



Great Neck Public Schools

William A. Shine–Great Neck South High School

Profile: Class of 2022

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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 6,600 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 1,275 students are enrolled in South High School for the 2021–2022 academic year.

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.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT Ninety-four percent (94%) of South High students achieve a “B” average or better. Ninety-eight (98%) percent of the South High School Class of 2021 graduated and 96 percent entered college. Nineteen percent (19%) were recognized as Finalists or received Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

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, six languages, including Mandarin Chinese and American Sign Language, and remedial education. South High School offers between 26 and 29 AP courses, depending on the school year. AP courses are available in art, art history, biology, calculus, chemistry, Chinese, computer science, economics, English, environmental science, French, government, history, Latin, 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, with the exception of physical education. **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 2022, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2022

Cumulative Averages	% of Class
95 & above	13.85
90–94.9	44.61
85–89.9	25.54
80–84.9	10.46
75–79.9	2.16
74.9 & below	3.38

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

For the 2020–2021 academic year, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Great Neck Schools offered their high school students two attendance options: full remote and hybrid. Full-remote students attended all their courses virtually. Hybrid students alternated between in-person and virtual attendance. Great Neck School District’s one-to-one iPad initiative and its provision of Wi-fi hotspots in the community allowed for a continuation of instruction consistent with the rigorous expectations and high standards to which all Great Neck students are accustomed. Furthermore, please note that due to the cancellation of New York State Regents Examinations, students were granted exemptions based on their course work, which is reflected as an “E” on the academic transcript.

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
Electives	3

FUTURE PLANS

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2021

Higher Education	96%
Four-Year Colleges	90.4%
Two-Year Colleges	5.6%
Other	4%

SCHOLARSHIP DATA

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2021

Program	Recipients
National Merit Scholarship Competition	
Finalists	20
Commended Students	40

COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2021

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
SAT–Critical Reading	215*	656	526
SAT–Math	215*	690	531
SAT II: Subject Tests			
Biology E	44	730	
Biology M	39	751	
Chemistry	90	730	
Math–Level II	49	772	
Physics	16	764	
World History	22	725	

* Represents 67% of class.

ACT (American College Testing) SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2021

Test	Number Tested	School Mean
English	101	26.7
Mathematics	101	27.4
Reading	101	26.2
Science	101	26.0
Composite	101	26.7
Writing	101	8.6

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL — 2020–2021

Subject	Number Tested**	% With 3 or Better
Art: 2D	13	100
Art: Drawing	20	90
Art History	19	74
Biology	48	92
Chemistry	30	93
Chinese	13	100
Computer Science A	48	92
Economics: Macro	95	75
Economics: Micro	97	80
English Language & Composition	118	94
English Literature & Composition	98	76
Environmental Science	75	70
French Language and Culture	7	86
Government & Politics: US	42	86
History: United States	160	79
History: World	139	86
Human Geography	86	94
Latin	11	45
Math: Calculus AB	49	80
Math: Calculus BC	49	78
Music Theory	17	59
Physics 1	95	83
Physics 2	19	100
Physics C: E&M	27	93
Physics C: Mechanics	27	100
Psychology	159	76
Spanish Language	46	83
Spanish Literature	3	67
Statistics	57	86

** 683 students, representing 54% of the school, took one or more AP tests.

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 65 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, Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), Government Club, Harry Potter Club, Hebrew Culture Club, Key Club, Model Congress, Robotics, Science Olympiad, and Spanish Culture Club.

TRANSCRIPT CONVERSIONS Grading systems used at Great Neck South High School differ greatly from those in other districts. Grades are transcribed as CRD (credit) and are assigned as follows: 1 credit for a full-year course that meets everyday and .5 credit for a half-year course that meets everyday. Student transcripts from schools other than Great Neck South High School will be submitted for evaluation and perusal by admissions officers.

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.

VISITS BY COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES College representatives are always welcome in our school to meet with counselors and interested students. In response to safety protocols related to COVID-19, visits by college representatives were arranged virtually when possible. Schedules for these events are available each fall and are updated regularly through Students' Naviance account.

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