



Great Neck Public Schools

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Profile: Class of 2018

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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 1,100 students are enrolled in North High School for 2017–18. 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 2016 New York State Regents achievements:

- 96 percent earned a Regents Endorsed Diploma
- 75 percent received a Regents Advanced Diploma
- 29 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
- Intel Science Talent Search
- Lincoln Center Chamber Music Concert
- Music competitions
- Natl Council of Teachers of English
- Natl foreign language exams
- Natl Foundation for the Arts
- Research in social sciences
- Siemens Westinghouse Competition in Math, Science, and Technology
- 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.** A distribution of cumulative averages for the North High School Class of 2018, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES

NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2018

Cumulative Averages	% of Class
95 & above	5.1
90–94.9	33.3
85–89.9	26.4
80–84.9	16.7
75–79.9	12.7
70–74.9	3.3
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 2017

Higher Education	94.0%
Four-Year Colleges	79.9%
Two-Year Colleges	14.1%
Other	6.0%

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD DATA

Program	Recipients
National Merit Scholarship Competition, 2017–18	
Semifinalists	5
Commended Students	8
National Hispanic Recognition	1
College Board AP Scholar Awards Program, 2016–2017	
National Scholars	28
Scholars with Distinction	92
Scholars with Honors	45
Scholars	64
Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholars, 2016–17	1
WAC Lighting Foundation Invitational Science Fair	1

COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2017

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
SAT–Reading	131	607	527
SAT–Math	131	629	530
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

* Mean not available due to the low number of test-takers.

ACT (American College Testing) NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2017

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
English	193	26.8	23.8
Mathematics	193	26.1	24.0
Reading	193	26.3	24.6
Science	193	25.7	23.9
Composite	193	26.3	24.2

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — 2016–2017

Subject	Number Tested*	% With 3 or Better
Art: 2D Design	2	100
Art: Drawing	13	92
Art History	13	77
Biology	58	100
Chemistry	26	100
Chinese Language	15	93
Computer Science Principles	23	100
Economics: Macro	80	85
Economics: Micro	78	87
English Language & Composition	73	96
English Literature & Composition	64	81
Environmental Science	57	70
French Language and Culture	10	80
Government & Politics: US	18	72
History: European	14	79
History: United States	93	99
History: World	75	93
Latin	5	20
Math: Calculus AB	42	95
Math: Calculus BC	21	100
Music Theory	6	50
Physics 1	20	75
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	13	92
Physics C: Mechanics	13	100
Psychology	77	92
Spanish Language	39	97
Statistics	27	78

* 308 students, representing 53.3% of eleventh- and twelfth-graders, took 1 or more AP tests. 95 tenth-graders and 3 ninth-graders took 1 or more AP tests.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY THE CLASSES OF 2013–2017

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

Adelphi University	12	Johns Hopkins University	3	SUNY College at Fredonia	1
American Jewish University	1	Johnson & Wales University Providence	1	SUNY College at Geneseo	2
American University	1	Julliard School, The	1	SUNY College at Old Westbury	5
Arcadia University	1	Lafayette College	1	SUNY College at Oneonta	4
Babson College	1	Lehigh University	4	SUNY College at Oswego	5
Bar-Ilan University, Israel	5	Lewis & Clark College	1	SUNY College at Plattsburgh	2
Barnard College	1	LIM College	7	SUNY College at Potsdam	2
Bates College	1	LIU Brooklyn	2	SUNY College at Purchase	1
Boston College	4	LIU Post	9	SUNY College of Environ. Science & Forestry	2
Boston University	23	Lynn University	2	SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology	10
Bowdoin College	1	Maryland Institute College of Art	1	SUNY Morrisville State College	1
Brandeis University	7	Marymount Manhattan College	2	Syracuse University	16
Brown University	2	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	3	Tel Aviv University	1
Bryn Maur College	3	McGill University	3	Temple University	1
Bucknell University	1	Miami University (Oxford, Ohio)	3	Touro College	4
California Institute of Technology	1	Middlebury College	1	Trinity College	1
Carnegie-Mellon University	5	Molloy College	3	Tufts University	3
Case Western Reserve University	2	Montgomery College	1	Tulane University	13
Champlain College	1	Mount Holyoke College	1	Union College	2
College of Charleston	2	Mount Ida College	1	United States Military Academy (West Point)	1
College of New Jersey, The	1	Muhlenberg College	3	University of Alabama	2
Columbia University	7	Nassau Community College	104	University of Arizona	3
Cooper Union	1	National Taiwan University	1	University of California, Berkeley	1
Cornell University	13	New York Institute of Technology	15	University of California, Los Angeles	7
CUNY Baruch College	42	New York University	55	University of California, San Diego	3
CUNY Borough of Manhattan CC	4	Northeastern University	6	University of California, Santa Barbara	1
CUNY Brooklyn College	1	Northwestern University	7	University of Central Florida	2
CUNY City College of New York, The	5	Oberlin College	2	University of Chicago	6
CUNY Fiorello H. LaGuardia CC	2	Ohio State University, The	3	University of Colorado Boulder	2
CUNY Guttman Community College	1	Oxford College	1	University of Connecticut	5
CUNY Hunter College	28	Pace University New York City Campus	27	University of Delaware	14
CUNY John Jay College	4	Parsons School of Design	1	University of Florida	7
CUNY Macaulay Honors College	10	Pennsylvania State University	11	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	4
CUNY New York City College of Technology	4	Pratt Institute	4	University of Maryland-College Park	10
CUNY Queens College	88	Purdue University	3	University of Massachusetts-Amherst	3
CUNY Queensborough Community College	37	Quinnipiac University	2	University of Miami	11
CUNY Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Ed	1	Reed College	1	University of Michigan	22
Curry College	1	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	1	University of New Hampshire	2
Dartmouth College	1	Roanoke College	1	University of New Orleans	1
Davidson County Community College	1	Rochester Institute of Technology	1	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	1
DePaul University	1	Rollins College	1	University of Notre Dame	1
Drexel University	1	Santa Monica College	1	University of Oxford (United Kingdom)	1
Duke University	3	Sarah Lawrence College	1	University of Pennsylvania	7
Eastern Connecticut State University	1	Schenectady County Community College	1	University of Pittsburgh	2
Emerson College	1	School of Visual Arts	4	University of Rhode Island	1
Emory University	14	Skidmore College	4	University of Rochester	1
Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts	7	Smith College	1	University of Southern California	2
Five Towns College	1	Southern Methodist University	1	University of St. Andrews (Scotland)	1
Florida Atlantic University	1	St. John's University Queens Campus	22	University of Texas at Austin	2
Florida State University	1	St. Joseph's College Brooklyn	1	University of Toronto	1
Fordham University	2	Stanford University	1	University of Vermont	3
Franklin & Marshall College	1	Stevenson University	1	University of Washington	1
George Washington University, The	21	Suffolk County CC, Ammerman Campus	1	University of Wisconsin-Madison	10
Goucher College	1	Suffolk University	1	Vanderbilt University	1
Grinnell College	1	SUNJ Rutgers	2	Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology	1
Harvard University	7	SUNY Albany	14	Villanova University	2
Haverford College	2	SUNY Binghamton	75	Washington University in St. Louis	1
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	1	SUNY Broome Community College	5	Wentworth Institute of Technology	2
Hofstra University	25	SUNY Buffalo	22	Wesleyan University	4
Indiana University Bloomington	7	SUNY New Paltz	1	West Virginia University	1
Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya	3	SUNY Stony Brook	19	Williams College	2
Iona College	3	SUNY Buffalo State College	3	Yale University	5
Ithaca College	4	SUNY College at Cortland	7	Yeshiva University	16
Jewish Theological Seminary of America	2	SUNY College at Farmingdale	2	York College of Pennsylvania	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 three-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 three-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 about 100 juniors and seniors who are trained in required classes to facilitate groups, be mentors to younger students, and leaders 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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