



# Northridge High School

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## School Profile 2023-2024



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### Our District

Northridge Local School District covers 137 square miles of Licking County in east central Ohio and serves the villages of Alexandria (pop. 518), Homer (1,252), and Hartford (400). The district is identified as having a "small town typology," defined as "*low student poverty and small student population.*" The district mission is "to empower all students to reach their fullest potential." Average income for households in the district (per 2021 Cupp Report) is \$72,963. Approximately 28% of students participate in the free/reduced lunch program. Historically, Licking County's largest employers have been the county hospital, Park National Bank, State Farm Insurance, and Denison University. However, Intel Corporation broke ground in September 2022 for a \$20 billion microchip manufacturing complex that promises to add thousands of jobs to the area while investing \$100 million to build "a pipeline of talent" through partnerships with educational institutions. This development promises to dramatically impact the Northridge community over the next decade since the school campus is only 13 miles from the planned Intel facility.

### Our School

Northridge High School is an NCA-accredited public school serving grades 9-12; current enrollment is 380 students with 92 students in the Class of 2024. In 2019, the *Columbus Dispatch* ranked central Ohio public high schools using data from the state report card, and Northridge was ranked 8th of 33 area public high schools—2nd among the 10 Licking County high schools. Approximately 7% of Northridge students identify as Hispanic, Black/African-American, or multi-racial; 93% identify as Caucasian. Students experience cultural diversity through organizations that partner and/or connect with others in the greater Columbus metropolitan area as well as academic endeavors such as Ohio Model United Nations, Mock Trial, and Quiz Bowl. Northridge High School is located within 50 miles of 24 public or private colleges/universities, affording students many additional educational opportunities, including a vast array of dual credit courses under Ohio's College Credit Plus program.

### Curriculum

Northridge High School offers a challenging and comprehensive curriculum taught by 24 certified teachers, 17 of whom hold a master's degree or higher. Two are adjunct instructors through local community colleges, one currently teaching college history and the other previously teaching college composition courses at the high school.

Of the 92 seniors in the Class of 2024, 24 students attend full-time programs at a career/vocational training center. Many college-bound seniors have a "blended" schedule of both college and high school courses. Seven (7) seniors attend college full-time on or through a local college campus.

#### Northridge High School Diploma requirements include 21 credits, as follows:

- 4 English
- 4 Math (through Algebra 2)
- 3 Science (including physical and life sciences)
- 3 Social Studies (including World History, US History, US Government)
- ½ Health
- ½ Physical Education
- ½ Financial Literacy
- 1 Fine Art
- 4½ Electives
- Additionally, Ohio students are required to demonstrate academic competency and readiness for college or career.

Composition I and II are taught at Northridge by a COTC instructor, and an adjunct teacher in our Social Studies Department teaches two college US History courses. The Math Department provides instruction through AP Calculus. The Science Department offers full-year advanced science courses in Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy & Physiology, and Forensic Science. Three years of Spanish are offered, and some students continue on to college level Spanish while still in high school. Students interested in health science careers often take the Health 2 elective offered by our Health/PE teacher. Northridge has curricular and co-curricular music options, including instrumental, voice, and theatrical performances and competitions. Our art teacher presents drawing, painting, and ceramics projects with portfolio-building emphasis for students headed to post-secondary art programs. Students can earn industry credentials through an on-site Robotics and Engineering Design program, or through popular animal and food science courses offered by the Agricultural Education teacher. In 2022-2023 we began offering Business courses, including entrepreneurship, communication, and digital media/marketing.

Grade	%	Unwtd	Wtd*
A+	97-100	4.0	<b>5.0</b>
A	93-96	4.0	<b>5.0</b>
A-	90-92	3.66	<b>4.66</b>
B+	87-89	3.33	<b>4.33</b>
B	83-86	3.0	<b>4.0</b>
B-	80-82	2.66	<b>3.66</b>
C+	77-79	2.33	<b>3.33</b>
C	73-76	2.0	<b>3.0</b>
C-	70-72	1.66	<b>2.66</b>
D+	67-69	1.33	1.33
D	63-66	1.0	1.0
D-	60-62	.66	.66
F	0-59	0	0

## Grading/Ranking Procedures

Student transcripts indicate weighted (5.0) and unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale. Northridge course grades are valued as indicated in the table at the top right. Class rank is cumulative and is computed at the end of each semester. Northridge awards valedictorian status to students with a GPA of 4.3 or higher. As of August 2023, five students in the Class of 2024 have a 4.3+ GPA.

### Honors (weighted) courses include:

- All college courses in the subjects of English, math, science, social studies, world language
- Anatomy & Physiology
- AP Calculus

## Performance Data

Ohio's College Credit Plus (CCP) program funds student participation in college courses on high school and college campuses, and online. Statewide, CCP participation by high school seniors is 25-30%. At Northridge, that participation rate is typically ~60%, which is the 29th highest participation rate of the 608 school districts in the state. Northridge students taking college coursework have consistently maintained a pass rate of 97%. Northridge's 2023 college-going seniors graduated from high school with, on average, 19.5 college credits earned with particular focus on college "general education" courses. One 2023 senior earned an Associate of Arts degree concurrent with their high school diploma. The class of 2024 has prospective associate's degree candidates, and the Class of 2025 behind them does as well.

The top 10% of the Class of 2024 has an average ACT composite score of 22.9. The top 20% of the class has an average ACT composite score of 22.3, and the top 30% has an average ACT composite of 21.3. The mode among the top thirty students is a score of 20. Two seniors have a score of 26, one a 28, and one a 29.

## College Attendance History

The distribution of Northridge High School graduates to post-secondary pathways is typically as follows: 45% four-year college, 20% two-year college, 5% military enlistment, 30% workforce. College-bound students in recent Northridge graduation classes matriculated to a variety of in-state public and private colleges, such as The Ohio State University, Otterbein University, Ohio University, Bowling Green State University, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Columbus State Community College, Central Ohio Technical College, University of Cincinnati, Capital University, Miami University, and Wilmington College. Few students attend college out of state.

## Extracurricular/Co-curricular/Community Opportunities

Northridge is an OHSAA, Class AA school and offers varsity athletics in 10 boys' and 10 girls' sports. Students can participate in marching and concert band, two show choirs, and a spring musical production. Northridge students enjoy a variety of clubs plus National Honor Society, Student Council, Color Guard/Winter Guard, Newspaper, Yearbook, Quiz Bowl, Ohio Model United Nations, Future Farmers of America, Buckeye Boys State, Buckeye Girls State, CampMed, Free Enterprise Academy, and Licking County's Youth Leadership Council.