

Why choose Cooper

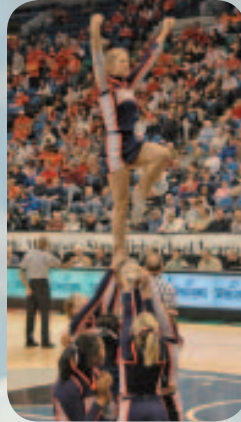
- **Top 1500 high school in nation.** Robbinsdale Cooper High School is ranked by *Newsweek* magazine as among the top 1500 (6%) of high schools in the nation based on the number of students taking college-level coursework.
- **Rigorous academic options.** A high percentage of students take IB courses.
- **Excellence in the arts.** We're among the "Best 100 Communities for Music Education," according to the American Music Conference.
- **Strength of diversity.** Building relationships with other students of a diverse background helps develop students to succeed in school, the workplace and in the world we live in.
- **Sense of belonging.** Students have the opportunity to reach their highest potential by participating in enriching activities as part of their total high school experience. No matter who you are, you'll fit in here!

IB at Cooper

The International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Cooper is one of the largest IB programs in the state of Minnesota. Every year our students out-perform the best IB students around the world in several subject areas. The IB's philosophy of education promotes intercultural understanding and respect as an essential part of life in the 21st century.

Cooper has a school-wide IB Middle Years Program (IBMYP) in grades 9 and 10. In grades 11 and 12, the IB Diploma-level program offers students an opportunity to take one or more college-level courses while still in high school, either as a full Diploma or IB Certificate candidate.

The scores students earn on their junior and senior year IB exams are recognized around the world and throughout the United States by colleges and universities for both admission and credits.



Honors and Awards

Cooper High School is represented annually at the state competition level in various activities and athletic teams. Our teams produce winners not only on the field but in the classroom as well!

- Spotlight Awards for Outstanding Performance of a Pit Orchestra, Outstanding Performance in a Lead Role, Outstanding Performance in a Supporting Role - 2009
- Section 4AA Lincoln Douglas Debate Champion
- Boys' Basketball North Suburban Conference Champions and Section 5AAAA Runners Up - 2009 & 10
- MN State High School Coaches Association Bronze Academic Award in softball, as well as current holder of the MSHSL Personal Record for Homeruns in One Game
- Section Champions and 5th in State for Nordic Skiing
- 2nd and 3rd place finishes by Cooper Hawk Track Team Members at the State meet
- Consistent winners of Best in Site Awards at the 6AA State Vocal, Band, and Orchestral Solo and Ensemble contests
- More than 20 individual winners of gold, silver, and bronze awards in the Journalism Educators of Minnesota All-State contests in writing
- More than 30 students selected to participate in various media contests with the Minnesota Twins, the Minnesota Wild, and the Guthrie Theater
- State and nationally ranked Quiz Bowl team
- Top finishes in state and national DECA business events by many Cooper students
- Seven first place and four second place awards in the Quill and Scroll Society International Awards for School News Media contest
- Hip Hop and Step teams are consistent competition champions

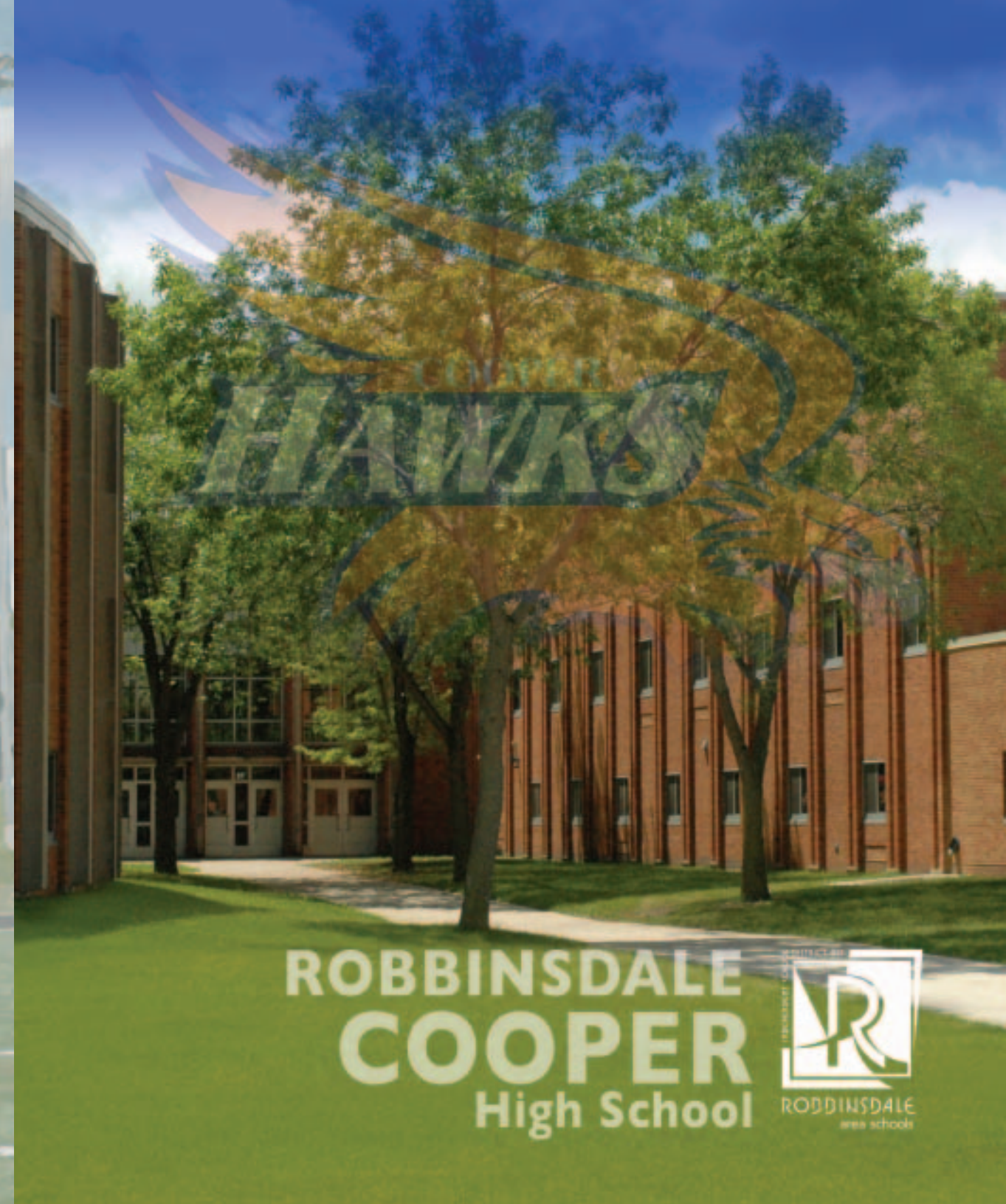
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ROBBINSDALE
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High School





Welcome to Robbinsdale Cooper High School. We are a professional learning community in which students have the opportunity to reach their highest potential academically and to participate in enriching activities as part of their total high school experience. We have a world class faculty who believe it is our mission to prepare students to be ready for the twenty first century. We focus on critical thinking skills and provide a global minded education to prepare students for jobs that do not yet exist.

Our International Baccalaureate (IB) program is one of the largest in the state of Minnesota. We have a school wide Middle Years Program (MYP) to provide all learners with rigor, relevance, and the opportunity to reflect on learning from a world view. Cooper has a commitment to providing service to its students and to the community. We do this by expecting Cooper students to take advantage of a wide variety of service learning opportunities. With this service expectation, students gain a clear understanding of their capacity to make an impact on the world around them. Through service, students grow as learners and as compassionate individuals.

We pride ourselves in our rich tradition of offering a wide spectrum of arts and activities specifically designed to meet the needs of all students. Cooper has a variety of programs which display our commitment to students and their success. Our dedicated faculty ensures seamless programming to support student learning outside the classroom. Programs such as AVID, Admissions Possible, ABC labs, FIT, and cultural clubs are designed to support all students at all levels.

We welcome you to join our learning community where we believe it's not just success, it's significance.

Michael Favor, Principal

Mission Statement

To provide a caring and vibrant community where all members are respected, we will educate students to become active, compassionate, principled critical thinkers who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

R.C.H.S. Fast Facts

School Name: E.J. (Robbinsdale) Cooper Senior High School
 Enrollment: 2,000 in grades 9-12 Mascot: Hawk Yearbook: Talons
 School Colors: Orange and Blue Newspaper: The Quill School Opened: 1964



School Activities

At Robbinsdale Cooper High School, there are more than 75 school-sponsored teams, clubs, performing and fine arts activities, and sports. Annually, more than 1,200 students participate in activities sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League. Cooper's school sports teams compete in the North Suburban Conference. There are 14 varsity sports teams for both girls and boys. Our teams and individuals are always strong competitors at the region and state levels. In addition to sports, Cooper offers activities including musicals, plays, choir, marching and jazz band, dance, step, and hip hop teams, debate, yearbook, newspaper, math team, National Honor Society, cultural leadership council, global language clubs, chess team and many intramural sports.

The Arts

The arts are a central part of Robbinsdale Cooper High School and we have a long tradition of award-winning performances. Students have opportunities to foster lifelong interest and self-expression in the arts through the courses in drama, vocal and instrumental music, creative writing, and visual arts. The school's vocal and instrumental music program receives top ratings at state competitions, and the plays, musicals, original scripts and award-winning one-act plays are among the very best high school productions anywhere. Our student artists have won local, state and national recognition including several "Spotlight Awards," ranging from 'Outstanding Performance of a Pit Orchestra,' to 'Outstanding Performance' in both Lead and Supporting Roles. Students have also received performance invitations to nationwide music festivals, parades, contests and competitions. Tours have taken our students to Chicago, Disneyworld, St. Louis, Los Angeles, and New York City, and other landmark attractions, to participate in clinics and exchange concerts, as well as perform in some of the nation's most prestigious concert venues.

In 1995, both Robbinsdale Armstrong and Cooper high schools were awarded the prestigious Medallion Award from the Children's Theatre Foundation of America. They are the only high schools in Minnesota to have received this award to date.



AVID

Advancement Via Individual Determination is an in-house academic support program that prepares students for college eligibility and success. The AVID curriculum is offered as an elective course and is based on rigorous standards developed by middle and high school teachers and college professors. It is driven by analytical writing, inquiry, collaboration and reading. It also focuses on study skills, test taking skills, note taking, research, organization, critical thinking, goal setting, choosing a college, and preparing for college entrance and placement exams.

ABC Lab

ABC Lab is a student choice alternative program located within Cooper which helps students to recover credits toward their goal of graduation. The program is an optional placement alternative for students in grades 10-12 and/or are experiencing difficulty with the traditional school model. ABC Lab provides opportunities for personal and academic support as well as close monitoring of student attendance and academic progress. Students receive immediate interventions that promote positive changes in behavior and achievement.

Graduation Requirements

Students must earn the following credits

8 semesters - English	6 semesters - Mathematics	15 semesters - Electives
8 semesters - Social Studies	1 semester - Health	(at least one in fine arts)
6 semesters - Science	2 semesters - Physical Education	

46 Total Credits

Our students must also pass the state mathematics, reading and writing tests. We are on a semester schedule with one semester credit equal to a one-period class meeting for one semester. We offer an eight period day with all of our courses existing as single-period classes. Students are scheduled into seven classes and one lunch.

Class Rank

Class rank is based on final semester grades in all subjects. Grades are not weighted in calculating class rank.

Grades

A 4.0 A- 3.67 B+ 3.34 B 3.0 B- 2.67 C+ 2.34 C 2.0 C- 1.67 D+ 1.34 D 1.0 D- .67 NC 0.00
 P = credit earned, and no honor points I = incomplete work