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2023-2024 School Profile

North Shore Country Day is a coeducational, college preparatory school of 540 students in junior kindergarten through grade 12, located in the Chicago suburb of Winnetka, IL. Since its founding in 1919, NSCD has been an exceptional environment for teaching and learning. With rigorous academic pursuit as the cornerstone, North Shore provides a wealth of opportunities for all our students to excel—in the classroom and the lab, on the stage and the playing field, and in their communities and beyond. The unique fellowship established across divisions and between faculty and students builds a strong learning environment.

Classes are small and provide a stimulating environment for learning and exchanging ideas. Teachers engage students in critical thinking and writing exercises and provide regular feedback on their work. The upper school fosters intellectual engagement, academic performance and personal growth. Students learn how to solve problems and analyze. They learn how to think for themselves and communicate effectively. Our students describe our school environment as demanding, accepting, engaging, dedicated, caring, intellectual, hardworking, athletic, artistic, compassionate and rigorous. The school is a member of and accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS).

STUDENTS: 540; lower school—190; middle school—135; upper school—215. Students come from 47 different ZIP codes throughout the Chicagoland region and 43% identify as students of color.

FACULTY: 85; 52% with advanced degrees; average teaching experience of 15 years. Average upper school class size of 12; 8:1 student to faculty ratio.

FACILITIES: Set on 16 acres, North Shore’s academic buildings include a state-of-the-art library featuring several types of collaborative and quiet study spaces. It is also home to the new Live+Serve Laboratory—the hub of our service-learning and community-partnership programs. A stairway, which also serves as a gathering and presentation space, connects the new library to the 20,000-square-foot Conant Science Center above. Our upper school building provides flexible and modern room arrangements including learning

studios, seminar rooms, a digital media lab, community gathering and study areas. The arts center and auditorium provide 2-D and 3-D art studios, music labs, multifunction learning spaces and a 500-seat theater.

CLASS RANK AND GPA: In accordance with its mission and policies, North Shore Country Day does not rank its students nor does it offer any internal academic distinctions or awards. Individual cumulative GPAs are provided on both the transcript and secondary school report accompanying each application. GPAs are based on a 4 point system which factors in pluses and minuses (A=4.0, A-=3.67, B+=3.33, etc.). AP course grades receive a weight of .5. Only courses taken at North Shore are included on the NSCD transcript and in each student’s cumulative grade point average.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM: In order to maintain a balanced courseload, students are encouraged to take no more than two AP courses in 11th grade and three in 12th grade.

HUMANITIES

AP English Literature and Composition
AP U.S. History
AP U.S. Government and Politics
AP Art and Design
AP Drawing
AP Music Theory

SCIENCE /MATH

AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Computer Science A
AP Chemistry
AP Biology
AP Physics I
AP Environmental Science

WORLD

LANGUAGES

AP French Language and Culture
AP Spanish Language and Culture
AP Spanish Literature and Culture
AP Chinese Language and Culture

COURSES OFFERED: A rigorous curriculum with a broad emphasis on liberal arts prepares students well for college. **Each of our courses is taught at the highest level or what would be considered the honors level at many high schools; as such there are no separate designations for honors courses on our transcript.** In addition to classes in English, mathematics, science and history, we offer language instruction in Spanish, French and Mandarin Chinese. An average class size of 12 students fosters extensive classroom interaction and discussion that will serve students well as they enter college.

UPPER SCHOOL COURSES

SUBJECT	YEAR COURSES	SEMESTER COURSES	ADVANCED/AP COURSES	
ENGLISH Four credits required	English: Ninth Grade English: 10th Grade English: 11th Grade English: 12th Grade		AP English Literature Advanced Open Creative Writing Independent Study	
SOCIAL STUDIES Three credits required, including one year of U.S. History	Human Geography Modern History U.S. History	Law in American Society Microeconomics Macroeconomics Philosophy of Ethics Global Women's Issues Open Entrepreneurship Lab Comparative World Religions Food: Science, Systems & Society Holocaust & Human Behavior Gender & Sexuality Studies Activism in Sports	AP U.S. History AP U.S. Government & Politics Advanced Topics in African-American Studies Advanced Topics in Latinx Studies Advanced Open Entrepreneurship Lab Independent Study	
MATHEMATICS Three credits required	Algebra I Geometry 10 Algebra II 10 Advanced Functional Analysis Pre-Calculus 10	Intro to Computer Science I Intro to Computer Science II	Geometry 15 Algebra II 15 Pre-Calculus 15 Calculus Advanced Open Computer Science AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Computer Science Principles AP Computer Science A AP Statistics Multivariable Calculus Independent Study	
SCIENCE Three credits required, including one year each of Physics, Chemistry and Biology	Physics: Conceptual Chemistry 10 Biology 10	Psychology I Psychology II Food Chemistry and Molecular Gastronomy Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology I Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology II Food: Science, Systems & Society Science & Public Policy Engineering: Research, Design & Development Applied Physics & Engineering Contemporary Issues in Environmental Science	Physics: Quantitative Chemistry 15 Biology 15 AP Physics I AP Chemistry AP Biology AP Environmental Science Advanced Open Research Independent Study	
WORLD LANGUAGES Three credits required	Chinese I-V French I-V Spanish I-V		AP Chinese Language & Culture AP French Language & Culture AP Spanish Language & Culture AP Spanish Literature & Culture Chinese: Special Topics French: Special Topics Spanish: Special Topics Independent Study	
FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS Two credits required	Instrumental Ensemble	Introduction to Piano & Music Theory Chorus Enharmonic Minors Acting Directing Workshop Film Studies Theater Workshop Stagecraft Stagecraft: Design for Production Visual Studies Art Production	Sculptures in Clay Functional Wares Sculptural Forms Text & Time Character Design for Animation & Illustration Digital Design Drawing Fashion Design Painting Photography	AP Music Theory Advanced Open Studio: Music Advanced Open Studio: Theater Advanced Open Studio: Visual Art AP Art and Design AP Drawing

ALSO REQUIRED: Theater—During the four years of upper school, students are required to perform onstage in at least one production and participate on or offstage in a second. **Interim Week**—Students must participate in Interim Week each year, and at least one must have a community engagement component. **Senior Service**—All 12th graders must complete a two-week Senior Service project in May. **Athletics/Physical Education**—All ninth graders must participate in a fall sport and all 10th and 11th graders must participate in one season of athletics. All students must also complete four credits of PE/wellness.

CURRICULUM FEATURES

DAILY SCHEDULE The daily schedule includes four 75-minute academic blocks per day. These longer class periods allow students to practice and develop skills and strive to understand and analyze material on a deeper level. They also provide teachers with more flexibility to design a range of learning experiences. Each block meets four times in a seven-day rotation, at a different time throughout the cycle. This provides structured variety and evenly distributes class time lost to early dismissals throughout an athletic season. The schedule also includes a 45-minute block each day dedicated to community time, wellness and performing arts, which incorporates Morning Ex, advisory, community gathering, physical education, health and a performing arts time once per rotation for additional rehearsal opportunities.

INTERIM WEEK One week each year is set aside from regularly scheduled classes for students to participate in an in-depth experience of educational value outside the traditional classroom environment. Teachers seek to establish a learning experience that will challenge students to expand their horizons. Interim Week participation must be planned so that at least one of each student's four experiences is a community engagement program. Recent Interim offerings include: Nature, Writing and Solitude; The Trout Bum Experience; Oak Terrace Bilingual Tutoring; The Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright; Arabic Souqs and Service; The Actors Gymnasium; and Creative Design with a Laser Cutter.

SENIOR SERVICE PROJECTS The Senior Service project is an opportunity for students to apply their interests, talents and skills away from NSCD classrooms. Each senior conceives and designs their own project. Students are expected to make this opportunity one that is personal, worthwhile and representative of their total North Shore experience. It is our hope that students will learn more about serving a larger community and learn something about themselves. Students commit at least 60 hours over a two-week period.

SERVICE LEARNING Service is an integral part of life in the upper school, as we strive to be true to the school's motto, "Live and Serve." All students are encouraged to perform service throughout their time at NSCD in addition to the required Interim and Senior Service projects. The new Live+Serve Laboratory in the library is the hub of our community engagement programs. It is a creative, collaborative project space for teachers to bring their classes and for students to pursue individual passion projects, providing students with the tools to prototype ideas—such as a laser cutter and 3-D printer—and a space for multimedia production. The Live+Serve Lab also re-emphasizes the importance of project-based and service learning in our JK-12 curriculum.

ADVANCED OPEN/INDEPENDENT STUDY

Advanced Open courses and independent studies are opportunities for juniors and seniors to design and pursue investigation in an area of specific interest that goes beyond the curricular options. Advanced Open courses are available in science, computer science, creative writing, music, theater and visual art. They challenge students to work with faculty mentors and peers to generate research questions, investigate them and present their own original work. Independent Study is available in every discipline and is designed to support students who have fulfilled the graduation requirements within a department. Recent topics and courses include: quorum sensing, creative writing, history and performance of musical theater, impact of SnapChat on teenagers and bee behavior.

MORNING EX Throughout the course of the year, students, faculty, alumni and visitors appear on stage to share academic work, present life experiences and give artistic performances to the three divisions of the school. Recent Morning Ex presentations include: a Susan Marshall '76 Memorial Concert performance by the Neave Trio, a cutting edge chamber ensemble; "Your Eyes are a Mirror of the World," a presentation on a faculty member's recent sabbatical; and "Belonging: In Silence and Outloud," a collaboration of students and faculty in all three school divisions.

OFF-CAMPUS STUDY PROGRAMS NSCD is a participating school of School Year Abroad, providing homestay programs in China, France, Italy and Spain. North Shore is also a sending school with The Mountain School, Oxbow, High Mountain Institute, School for Ethics and Global Leadership and the Island School.

ACTIVITIES/CLUBS By participating in activities of interest outside the classroom, students gain poise and confidence, as well as forge lifelong friendships. Upper school activities at NSCD include: Athletic Council, Community Service Club, Diller Street Journal, Environmental Club, GSA, Mirror (yearbook), P.I.L.L.O.W.S. (Poetry in the Literary Lives of Worldly Students), Prosody (literary magazine), Student Council, Model United Nations, SOAR (Students Organized Against Racism), Feminist Book Club and Film Club.

ATHLETICS Approximately 85% of the upper school students participate in at least one of the 17 sports offered: baseball, basketball (M/W), cross country (M/W), field hockey, golf (M/W), paddle tennis (M/W), soccer (M/W), tennis (M/W), track and field (M/W), and volleyball.

PERFORMING ARTS At NSCD, fine and performing arts are an integral part of the curriculum. Opportunities include: a capella, chorus, string ensemble, fall play, winter play, spring musical, standards cabaret and the Take 10 playwriting showcase.

COLLEGE MATRICULATION: 2019-2023

The following colleges and universities enrolled the 2019-2023 graduates of North Shore Country Day. Institutions listed in bold matriculated two or more graduates. Typically, 100% of NSCD seniors are offered admission to four-year colleges and universities.

American University

Amherst College
Auburn University
Barnard College
Bates College

Beloit College

Boston College

Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brunel University London
Champlain College

Chapman University

Clark University
Clemson University

Colby College

Colgate University

College of Lake County
College of the Holy Cross

Colorado College

Columbia University
Cornell College

Davidson College

Denison University

Dickinson College

Dominican University

Drexel University

Duke University
Durham University
Earlham College

Elon University

Emory University

Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts
at The New School
Fordham University

George Washington University

Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College

Harvard University

Haverford College

High Point University

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Howard University

Illinois State University

Indiana University Bloomington

Johns Hopkins University

Kenyon College

Knox College

Lake Forest College

Lawrence University

Lehigh University

Loyola Marymount University

Loyola University Chicago

Macalester College

Marquette University

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

McGill University

Miami University

Middlebury College

Montana State University

New York University

North Park University

Northeastern University

Northwestern University

Oberlin College

Occidental College

Purdue University

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rhodes College

Rice University

Richmond American University London

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Saint Louis University

Santa Clara University

Sarah Lawrence College

Southern Methodist University

St. John's College

Stevens Institute of Technology

Syracuse University

Temple University

Texas Christian University

The College of Wooster

The New School

The University of Edinburgh

The University of Texas at Austin

Trinity College

Tufts University

Tulane University

Union College

University of Colorado Boulder

University of Denver

University of Glasgow

University of Illinois at Chicago

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

University of Iowa

University of Miami

University of Michigan

University of Notre Dame

University of Pennsylvania

University of Richmond

University of San Diego

University of Southern California

University of St Andrews

University of Virginia

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Vanderbilt University

Virginia State University

Wake Forest University

Washington University in St. Louis

Wesleyan University

Western Michigan University

William & Mary

Williams College

Xavier University

Yale University



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