

## **Head-to-Head Comparisons of the Secondary Schools of Cromwell, Floodwood, and South Ridge**

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In previous columns, the Northland Watch reported the 2016 rankings of the Secondary rankings of the Floodwood, Cromwell, and South Ridge schools by [www.greatschools.org](http://www.greatschools.org). A look at the report card by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDOE) shows how things have materialized from 2016 to 2017.

### Floodwood Secondary

In 2016, Floodwood's Secondary reported proficiencies in math, reading, and science of 22%, 30%, and 16%, respectively. In 2017, they were 23%, 35%, and 23%, respectively. Overall, math scores improved 1%, reading up 5%, and science up 7%. All gains, but still far below the state average.

The MN DOE reported a licensed teacher and support staff to student ratio of 13, and an October 1 student count of 117 students.

### Cromwell-Wright Secondary

In 2016, Cromwell-Wright's Secondary reported proficiencies in math, reading, and science of 63%, 58%, and 33%, respectively. In 2017, they were 47%, 47%, and 40%, respectively. Overall, math and reading scores fell 16% and 8%, respectively, while science improved 7%. All scores fell below the state average.

The MN DOE reported a licensed teacher and support staff to student ratio of 15, and an October 1 student count of 156 students.

### South Ridge Secondary

In 2016, the South Ridge Secondary reported proficiencies in math, reading, and science of 31%, 54%, and 43%, respectively. In 2017, they were 40%, 60%, and 46%, respectively. Overall, math and reading scores rose 9%, 6%, and 7%, respectively. Only reading scores were above the state average.

The MN DOE reported a licensed teacher and support staff to student ratio of 12, and an October 1 student count of 243 students.

### Summary

South Ridge posted the highest reading and science proficiencies in 2017, while trending upwards. Cromwell posted the highest math proficiencies of the three schools even though it was still below the state average. The small improvements in Floodwood's performance wasn't enough to bring them from levels far below the state average. The reading proficiency of the South Ridge Secondary is the only area that any of the three schools eclipsed the state average. Only South Ridge is trending in the right direction over the last two years.