



# Great Neck Public Schools

## John L. Miller-Great Neck North High School

### Profile: Class of 2021

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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 1,190 students are enrolled in North High School for 2020–21. The Great Neck school district has, from its inception, offered a highly academic, enriched, and comprehensive program.

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**NATIONAL RECOGNITION** National publications consistently and historically have included Great Neck North 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 the George Washington University, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, as well as on standardized measures of student performance, such as Advanced Placement (AP) and New York State Regents exams.

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#### STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

North High School Class of 2020 New York State Regents achievements:

- 92 percent earned a Regents Endorsed Diploma
  - 65 percent received a Regents Advanced Diploma
  - 35 percent received a Regents Advanced Diploma with Honors (achieving an average of 90 or better on eight exams)
- Great Neck Public School students are required to sit for the Common Core Regents examinations, with no option to take traditional Regents exams. Although Common Core Regents' scores were comparatively lower and many districts gave students a choice of which Regents exam to take, our district deemed the Common Core curriculums and corresponding exams to be more educationally sound and in the best interests of our students.

NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Regents exams were canceled in June and August of 2020. As a result, students were granted exemptions, denoted by an 'E' on the transcript, and accounted for when determining diploma types.

Our students continue to garner awards on the local and national levels including:

- American Invitational Math Exam
- American Mathematics Contest
- Character Matters
- International Science & Engineering Fair
- Lincoln Center Chamber Music Concert
- Music competitions
- Natl Council of Teachers of English
- Natl foreign language exams
- Natl Foundation for the Arts
- Regeneron Science Talent Search
- Research in social sciences
- Writing competitions
- Young artists competitions

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**CURRICULUM** We offer Advanced Placement (AP), Honors, and Regents courses; career training; English as a New Language (ENL); and remedial and special education.

- Community School, a highly academic English, social studies, and human relations program, has provided an alternative approach to learning for over 40 years; it is a recognized model for a student-centered community education environment.
- Independent Study program provides the opportunity for students to pursue their own academic interests.
- All seniors are required to do community service as part of their social studies program.
- An accomplished orchestral, band, and choral music program has earned local, state, and national honors.
- Our Science Research program has promoted science research and education in our school and earned a plethora of local, state, and national awards.
- We are equally proud of initiating the district-wide special education program, ACE (Academic and Career Education).
- 23 AP courses are offered — all students enrolled in AP courses are required to take AP exams.

### 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** nor are cumulative averages weighted based on the rigor of courses taken. A distribution of cumulative averages for the North High School Class of 2021, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

### DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES

#### NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2021

Cumulative Averages	% of Class
95 and above	10.3%
90–94.9	44.5%
85–89.9	19.9%
80–84.9	14.3%
75–79.9	5.3%
70–74.9	3.2%
65–69.9	1.8%
Below 65	0.7%

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

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS NORTH 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
Practical Arts (Business, F.A.C.S., Tech. Ed.)	.5
Computer Ed. or Word Processing	.5
Electives	2

### FUTURE PLANS

#### NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2020

Higher Education	91.0%
Four-Year Colleges	79.4%
Two-Year Colleges	11.6%
Other	9.0%

### SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD DATA

Program	Recipients
National Merit Scholarship Competition, 2020–21	
Semifinalists	8
Commended Students	9
College Board AP Scholar Awards Program, 2019–20	
National Scholars	45
Scholars with Distinction	113
Scholars with Honors	48
Scholars	57
International Diploma	2

### COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2020

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
SAT–ERW	152	626	528
SAT–Math	152	670	530

### SAT II: Subject Tests

#### NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2020

Test	Number Tested	School Mean
Biology–E	5	682
Biology–M	34	734
Chemistry	43	717
Chinese with Listening	1	790
Literature	5	632
Math–Level I	16	675
Math–Level II	50	753
Modern Hebrew	1	680
Physics	24	724
Spanish	2	525
Spanish with Listening	1	540
US History	19	678
World History	8	679

### ACT (American College Testing) NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2020

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
English	137	27.0	24.5
Mathematics	137	26.0	24.5
Reading	137	26.5	25.4
Science	137	25.9	24.6
Composite	137	26.5	24.9

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — 2019–2020

Subject	Number Tested*	% With 3 or Better
Art: Drawing	14	93
Art: History	16	88
Biology	73	100
Chemistry	46	93
Chinese Language	12	100
Computer Science A	29	100
Economics: Macro	96	84
Economics: Micro	98	87
English Language & Composition	104	94
English Literature & Composition	82	85
Environmental Science	109	50
French Language and Culture	7	86
Government & Politics: US	47	81
History: European	14	100
History: United States	54	94
History: World	79	99
Math: Calculus AB	58	97
Math: Calculus BC	29	100
Music Theory	13	38
Physics 1	25	88
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	15	80
Physics C: Mechanics	15	93
Psychology	80	98
Spanish Language	45	84
Statistics	54	94

\* 338 students, representing 59.3% of eleventh- and twelfth-graders, took one or more AP tests. 73 tenth-graders and 3 ninth-graders took one or more AP tests.

## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY THE CLASSES OF 2016–2020

The number following each school represents the total number of students enrolled during this five-year period.

Adelphi University . . . . .	16	Lynn University . . . . .	1	SUNY Morrisville State College . . . . .	1
American University . . . . .	1	Manhattanville College . . . . .	1	SUNY New Paltz . . . . .	2
Barnard College . . . . .	1	Marist College . . . . .	1	SUNY Stony Brook . . . . .	22
Bar-Ilan University, Israel . . . . .	7	Maryland Institute College of Art . . . . .	2	Swarthmore College . . . . .	1
Bentley University . . . . .	1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology . . . . .	2	Syracuse University . . . . .	24
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania . . . . .	1	McGill University . . . . .	4	Tel Aviv University . . . . .	1
Boston College . . . . .	5	Mercy College . . . . .	2	Temple University . . . . .	1
Boston University . . . . .	36	Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) . . . . .	2	Touro College . . . . .	2
Bowdoin College . . . . .	1	Middlebury College . . . . .	1	Tufts University . . . . .	5
Brandeis University . . . . .	8	Molloy College . . . . .	2	Tulane University . . . . .	12
Bryan College . . . . .	1	Mount Holyoke College . . . . .	1	Union College . . . . .	2
Bryn Mawr College . . . . .	2	Muhlenberg College . . . . .	6	United States Merchant Marine Academy . . . . .	1
Carnegie Mellon University . . . . .	5	Nassau Community College . . . . .	95	United States Military Academy-West Point . . . . .	1
Case Western Reserve University . . . . .	2	New School, The . . . . .	2	University College London . . . . .	1
Colgate University . . . . .	1	New School, The - Parsons School of Design . . . . .	3	University of Arizona . . . . .	2
College of Charleston . . . . .	1	New York Institute of Technology . . . . .	16	University of California, Berkeley . . . . .	1
College of New Jersey, The . . . . .	1	New York University . . . . .	58	University of California, Los Angeles . . . . .	4
Columbia University . . . . .	5	Northeastern University . . . . .	15	University of California, San Diego . . . . .	3
Columbus State CC . . . . .	3	Northwestern University . . . . .	5	University of California, Santa Barbara . . . . .	1
Connecticut College . . . . .	1	Oberlin College . . . . .	1	University of Cambridge, United Kingdom . . . . .	1
Cooper Union, The . . . . .	2	Ohio State University, The . . . . .	5	University of Central Florida . . . . .	1
Cornell University . . . . .	21	Oxford College of Emory University . . . . .	1	University of Chicago . . . . .	2
Culinary Institute of America-NY, The . . . . .	1	Pace University . . . . .	18	University of Cincinnati . . . . .	1
CUNY Baruch College . . . . .	75	Pennsylvania State University . . . . .	13	University of Colorado Boulder . . . . .	2
CUNY Borough of Manhattan CC . . . . .	3	Pierce College . . . . .	1	University of Connecticut . . . . .	5
CUNY Brooklyn College . . . . .	1	Pratt Institute . . . . .	1	University of Delaware . . . . .	11
CUNY City College of New York, The . . . . .	2	Purdue University . . . . .	1	University of Florida . . . . .	5
CUNY Hunter College . . . . .	35	Quinnipiac University . . . . .	2	University of Hartford . . . . .	5
CUNY John Jay College . . . . .	3	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute . . . . .	2	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign . . . . .	11
CUNY Macaulay Honors College . . . . .	25	Rhode Island School of Design . . . . .	1	University of Iowa . . . . .	1
CUNY Medgar Evers College . . . . .	1	Ringling College of Art & Design . . . . .	2	University of Maryland-College Park . . . . .	13
CUNY New York City College of Technology . . . . .	3	Rochester Institute of Technology . . . . .	6	University of Massachusetts-Amherst . . . . .	5
CUNY Queens College . . . . .	90	Russell Sage College . . . . .	1	University of Miami . . . . .	9
CUNY Queensborough CC . . . . .	51	Rutgers - SUNJ . . . . .	5	University of Michigan . . . . .	22
Davidson County CC . . . . .	1	Santa Monica College . . . . .	2	University of New Hampshire . . . . .	1
Drexel University . . . . .	4	Sarah Lawrence College . . . . .	1	University of North Carolina at Wilmington, The . . . . .	1
Elmhurst College . . . . .	1	Savannah College of Art & Design . . . . .	1	University of Notre Dame . . . . .	1
Elmira College . . . . .	1	School of Visual Arts . . . . .	2	University of Pennsylvania . . . . .	11
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University-Prescott . . . . .	1	Simmons University . . . . .	1	University of Pittsburgh . . . . .	2
Emerson College . . . . .	1	Skidmore College . . . . .	1	University of Rhode Island . . . . .	1
Emory University . . . . .	11	St. John's College . . . . .	1	University of Richmond . . . . .	1
Five Towns College . . . . .	3	St. John's University Queens Campus . . . . .	30	University of Rochester . . . . .	4
Florida Atlantic University . . . . .	2	St. Joseph's College Brooklyn . . . . .	2	University of South Florida, Tampa . . . . .	2
Fordham University . . . . .	8	Stevenson University . . . . .	1	University of Southern California . . . . .	3
George Washington University, The . . . . .	12	Suffolk University . . . . .	1	University of St. Andrews, Scotland . . . . .	1
Georgetown University . . . . .	2	SUNY Albany . . . . .	5	University of Tampa . . . . .	1
Harvard University . . . . .	4	SUNY Binghamton . . . . .	75	University of Vermont . . . . .	3
Haverford College . . . . .	1	SUNY Broome CC . . . . .	1	University of Virginia . . . . .	3
Hebrew University of Jerusalem . . . . .	1	SUNY Buffalo . . . . .	26	University of Wisconsin, Madison . . . . .	14
Hofstra University . . . . .	26	SUNY Buffalo State College . . . . .	3	Vanderbilt University . . . . .	6
Indiana University, Bloomington . . . . .	11	SUNY College at Cortland . . . . .	7	Vassar College . . . . .	2
IDC Herzliya, Israel . . . . .	4	SUNY College at Farmingdale . . . . .	7	Villanova University . . . . .	1
Ithaca College . . . . .	2	SUNY College at Geneseo . . . . .	7	Washington University in St. Louis . . . . .	2
Jewish Theological Seminary of America . . . . .	2	SUNY College at Old Westbury . . . . .	9	Wentworth Institute of Technology . . . . .	1
Johns Hopkins University . . . . .	2	SUNY College at Oneonta . . . . .	3	Wesleyan University . . . . .	1
Johnson & Wales University, Providence . . . . .	1	SUNY College at Oswego . . . . .	3	West Virginia University . . . . .	1
Lehigh University . . . . .	5	SUNY College at Potsdam . . . . .	2	Williams College . . . . .	2
LIM College . . . . .	8	SUNY College at Potsdam . . . . .	2	Yale University . . . . .	7
LIU, Brooklyn . . . . .	2	SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry . . . . .	2	Yeshiva University . . . . .	27
LIU, Post . . . . .	9	SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology . . . . .	5		

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**SENIOR PROGRAMS** Faculty, students, and administrators have worked together to create innovative programs that provide seniors with a college-level seminar experience, challenge them intellectually, demand higher-level thinking and writing skills, and integrate learning through thematic studies. Most importantly, these programs recognize seniors as young adults on their way to college and expect a consequent level of maturity and responsibility from them.

**CITIZENS OF THE WORLD** is a two-credit program that fulfills the twelfth-grade English and social studies requirements. It utilizes an interdisciplinary approach to help students appreciate the diversity of human experience and understand the worldwide forces that affect their lives. This course explores current global trends in political, economic, and social mores that influence the world in which we live.

**SENIOR SEMINAR** is a two-credit program that combines English, social studies, art, and business. In this interdisciplinary seminar, students investigate the theme of American identity. Students are exposed to novels, short stories, poems, and essays of the twentieth century. To complement the literature, there is extensive research on the historical, political, social, and business issues of each decade. Students engage in internships in the spring semester or complete an in-depth independent study project.

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**EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS** Eighty-five percent of our students participate in extracurricular activities.

**ATHLETIC TEAMS** Students compete on 45 interscholastic teams, including: badminton, baseball, basketball, bowling, cross-country, fencing, field hockey, football, gymnastics, lacrosse, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, volleyball, and wrestling.

**CLUBS AND PROGRAMS** include, but are not limited to: athletic leadership, Battle of the Classes, debate-forensic teams, Fashion Show, Find the Cure, Habitat for Humanity, Homecoming, Key Club, Kilties, Math Team, Mock Trial, Model Congress, Model UN, Overture, Peer Drug Educators, photography, real estate/investment, Relay for Life, SADD, Student Organization, and Unity Day.

- Artfest, held annually, displays a year's worth of commitment in the performing and visual arts.
- Fine Arts and Performing Arts produce outstanding plays, musicals, concerts, and exhibitions in venues ranging from North High to Carnegie Hall and Disney World.
- Journalism opportunities feature eight publications, several of which earn local and national awards.
- Peer AIDS-education, an acclaimed program, in which students, trained in AIDS education by the professional staff of a hospital, plan and implement programs for the entire school.
- Peer Leadership involves approximately 100 juniors and seniors who serve as "big brothers and big sisters" to younger students in the school.
- Peer Mentoring connects high school mentors with at-risk middle school students.

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**ACCREDITATION & INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIPS** Great Neck North High School is accredited 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 188 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** In a typical year, representatives are welcome in our school to meet with counselors and students. "Mini College Days" are held regularly. Schedules for these events are available in late spring for the following year. They can be obtained via Rep Visits or by contacting the guidance office. For the 2020–2021 school year, college reps have been invited to coordinate remote visits/meetings with seniors.

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