



**SAUGATUCK
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

College Profile 2023-2024

Overview	Academics
<p>Located in beautiful Saugatuck, Michigan, Saugatuck High School is a small school with BIG opportunities for its 271 students.</p> <p>Excellent teachers, a rigorous curriculum, high expectations for student success and timely support create a culture that values learning. Our current graduation rate is 95%, with a three-year average of 70% of graduating seniors enrolled in post-secondary education.</p> <p>Experiential learning and extended school year options provide depth and relevance to student learning. Summer courses such as Food Matters, Urban Experience, Dune Ecology and IChallengeU extend the classroom to the real world in a profound way. Art and Band trips to New York City or Chicago expose students to urban life, art and culture. Participation in the Women in Science Conference at the Argonne National Laboratory promotes careers in science for our female students. Interact club members installing Bio-Sand filters in the Dominican Republic give students a more global perspective and encourage a lifetime of service to others.</p> <p>Award-winning Art and Industrial Arts programs, a Band earning a I rating at district festival, strong participation in Youth in Government and Model United Nations, a competitive quiz bowl team, and championship athletic teams competing for state championships in football, golf, cross-country and track in recent years provide important lessons in hard work, persistence, teamwork and leadership.</p> <p>Taken as a whole, Saugatuck High School strives to live up to its mission: Prepare Students for Life! We believe we have the best students in West Michigan and that we are one of the best small schools in the state.</p>	<p><u>Curriculum</u> A minimum of 28 credits are required to graduate and include: four credits in English, four credits in mathematics, three credits in science and social studies, two credits in a foreign language, one credit in health and the arts, along with ten elective classes.</p> <p>Articulation agreements with Davenport University, Ferris State University and Grand Rapids Community college, direct credit courses in Spanish, English, Art and Mathematics through Lake Michigan Community College and Kendall College, Dual Enrollment options through Hope College and Advanced Placement courses in: Art 2-D and Design, Art 3-D and Design, Drawing, United States Government and Politics, World and United States History, English Language and Composition and English Literature and Composition, as well as Introduction to Computer Science Principles, Chemistry and Environmental Science, make it possible for students at SHS to graduate from high school with over 30 college credits.</p> <p><u>GPA and Class Rank</u> Grade Point is cumulative and based upon a 4.0 scale, with AP courses weighted as 5.0. Class rank includes AP coursework.</p> <p><u>Standardized Assessments</u> In May of 2023, 79% of Saugatuck students passed their Advanced Placement Examinations compared to 63% at the state level and 58% globally (105 exams were administered).</p> <p>Saugatuck High School's 2022 SAT composite score was 1039 compared to 958 statewide.</p> <p><u>Covid-19</u> March-June of 2020, students were taught through synchronous and asynchronous instruction with the opportunity of taking a "Credit" or a letter grade at the end of the trimester. Student assessments were modified, although they still maintained rigor. In some cases physical materials were picked up and dropped off through a secure drop box system. AP students took their tests online through the College Board. There were no changes to offerings, graduation requirements or the academic calendar.</p>
Accreditation, Associations and Ranking	Contact Information
<p>Saugatuck is a part of the North Central Association of College and Schools Transitions Accreditation Program, a member of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, and the National Association of Secondary Principals/National Honor Society. Saugatuck High School has been named one of America's Best High Schools by US News & World Report for the 9th time in the last 10 years, ranked in the top 5% of Michigan High Schools and top 10% of high schools across the nation. 78% of our AP students passed with a 3 or better.</p>	<p>Phone: 269.857.2133 Fax: 269.857.6145 Principal: Mark Neidlinger mneidlinger@saugatuckps.com Counselor: Tricia Schrottenboer tschrottenboer@saugatuckps.com Gifted & Talented: Elizabeth TerHaar eterhaar@saugatuckps.com</p> <p>CEEB Code: 233-420</p>