



Great Neck Public Schools

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Profile: Class of 2019

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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 1,160 students are enrolled in North High School for 2018–19. The Great Neck school district has, from its inception, offered a highly academic, enriched, and comprehensive program.

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.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

North High School Class of 2018 New York State Regents achievements:

- 95 percent earned a Regents Endorsed Diploma
 - 68 percent received a Regents Advanced Diploma
 - 27 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.

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

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).
- 24 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 2019, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES

NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2019	
Cumulative Averages	% of Class
95 and above	7.4%
90–94.9	36.4%
85–89.9	22.9%
80–84.9	20.5%
75–79.9	5.3%
70–74.9	4.6%
65–69.9	2.5%
Below 65	0.4%

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 2018

Higher Education	97.8%
Four-Year Colleges	82.5%
Two-Year Colleges	15.3%
Other	2.2%

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD DATA

Program	Recipients
National Merit Scholarship Competition, 2018–19	
Semifinalists	5
Commended Students	15
College Board AP Scholar Awards Program, 2017–2018	
National Scholars	32
Scholars with Distinction	91
Scholars with Honors	51
Scholars	61
Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholars, 2017–18	3
International Science and Engineering Fair	1
WAC Lighting Foundation Invitational Science Fair	1

COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2018

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
SAT–ERW	151	604	534
SAT–Math	151	627	534

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SAT II: Subject Tests

Biology–E	6	n/a*	634
Biology–M	14	706	665
Chemistry	40	710	669
Literature	8	n/a*	601
Math–Level I	21	641	625
Math–Level II	32	748	694
Physics	23	716	672
Spanish	2	n/a*	641
US History	37	694	649
World History	25	634	636

*n/a- Means not available due to the low number of test takers for the particular test.

ACT (American College Testing) NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2018

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
English	187	27.3	24.2
Mathematics	187	25.7	24.2
Reading	187	26.2	24.9
Science	187	25.8	24.2
Composite	187	26.4	24.5

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — 2017–2018

Subject	Number Tested*	% With 3 or Better
Art: 2D Design	3	100
Art: Drawing	18	83
Biology	77	96
Chemistry	30	100
Chinese Language	16	88
Computer Science A	14	100
Economics: Macro	84	85
Economics: Micro	84	85
English Language & Composition	87	95
English Literature & Composition	76	74
Environmental Science	77	36
French Language and Culture	9	100
Government & Politics: US	21	62
History: European	17	100
History: United States	74	96
History: World	76	100
Latin	5	80
Math: Calculus AB	49	94
Math: Calculus BC	25	100
Music Theory	6	100
Physics 1	22	77
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	12	100
Physics C: Mechanics	12	100
Psychology	99	88
Spanish Language	41	95
Statistics	41	100

* 335 students, representing 58.7% of eleventh- and twelfth-graders, took 1 or more AP tests. 65 tenth-graders and 1 ninth-grader took 1 or more AP tests.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY THE CLASSES OF 2014–2018

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

Adelphi University	14	Johnson & Wales University, Providence	1	SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry	2
American Jewish University	3	Julliard School, The	1	SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology	6
American University	1	Lafayette College	1	SUNY Morrisville State College	1
Arcadia University	1	Lehigh University	4	SUNY New Paltz	1
Babson College	1	LIM College	8	SUNY Stony Brook	18
Bar-Ilan University, Israel	7	LIU, Brooklyn	1	Syracuse University	22
Barnard College	1	LIU, Post	6	Tel Aviv University	1
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania	1	Lynn University	1	Temple University	2
Boston College	2	Maryland Institute College of Art	2	Touro College	2
Boston University	26	Marymount Manhattan College	2	Trinity College	1
Bowdoin College	1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	4	Tufts University	3
Brandeis University	8	McGill University	3	Tulane University	15
Brown University	2	Mercy College	1	Union College	2
Bryan College	1	Miami University (Oxford, Ohio)	3	United States Military Academy-West Point	1
Bryn Mawr College	2	Molloy College	2	University of Alabama	2
California Institute of Technology	1	Mount Holyoke College	1	University of Arizona	3
Carnegie Mellon University	6	Muhlenberg College	4	University of California, Berkeley	2
Case Western Reserve University	2	Nassau Community College	108	University of California, Los Angeles	6
Champlain College	1	New School, The	8	University of California, San Diego	3
College of Charleston	2	New School, The - Parsons School of Design	3	University of California, Santa Barbara	1
College of New Jersey, The	1	New York Institute of Technology	18	University of Cambridge, United Kingdom	1
Columbia University	9	New York University	57	University of Central Florida	2
Columbus State CC	3	Northeastern University	10	University of Chicago	5
Connecticut College	1	Northwestern University	9	University of Colorado Boulder	2
Cooper Union, The	2	Oberlin College	2	University of Connecticut	6
Cornell University	15	Ohio State University, The	3	University of Delaware	13
Culinary Institute of America-NY, The	1	Oxford College of Emory University	1	University of Florida	5
CUNY Baruch College	58	Pace University	25	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	4
CUNY Borough of Manhattan CC	3	Pennsylvania State University	9	University of Iowa	1
CUNY Brooklyn College	1	Pierce College	1	University of Maryland-College Park	12
CUNY City College of New York, The	2	Pratt Institute	3	University of Massachusetts-Amherst	5
CUNY Fiorello H. LaGuardia CC	1	Purdue University	3	University of Miami	8
CUNY Hunter College	31	Quinnipiac University	2	University of Michigan	19
CUNY John Jay College	3	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	2	University of New Hampshire	2
CUNY Macaulay Honors College	16	Ringling College of Art & Design	1	University of New Orleans	1
CUNY New York City College of Technology	4	Roanoke College	1	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	1
CUNY Queens College	87	Rollins College	1	University of North Carolina at Wilmington	1
CUNY Queensborough CC	38	Rutgers - SUNJ	2	University of Notre Dame	1
CUNY Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Ed	1	Santa Monica College	2	University of Oxford, United Kingdom	1
Curry College	1	Sarah Lawrence College	1	University of Pennsylvania	10
Davidson County CC	1	Savannah College of Art & Design	1	University of Pittsburgh	2
DePaul University	1	Schenectady County CC	1	University of Rhode Island	1
Drexel University	1	School of Visual Arts	1	University of Richmond	1
Duke University	3	Skidmore College	4	University of Rochester	1
Eastern Connecticut State University	1	St. John's University Queens Campus	28	University of South Florida, Tampa	2
Elmhurst College	1	St. Joseph's College Brooklyn	2	University of Southern California	2
Emerson College	1	Stanford University	1	University of St. Andrews, Scotland	1
Emory University	12	Stevenson University	1	University of Texas at Austin	1
Five Towns College	1	Suffolk County CC, Ammerman	1	University of Toronto	1
Florida Atlantic University	1	Suffolk University	1	University of Vermont	3
Fordham University	3	SUNY Albany	7	University of Virginia	1
George Washington University, The	22	SUNY Binghamton	73	University of Washington	1
Georgetown University	1	SUNY Broome CC	1	University of Wisconsin, Madison	10
Grinnell College	1	SUNY Buffalo	18	Vanderbilt University	1
Harvard University	4	SUNY Buffalo State College	3	Vassar College	1
Haverford College	1	SUNY College at Cortland	9	Vaughn College of Aeronautics & Technology	1
Hebrew University of Jerusalem	1	SUNY College at Farmingdale	2	Villanova University	1
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	1	SUNY College at Fredonia	1	Washington University in St. Louis	1
Hofstra University	25	SUNY College at Geneseo	7	Wentworth Institute of Technology	1
Indiana University, Bloomington	5	SUNY College at Old Westbury	6	Wesleyan University	4
IDC Herzliya, Israel	3	SUNY College at Oneonta	5	West Virginia University	1
Iona College	3	SUNY College at Oswego	4	Williams College	2
Ithaca College	4	SUNY College at Plattsburgh	1	Yale University	5
Jewish Theological Seminary of America	1	SUNY College at Potsdam	2	Yeshiva University	25
Johns Hopkins University	5	SUNY College at Purchase	1		

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.

GRAPHIC LITERATURE is a two-credit interdisciplinary program developed by the English, social studies, and fine arts departments. It is for students who have a strong interest in creative storytelling. The emphasis of the course is on the processes inherent in the composition of graphic literature, and the examination, analysis, and creation of the textual and visual elements of comics. Students will study literature, style, politics, history, visual art and the relationship among these disciplines. This course will culminate with the development, organization and implementation of a school-wide convention, during which students will present the original works they have created.

REFLECTIONS is a two-credit, humanities-based program with a community-service component. The week is divided between interdisciplinary studies and community-service activities. The curriculum thematically explores issues of Europe and the United States from the nineteenth to the twenty-first centuries through various readings and the arts. Students participate in an ongoing community-service activity twice weekly. Each student selects a nonprofit organization of particular interest and commits to the organization for the entire year.

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.

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 80-100 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.

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.

COUNSELORS All counselors, except the department head, have caseloads of approximately 180 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.

VISITS BY COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REPRESENTATIVES College representatives are always welcome in our school to meet with counselors and interested students. "Mini-College Days" are held regularly. Schedules for these events are available each spring for the following year. They can be obtained by contacting the guidance office.

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