



Great Neck Public Schools

William A. Shine–Great Neck South High School

Profile: Class of 2020

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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 6,500 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 1,234 students are enrolled in South High School for the 2019–2020 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 Over ninety percent (91.35%) of South High students achieve a “B” average or better. Ninety-nine percent of the South High School Class of 2019 graduated and 98 percent entered college. Nineteen percent 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 29 and 31 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 2020, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2020

Cumulative Averages	% of Class
95 & above	8.01
90–94.9	43.59
85–89.9	28.21
80–84.9	11.54
75–79.9	6.09
74.9 & below	2.56

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

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 2019

Higher Education	97.7%
Four-Year Colleges	91.2%
Two-Year Colleges	6.5%
Other	2.3%

SCHOLARSHIP DATA

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2019

Program	Recipients
National Merit Scholarship Competition	
Finalists	19
Commended Students	38

COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2019

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
SAT–Critical Reading	234*	634	534
SAT–Math	234*	678	534
SAT II: Subject Tests			
Biology E	79	701	
Biology M	46	720	
Chemistry	79	726	
Chinese	4	795**	
English Literature	12	640	
Latin	3	700**	
Math–Level I	19	697	
Math–Level II	110	758	
Physics	40	711	
Spanish	5	620**	
US History	34	695	
World History	21	724	

* Represents 79% of class.

**Awaiting 2019 data.

ACT (American College Testing) SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2019

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
English	103	29.4	24.1
Mathematics	103	28.6	24.1
Reading	103	29.0	25.0
Science	103	28.0	24.4
Composite	103	28.9	24.5
Writing	103	8.0	7.6

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – 2018–2019

Subject	Number Tested*	% With 3 or Better
Art: 2D	16	100
Art: Drawing	20	95
Art History	13	92
Biology	52	98
Chemistry	26	96
Chinese	15	100
Computer Science A	34	100
Economics: Macro	80	89
Economics: Micro	80	91
English Language & Composition	97	97
English Literature & Composition	70	94
Environmental Science	88	71
French Language and Culture	6	100
Government & Politics: US	41	98
History: United States	113	92
History: World	105	97
Italian	1	100
Latin	11	82
Math: Calculus AB	54	91
Math: Calculus BC	45	96
Music Theory	13	92
Physics 1	96	91
Physics 2	28	96
Physics C: E&M	18	100
Physics C: Mechanics	18	100
Psychology	178	79
Spanish Language	40	75
Statistics	54	96

* 561 students, representing 46% 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 67 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. Schedules for these events are available each fall and are updated regularly through Students' Naviance account.

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