

# Luther North College Prep

Our mission is to enable students to reach their potential and become lifelong learners through a challenging academic curriculum in a Christ-centered, diverse learning community.

## 2013-2014 Profile

### THE SCHOOL

Founded in 1909 as Luther Institute, the school operated for many years at 120 N. Wood Street. Since 1953, Luther North has been in its present location and will be in its 105th year of service to the Chicagoland area during the 2013-14 school year. The school is fully accredited by the National Lutheran School Association, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, and recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education.

An association of Lutheran congregations from Chicago and its surrounding suburbs provides support of many kinds for Luther North and its programs. Since the great majority of its graduates continue to pursue formal education beyond high school, Luther North offers an extensive college preparation program.

### THE FACULTY

The dedicated, certified faculty of 20 provides opportunities for individual academic and spiritual growth. Approximately 65 percent of Luther's teachers have a Master's degree or beyond.

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Advanced Placement courses are offered in American Government, English Language and Literature, and Chemistry. Some of these courses are offered in alternating years.

### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Luther North currently offers two diploma programs, which are categorized by different academic levels: College Preparatory and High School. Students are placed in these programs based on both academic achievement and individual preference. The college preparatory diploma gives students all courses necessary to immediately enter a 4-year college or university after graduation. The high school diploma fulfills all the Illinois state requirements to graduate. A student will still be able to enter a 4-year college or university, but may have to take additional courses (i.e. foreign language or higher level mathematics or science).

### ACT RESULTS FOR 2013

In the Class of 2013, 30 students took the ACT, earning a mean composite score of 19.6. Luther North's sub-scores were:

- English 19.4
- Math 18.3
- Reading 20.3
- Science 19.8

### POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

In 2013 100% of the graduates planned to continue their education. While 68% planned to attend 4-year colleges or universities and 19% planned to attend 2-year colleges. 74% of our students were accepted to 4-year colleges or universities. At the time of graduation 10% were undecided. The graduating class of 31 students earned a total of \$253,600 in scholarship money.

### STUDENT SERVICES STAFF

- Sheri Meyer.....Executive Director
- Wayne Wenzel.....Principal
- Sheri Damery.....Guidance Counselor
- Leslie Keil.....School Counselor
- JoAnne Rzadzki.....Academic Counselor
- Georgia Bournas.....Records
- Nancy Sadek.....Special Services
- Dave Grim.....Athletic Director
- Carol Bach.....Information Specialist



# 2013-2014 TRANSCRIPT EVALUATION GUIDE

## GRADE SCALE

A+ = 97.5	B- = 79.5	D+ = 66.5
A = 92.5	C+ = 76.5	D = 62.5
A- = 89.5	C = 72.5	D- = 59.5
B+ = 86.5	C- = 69.5	F = 00.0
B = 82.5		

## GRADING SYSTEM

<b>A</b> = Excellent	<b>I</b> = Incomplete
<b>B</b> = Above Average	<b>M</b> = Medically Excused
<b>C</b> = Average	<b>P</b> = Pass (used only in pass/fail courses)
<b>D</b> = Below Average	<b>W</b> = Withdrawn
<b>E</b> = Effort (Passing)	<b>WF</b> = Withdrawn (after 3rd week of school)
<b>F</b> = Failure	

## LETTER GRADE EQUIVALENTS

Grade average and class rank are determined by converting the letter grades to the following point system:

### REGULAR COURSES

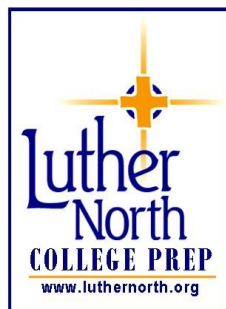
A+ = 4.3
A = 4.0
A- = 3.7
B+ = 3.3
B = 3.0
B- = 2.7
C+ = 2.3
C = 2.0
C- = 1.7
D+ = 1.3
D = 1.0
D- = 0.7
F = 0.0
E = 0.0

### LEVEL II COURSES

A+ = 4.8
A = 4.5
A- = 4.2
B+ = 3.8
B = 3.5
B- = 3.2
C+ = 2.8
C = 2.5
C- = 2.2
D+ = 1.3
D = 1.0
D- = 0.7
F = 0.0

### LEVEL III COURSES

A+ = 5.3
A = 5.0
A- = 4.7
B+ = 4.3
B = 4.0
B- = 3.7
C+ = 3.3
C = 3.0
C- = 2.7
D+ = 1.3
D = 1.0
D- = 0.7
F = 0.0



## HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM 26 Credits

1. Two credits in theology
2. Four and one-half credits in English
3. Three credits in social studies
4. Three credits in mathematics
5. Two credits in laboratory science
6. One credit in computer science
7. Two credits in physical education
8. One-half credit in health
9. One credit in fine arts
10. Five credits in elective areas
11. Two credits in Winterim
12. Senior portfolio

## COLLEGE PREPATORY DIPLOMA PROGRAM 28 Credits

1. Two credits in theology
2. Four and one-half credits in English
3. Three credits in social studies
4. Three credits in mathematics
5. Three credits in laboratory science
6. Two credits in foreign language
7. One additional credit in science, foreign language, or mathematics
8. One credit in computer science
9. Two credits in physical education
10. One-half credit in health
11. One credit in fine arts
12. Three credits in elective areas
13. Two credits in Winterim
14. Senior portfolio

## GRADING SYSTEM

Students' weighted career grade point average (GPA) is reported on their transcripts. The weighted GPA takes into account the level of difficulty for each course (Advanced or Advanced Placement courses earn an additional 0.5 per course). Class rank is based on weighted GPA information. Failing courses are figured into the weighted career GPA as a zero.

## HONOR ROLL

A student whose grade average for a given grading period is 4.0 or higher is placed on the High Honor Roll. An average of 3.60-3.99 earns Honor Roll designation. A grade average of 3.20-3.59 receives Honorable Mention recognition.

## GRADUATION HONORS

Students who maintain a cumulative average of 3.75 or higher throughout their high school years are officially graduated "With Distinction." Appropriate recognition of this honor, as well as the naming of the class Valedictorian and Salutatorian, is made at the annual Honors Convocation and at the June Commencement.

**"Never give up. Eagerly follow the Holy Spirit and serve the Lord." Romans 12:11 cev**

## VISION STATEMENT

It is the vision of Luther North College Prep to:

- \* Be academically rigorous with a differentiated curriculum
- \* Be a community defined by Christian values
- \* Be a leader in education that challenges and motivates students to excel
- \* Encourage students to grow in their Christian faith
- \* Challenge students to develop leadership, character, and passion to contribute globally