



Great Neck Public Schools

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Profile: Class of 2012

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COMMUNITY Great Neck is a residential community of some 40,000 people on the North Shore of Long Island, in Nassau County, within easy commuting distance of Manhattan. Great Neck residents, typically well-educated, are concerned about education and have high expectations for their school system.

SCHOOLS About 6,300 students, grades K–12, attend the Great Neck Public Schools. There are three high schools: North, South, and Village (a small alternative high school). SEAL Academy (Supportive Environment for All Learners) is a districtwide, alternative high school program. There are two middle schools and four elementary schools. Our students have diverse backgrounds; they come from nearly 30 countries and represent a broad socioeconomic range. Approximately 997 students are enrolled in North High School for 2011–12. The Great Neck school district has, from its inception, offered a highly academic, enriched, and comprehensive program.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION National publications consistently and historically have included Great Neck North High School among the top secondary schools in the country. These publications have based their conclusions on surveys of groups such as college admissions officers, the Carnegie Foundation, the Institute for Educational Leadership at the George Washington University, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, as well as on standardized measures of student performance, such as Advanced Placement (AP) and New York State Regents exams.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

North High School Class of 2011 New York State Regents achievements:

- 93 percent earned a Regents Endorsed Diploma
- 74 percent received a Regents Advanced Diploma
- 34 percent received a Regents Advanced Diploma with Honors (achieving an average of 90 or better on eight exams)

Our students continue to garner awards on the local and national levels including:

- American High School Math Exam
- American International Math Exam
- Character Matters
- Intel Science Talent Search
- Lincoln Center Chamber Music Concert
- Music competitions
- Natl Council of Teachers of English
- Natl foreign language exams
- Natl Foundation for the Arts
- Research in social sciences
- Siemens Westinghouse Competition in Math, Science, and Technology
- Writing competitions
- Young artists competitions

CURRICULUM We offer Advanced Placement (AP), Honors, and Regents courses; career training; English as a Second Language (ESL); and remedial and special education.

- Community School, a highly academic English, social studies, and human relations program, has provided an alternative approach to learning for over 30 years; it is a recognized model for a student-centered community-education environment.
- Independent Study program provides the opportunity for students to pursue their own academic interests.
- All seniors are required to do community service as part of their social studies program.
- An accomplished orchestral, band, and choral music program has earned local, state, and national honors.
- Our Science Research program has promoted science research and education in our school and earned a plethora of local, state, and national awards.
- We are equally proud of initiating the district-wide special education program, ACE (Academic and Career Education).
- 25 AP courses are offered—all students enrolled in AP courses are required to take AP exams.

SENIOR PROGRAMS Faculty, students, and administrators have worked together to create innovative programs that provide seniors with a college-level seminar experience, challenge them intellectually, demand higher-level thinking and writing skills, and integrate learning through thematic studies. Most importantly, these programs recognize seniors as young adults on their way to college and expect a consequent level of maturity and responsibility from them.

REFLECTIONS is a three-credit, humanities-based program with a community-service component. The week is divided between interdisciplinary studies and community-service activities. The curriculum thematically explores issues of Europe and the United States from the nineteenth to the twenty-first centuries through various readings and the arts. Students participate in an ongoing community-service activity twice weekly. Each student selects a nonprofit organization of particular interest and commits to the organization for the entire year.

SENIOR SEMINAR is a three-credit program that combines English, social studies, art and business. In this interdisciplinary seminar, students investigate the theme of American identity. Students are exposed to novels, short stories, poems, and essays of the twentieth century. To complement the literature, there is extensive research on the historical, political, social, and business issues of each decade. Students engage in internships in the spring semester or complete an in-depth independent study project.

STAGES is an interdisciplinary program developed by the music, drama, English, and social studies departments for seniors who have a strong interest and demonstrable ability in some aspect of the performing arts. This three-period, three-credit program meets the English and social studies requirements and grants an elective credit. Emphasis is on the examination, analysis, and creation of music and drama, on the processes inherent in the composition of theatrical material, and on the development and execution of a performable piece. Students study literature, style, politics, economics, history, and the relationships among these disciplines.

EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS Eighty-five percent of our students participate in extracurricular activities.

ATHLETIC TEAMS. Students compete on 38 interscholastic teams, including: badminton, baseball, basketball, bowling, cross-country, fencing, field hockey, football, gymnastics, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, volleyball, and wrestling.

CLUBS AND PROGRAMS include, but are not limited to: athletic leadership, Battle of the Classes, debate-forensic teams, Fashion Show, Find the Cure, Habitat for Humanity, Homecoming, Key Club, Kilties, Math Team, Mock Trial, Model Congress, Model UN, Overture, Peer Drug Educators, photography, real estate/investment, Relay for Life, SADD, Student Organization, and Unity Day.

- Artfest, held annually, displays a year's worth of commitment in the performing and visual arts.
- Fine Arts and Performing Arts produce outstanding plays, musicals, concerts, and exhibitions in venues ranging from North High to Carnegie Hall and Disney World.
- Journalism opportunities feature eight publications, several of which earn local and national awards.
- Peer AIDS-education, an acclaimed program, in which students, trained in AIDS education by the professional staff of a hospital, plan and implement programs for the entire school.
- Peer Leadership involves about 100 juniors and seniors who are trained in required classes to facilitate groups, be mentors to younger students, and leaders in the school.
- Peer Mentoring connects high school mentors with at-risk middle school students.

ACCREDITATION & INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS Great Neck North High School is accredited and certified by the New York State Education Department. The school holds institutional memberships with the College Entrance Examination Board, the National Association of College Admissions Counselors, the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

COUNSELORS All counselors, except the department head, have caseloads of approximately 185 students. The vast majority of students work with the same counselor for all four years of high school in all facets of guidance-program activities, from personal counseling to academic planning and college counseling. Students meet with counselors individually and in small groups for a variety of purposes throughout the academic year.

VISITS BY COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES College representatives are always welcome in our school to meet with counselors and interested students. "Mini-College Days" are held regularly. Schedules for these events are available each spring for the following year. They can be obtained by contacting the guidance office.

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CUMULATIVE AVERAGE

The cumulative average, computed at the end of eleventh grade, includes all subjects in which a student received a final numerical grade. **There is no weighting of grades for honors and advanced placement courses.**

CLASS RANK

In accordance with Great Neck Board of Education policy, **students are not ranked by cumulative averages relative to their classmates.** A distribution of cumulative averages for the North High School Class of 2012, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES

NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2012

Cumulative Averages	% of Class
95 & above	6.3
90–94.9	29.0
85–89.9	25.6
80–84.9	19.8
75–79.9	13.9
70–74.9	2.9
65–69.9	2.5

Past statistical analysis has indicated a correlation between scores on New York State Regents Examinations and final course grades of approximately +.80.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

Subject Area	22 Units of Credit
English	4
Social Studies	4
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Foreign Language	1
Health Education	1
Physical Education	2
Art/Music/Drama	1
Practical Arts (Business, F.A.C.S., Tech. Ed.)	.5
Computer Ed. or Word Processing	.5
Electives	2

FUTURE PLANS

NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2011

Higher Education	94.2%
Four-Year Colleges	84.2%
Two-Year Colleges	10.0%
Other	5.8%

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD DATA NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2011

Program	Recipients
National Merit Scholarship Competition	
Finalists	3
Commended Students	11
College Board AP Scholar Awards Program—2010–2011 <i>(Includes 11th- and 12th-graders)</i>	
National Scholars	21
Scholars with Distinction	68
Scholars with Honors	23
Scholars	47
Intel Science Second Place, National Finalist	1
Intel Science Talent Search, Semifinalists	2
Simons Foundation Fellow	1
Young Epidemiology Scholar Award, Regional Finalist	1

COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2011

Test*	Number Tested	School Mean	Natl Mean
SAT–Critical Reading	214	554	497
SAT–Math	214	591	514
SAT–Writing	214	585	489
SAT II: Subject Tests			
American History	44	689	608
Biology–E	6	582	604
Biology–M	29	639	635
Chemistry	47	685	648
Literature	16	612	576
Math–Level I	49	623	610
Math–Level II	49	699	654
Modern Hebrew	6	613	623
Physics	19	703	656
World History	14	678	607

* Unofficial copy of SAT scores no longer sent by our school.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — 2010–2011

Subject	Number Tested*	% With 3 or Better
Art: 2D Design	4	75
Art: 3D Design	2	50
Art: Drawing	11	64
Art History	13	85
Biology	83	64
Chemistry	43	74
Chinese Language	1	100
Computer Science A	5	100
Economics: Macro	78	86
Economics: Micro	80	91
English Language & Composition	58	95
English Literature & Composition	42	88
Environmental Science	65	18
French Language	5	60
German Language	1	100
Government & Politics: US	24	67
History: European	12	100
History: United States	58	97
History: World	47	83
Latin: Vergil	5	100
Math: Calculus AB	23	96
Math: Calculus BC	20	100
Music Theory	5	40
Physics B	44	41
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	11	100
Physics C: Mechanics	11	100
Psychology	73	95
Spanish Language	41	49
Statistics	29	83

* 303 students, representing 58.2% of eleventh- and twelfth-graders, took 1 or more AP tests. 55 tenth-graders and 2 ninth-graders took 1 or more AP tests.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY THE CLASSES OF 2007–2011

The number following each school represents the total number of students enrolled during this five-year period.

Adelphi University	5	Hofstra University	29	SUNY-College at Cortland	2
Alfred University	2	Indiana University-Bloomington	7	SUNY-College at Delhi	1
American University	3	Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya	1	SUNY-College at Farmingdale	3
Arizona State University	2	Ithaca College	12	SUNY-College at Fredonia	1
Babson College	1	Jewish Theological Seminary of America	1	SUNY-College at Geneseo	9
Bard College	1	Johnson & Wales University	1	SUNY-College at Old Westbury	4
Bar-Ilan University (Israel)	8	Kent State University	1	SUNY-College at Oneonta	2
Barnard College	7	Lafayette College	3	SUNY-College at Oswego	4
Barry University	1	Lehigh University	3	SUNY-College at Purchase	1
Berklee College of Music	1	LIM College	1	SUNY-Fashion Institute of Tech	13
Boston College	2	LIU-CW Post Campus	14	Syracuse University	19
Boston University	38	Loyola College in Maryland	2	Tel Aviv University	7
Bowdoin College	2	Lynn University	2	Temple University	1
Brandeis University	5	Manhattan College	1	The Art Institute of New York City	1
Brigham Young University-Idaho	1	Manhattanville College	1	The College of New Jersey	1
Brown University	6	Mannes College of Music	1	Touro College-Dix Hills	3
California Institute of Technology	1	Maryland Institute College of Art	3	Towson State University	11
California State University, Northridge	1	Mass. College of Pharmacy & Health Science	2	Tufts University	8
Carnegie-Mellon University	5	Mass. Institute of Technology	1	Tulane University	15
Case Western Reserve University	3	McGill University	1	Union College	8
Chatham College	1	Miami University of Ohio	1	University of Alabama	1
Colgate University	1	Middlebury College	1	University of Arizona	4
Columbia College	1	Mitchell College	1	University of California-Berkeley	1
Columbia College-Chicago	3	Molloy College	1	University of California-Los Angeles	1
Columbia U-Engin. & Applied Science	2	Monmouth University	1	University of California-San Diego	2
Concordia College	1	Muhlenberg College	2	University of California-Santa Barbara	2
Cornell University	26	Nassau Community College	100	University of Chicago	1
CUNY-Baruch College	61	New York Film Academy	1	University of Colorado-Boulder	5
CUNY-Borough of Manhattan CC	7	New York Institute of Technology	11	University of Connecticut	1
CUNY-City College of NY	3	New York University	57	University of Delaware	7
CUNY-Fiorello H. LaGuardia CC	1	Northeastern University	5	University of Hartford	10
CUNY-Hunter College	14	Northwestern University	6	University of MA-Amherst	10
CUNY-John Jay College	3	Oberlin College	2	University of MA-Boston	1
CUNY-Macaulay Honors College	16	Occidental College	1	University of MD-College Park	20
CUNY-NYC Technical College	2	Ohio State University-Columbus	1	University of Miami	12
CUNY-Queens College	44	Pace University-New York City	14	University of Michigan	27
CUNY-Queensborough CC	31	Parsons The New School for Design	4	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	1
CUNY-Sophie Davis School-Biomedical Ed	1	Pennsylvania State University	6	University of Missouri Columbia	1
CUNY-York College	1	Pfeiffer University	1	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	2
Curry College	1	Princeton University	2	University of Pennsylvania	7
Dartmouth College	5	Quinnipiac University	5	University of Pittsburgh	3
DePaul University	2	Rensselaer Polytech Institute	1	University of Rhode Island	2
Dominican College of Blauvelt	2	Rhode Island College	1	University of Richmond	1
Dowling College	1	Rice University	1	University of Rochester	3
Drexel University	1	Rider University	1	University of Southern California	6
Duke University	13	Roberts Wesleyan College	1	University of St. Andrews (Scotland)	1
East Carolina University	1	Roger Williams University	4	University of Tampa	3
Eastern Connecticut State University	1	Rollins College	1	University of Vermont	2
Elmira College	1	Salisbury University	1	University of Virginia	3
Emory University	15	Santa Monica College	2	University of Wisconsin-Madison	10
Fairfield University	1	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	1	Ursinis College	1
Florida Atlantic University	1	School of Visual Arts	2	US Military Academy (West Point)	1
Florida Institute of Technology	1	Skidmore College	3	Utica College	1
Florida International University	3	St. John's University-Queens	22	Vanderbilt University	8
Florida State University	1	St. John's U-Coll. of Pharmacy/Allied Health	1	Vassar College	1
Fordham University	4	Stevens Institute of Technology	1	Villanova University	2
Franklin Pierce University	2	Suffolk County CC, Ammerman	1	Virginia Polytech. Inst. & State Univ.	1
Georgetown University	2	SUNJ-Rutgers	1	Wake Forest University	1
George Washington University	16	SUNY-Albany	22	Washington University in St. Louis	3
Georgia Institute of Technology	2	SUNY-Binghamton	20	Wesleyan University	6
Gettysburg College	1	SUNY-Buffalo	15	Wilkes University	1
Hamilton College	1	SUNY-New Paltz	3	Williams College	1
Hampshire College	2	SUNY-Plattsburgh	1	Yale University	5
Hartwick College	3	SUNY-Stony Brook	23	Yeshiva University	11
Harvard-Radcliffe College	7	SUNY-Buffalo State College	1		