



# Great Neck Public Schools

## William A. Shine–Great Neck South High School

### Profile: Class of 2016

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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.

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**SCHOOLS** About 6,450 students, grades K–12, attend the Great Neck Public Schools. There are three high schools: North, South, and Village (a small alternative high school), and SEAL Program, an alternative high school. There are two middle schools and four elementary schools. Our students have diverse backgrounds; they come from over 40 countries and represent a broad socioeconomic range. Approximately 1,207 students are enrolled in South High School for the 2015–2016 academic year.

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**NATIONAL RECOGNITION** National publications often include Great Neck South 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 George Washington University, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

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**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT** Over 90 percent of South High students achieve a “B” average or better. Ninety-seven percent of the South High School Class of 2015 entered college. Fourteen percent were recognized as Finalists or received Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

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**CURRICULUM** South High School offers major sequences in several fields of study. In addition to courses required for graduation, students elect many others according to their abilities, interests, and future plans. Also offered are an independent study program that provides an opportunity for students to explore their own academic pursuits, guided by a teacher; a music program that has earned international, national, and state awards; and a choral program that results in a full-scale opera. Educational opportunities include Advanced Placement (AP), Independent Study, Honors, Regents, accelerated courses, career training, special education, TESL, eight languages, including Mandarin Chinese and American Sign Language, and remedial education. AP courses are available in art, art history, biology, chemistry, Chinese, computer science, economics, English, French, government, history, Latin, mathematics, music, physics, psychology, Spanish, and statistics.

### 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 South High School Class of 2016, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

### DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES

#### SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2016

Cumulative Averages	% of Class
95 & above	7.9
90–94.9	39.4
85–89.9	26.2
80–84.9	19.2
75–79.9	4.4
74.9 & below	2.8

*Correlation between scores on New York State Regents Examinations and final course grades is +.80.*

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS SOUTH 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
Computer Ed. or Word Processing	.5
Electives	2.5

### FUTURE PLANS

#### SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2015

Higher Education	.97%
Four-Year Colleges	89.5%
Two-Year Colleges	7.5%
Other	3%

### SCHOLARSHIP DATA

#### SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2015

Program	Recipients
National Merit Scholarship Competition	
Finalists	16
Commended Students	24

### COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2015

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
SAT–Critical Reading	257*	583	489
SAT–Math	257*	630	502
SAT–Writing	257*	590	478
SAT II: Subject Tests			
Biology E	35	675	
Biology M	63	727	
Chemistry	68	707	
Chinese	10	747	
English Literature	14	651	
Latin	5	724	
Math–Level I	32	681	
Math–Level II	86	716	
Physics	32	710	
US History	49	686	
World History	32	726	

\* Represents 87% of class.

### ACT (American College Testing) SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2015

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
English	147	26.7	23.0
Mathematics	147	28.2	23.8
Reading	147	26.4	23.9
Science	147	26.4	23.5
Composite	147	27.1	23.7
Writing	139	25.5	22.9

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – 2014–2015

Subject	Number Tested*	% With 3 or Better
Art: 2D	21	100
Art: 3D	2	100
Art: Drawing	21	100
Art History	15	100
Biology	41	100
Chemistry	22	91
Chinese	8	100
Computer Science A	22	91
Economics: Macro	70	94
Economics: Micro	70	91
English Language & Composition	93	97
English Literature & Composition	65	98
Environmental Science	43	91
French Language and Culture	11	100
Government & Politics: US	38	87
History: European	48	96
History: United States	116	96
Italian	2	100
Latin	8	100
Math: Calculus AB	64	88
Math: Calculus BC	41	88
Music Theory	6	50
Physics 1	97	89
Physics C: E&M	17	82
Physics C: Mechanics	17	100
Psychology	172	85
Spanish Language	36	92
Statistics	78	87
World History	47	100

\* 514 students, representing 43% of the school, took one or more AP tests.

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**EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS** Participation in extracurricular activities is actively encouraged and supported. Ninety percent of the students participate in some 28 interscholastic athletic teams and over 67 clubs and activities. A sampling of the latter includes: Academic Team, African-American Culture Club, Asian Cultural Society, Astronomy Club, Community Action Committee, Computer Club, Debate Team, DECA, Government Club, Hebrew Culture Club, Italian Culture Club, Key Club, Model Congress, Science Olympiad, and Spanish Culture Club.

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**ACCREDITATION AND INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS** Great Neck South High School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools 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.

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**VISITS BY COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES** College representatives are always welcome in our school to meet with counselors and interested students. Schedules for these events are available each Fall and are updated regularly through Students' Naviance account.

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