



# Great Neck Public Schools

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

### Profile: Class of 2023

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**Counselors:** Carly Bank  
Holly Barbarossa  
Christopher Erickson  
Allison Gottfried  
Erica MacDonald  
Stacey Rapp  
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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 6,600 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 1,280 students are enrolled in South High School for the 2022–2023 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** Ninety-three percent (93%) of South High students achieve a “B” average or better. Ninety-eight (98%) percent of the South High School Class of 2022 graduated and ninety-five percent (95%) entered college. Sixteen percent (16%) 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 individual 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, four languages, including Mandarin Chinese, and remedial education. South High School offers between 28 and 30 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. For the Class of 2023, physical education grades were not included in the cumulative average. **There is no weighting of individual course grades for honors and Advanced Placement courses.** Beginning with the Class of 2023, Great Neck Public Schools will report both weighted and unweighted GPAs on students' official transcripts. A 5% multiplier will be applied to the cumulative unweighted GPA regardless of the courses taken. Great Neck Public Schools will **no longer** include grade distributions on school profiles.

### CLASS RANK

In accordance with Great Neck Board of Education policy, **students are not ranked by cumulative averages relative to their classmates.**

*Please note that due to the cancellation of New York State Regents Examinations in 2020, 2021, and 2022, students were granted exemptions based on their course work, which is reflected as an "E" on the academic transcript. In addition, "SA" denotes Regents exam credit granted based on Superintendent Appeal and satisfied by passing grades in the subject for which the appeal was made.*

### 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 2022

Higher Education	95%
Four-Year Colleges	91%
Two-Year Colleges	4%
Other	5%

### SCHOLARSHIP DATA

#### SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2022

Program	Recipients
National Merit Scholarship Competition	
Finalists	20
Commended Students	31

### COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2022

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
SAT–Critical Reading	256*	634	526**
SAT–Math	256*	678	531**

\* Represents 82% of class.

\*\* Awaiting 2022 state data.

### ACT (American College Testing) SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2022

Test	Number Tested	School Mean
English	150	28.8
Mathematics	150	27.0
Reading	150	28.0
Science	150	27.5
Composite	150	27.9
Writing	150	7.7

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL — 2021–2022

Subject	Number Tested**	% With 3 or Better
Art: 2D	9	100
Art: 3D	2	100
Art: Drawing	32	97
Biology	51	96
Chemistry	16	88
Chinese	15	100
Computer Science A	49	88
Economics: Macro	96	75
Economics: Micro	96	73
English Language & Composition	97	92
English Literature & Composition	73	88
Environmental Science	136	69
French Language and Culture	13	62
Government & Politics: US	69	68
History: European	18	55
History: United States	126	83
History: World	134	95
Human Geography	101	93
Latin	11	55
Math: Calculus AB	50	86
Math: Calculus BC	36	89
Physics 1	88	85
Physics 2	13	100
Physics C: E&M	14	86
Physics C: Mechanics	14	100
Psychology	179	79
Spanish Language	55	75
Spanish Literature	3	50
Statistics	92	82

\*\* 703 students, representing 56% 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 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, Hebrew Culture Club, Key Club, Model Congress, Robotics, Science Olympiad, and Spanish Culture Club.

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**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 every day and .5 credit for a half-year course that meets every day. Student transcripts from schools other than Great Neck South High School will be submitted for evaluation and perusal by admissions officers.

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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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**COUNSELORS** All counselors, except the department head, have caseloads of approximately 190 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.

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**VISITS BY COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES** College representatives are always welcome in our school to meet with counselors and interested students. Visits by college representatives can be arranged virtually or in person when possible by contacting the guidance office. Schedules for these events are available each fall and are updated regularly through the Students' Naviance account.

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