generation Accuplacer Placement Testing. Learn more about the [scheduling the Accuplacer test](#).
- Self-directed placement. If you are unable to provide records as listed above or take the Accuplacer, you can establish course placement through the Self-directed Placement process. Please see your advisor to assist with Self-directed Placement.

# University of Minnesota

## Freshman Admission

Freshman applicants through the fall 2027 term are not required to submit an ACT or SAT test score. This policy change was expanded to ensure every student has the opportunity to submit a complete application.

Whether or not you choose to have your ACT/SAT score considered as part of your application, your application will:

- Receive full consideration for admission, scholarships, and our University Honors Program.
- Be read in its entirety during our individual review process.

On your application, you will indicate whether you would like an ACT/SAT score considered in the review of your application. Once you submit your application, your decision is final and cannot be amended, with the exception for test access or cancellation circumstances. *An applicant who originally indicated the intent to submit a test score, but can no longer take the exam and therefore can not complete their application, can request to change their original answer to this question by completing an [amendment form](#).*

All applications—those with and without test scores—will be read in their entirety and reviewed for admission, scholarships, and Honors using academic and context factors (see full list of [holistic review factors](#)). The academic factors (like grades, class rank, GPA, course rigor, and test score, if provided) focus on your academic preparedness for University of Minnesota programs. The context factors include characteristics like outstanding achievement or aptitude in a particular area, commitment to community service or family responsibilities; these factors demonstrate your potential contributions to our community of scholars.

Some applicants may feel that an SAT or ACT score does not fully reflect their academic preparedness or potential. If a student does not provide an ACT/SAT score, we will review their application using the rest of our academic and context factors.

For many applicants, an ACT/SAT score can reflect their preparation for college. We encourage any applicant who has taken the SAT or ACT to share their scores with us if the student believes that they are reflective of your ability and potential. If a student does provide an ACT/SAT score as part of their application, it will be reviewed as an academic factor. Please note that your choice about test consideration is not reversible.

# RCTC

## General Admission Requirements

All those who have earned a high school diploma or GED will be admitted to Rochester Community and Technical College. Applicants who do not meet this criterion may still be admissible.

Lack of English skills should not be a barrier to admission or participation. In order to eliminate barriers, we take appropriate measures individually assess each student's ability to participate. Based on the assessment, students are then provided with campus services or a referral to community services to be better prepared for successful participation.

## New Student Course Placement

Congratulations on your acceptance to RCTC! If you have been admitted for **Spring 2025**, you need to take the next steps to prepare for your course registration. Students need to be evaluated for course placement **prior** to registering for classes. **Registration for new fall students will begin in November 2024.**

Students can have their test scores and high school GPA considered for college placement, what we call "Multiple Measures for Course Placement." These items can be **mailed OR emailed** to [onestop@rctc.edu](mailto:onestop@rctc.edu).

- **Send test scores:**
  - Students can verify test scores (ACT, SAT, MCA, or ALEKS) pulled out of their portal (unofficial test scores) with a College Transitions Advisor or high school Counselor and send to RCTC. Official ACT or SAT copies are also accepted when a student requests them from ACT or College Board. **ACT, SAT, and MCA test scores are valid for 5 years. ALEKS test scores are valid for 2 years.**
- **Report your unweighted GPA:**
  - Send a high school transcript to RCTC for placement. **High school GPA is valid for 10 years.**