



# Great Neck Public Schools

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### Profile: Class of 2017

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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 6,490 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 2016–17. 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 2016 New York State Regents achievements:

- 98 percent earned a Regents Endorsed Diploma
- 69 percent received a Regents Advanced Diploma
- 39 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

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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).
- 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 2017, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

**DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES**

**NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2017**

Cumulative Averages	% of Class
95 & above	6.1
90–94.9	34.2
85–89.9	27.3
80–84.9	14.4
75–79.9	11.5
70–74.9	4.7
65–69.9	1.8

*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 2016**

Higher Education	96.2%
Four-Year Colleges	83.9%
Two-Year Colleges	12.3%
Other	3.8%

**SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD DATA**

Program	Recipients
National Merit Scholarship Competition, 2016–17	
Semifinalists	6
Commended Students	11
College Board AP Scholar Awards Program, 2015–2016	
National Scholars	31
Scholars with Distinction	95
Scholars with Honors	39
Scholars	60
Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalists, 2015–16	2
International Science & Engineering Fair Finalist, 2015–16	1
Siemens Competition Semifinalists, 2015–16	2

**COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS  
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2016**

Test*	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
SAT–Critical Reading	184	553	489
SAT–Math	184	602	501
SAT–Writing	184	587	477
SAT II: Subject Tests			
Biology–E	7	627	
Biology–M	27	641	
Chemistry	32	691	
Literature	13	625	
Math–Level I	25	671	
Math–Level II	43	723	
Modern Hebrew	9	624	
Physics	22	710	
Spanish	6	637	
US History	33	669	
World History	17	607	

\* Unofficial copy of SAT scores no longer sent by our school.

**ACT (American College Testing)  
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2016**

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
English	143	26.0	23.2
Mathematics	143	26.0	23.9
Reading	143	25.3	24.4
Science	143	25.2	23.7
Composite	143	25.7	23.9

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS  
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — 2015–2016**

Subject	Number Tested*	% With 3 or Better
Art: 2D Design	4	75
Art: Drawing	13	92
Art History	9	56
Biology	82	93
Chemistry	34	94
Chinese Language	7	86
Computer Science A	11	100
Economics: Macro	82	80
Economics: Micro	82	80
English Language & Composition	84	93
English Literature & Composition	58	83
Environmental Science	67	61
French Language and Culture	10	100
Government & Politics: US	16	88
History: European	25	88
History: United States	72	93
History: World	100	91
Latin	3	100
Math: Calculus AB	67	100
Math: Calculus BC	39	100
Music Theory	6	67
Physics 1	21	57
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	17	82
Physics C: Mechanics	17	100
Psychology	64	92
Spanish Language	41	95
Statistics	23	96

\* 334 students, representing 60.9% of eleventh- and twelfth-graders, took 1 or more AP tests. 88 tenth-graders and 5 ninth-graders took 1 or more AP tests.

## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY THE CLASSES OF 2012–2016

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

Adelphi University	9	Jewish Theological Seminary of America	3	SUNY College at Old Westbury	4
American Jewish University	1	Johns Hopkins University	3	SUNY College at Oneonta	3
American University	1	Johnson & Wales University Providence	1	SUNY College at Oswego	5
Arcadia University	1	Juilliard School, The	1	SUNY College at Plattsburgh	2
Babson College	1	Lafayette College	1	SUNY College at Potsdam	2
Bar-Ilan University, Israel	5	Lehigh University	5	SUNY College at Purchase	2
Barnard College	4	Lewis & Clark College	1	SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry	2
Bates College	1	LIM College	6	SUNY College of Technology at Canton	1
Bentley University	1	LIU Brooklyn	2	SUNY Fashion Institute of Technology	11
Berklee College of Music	1	LIU Post	10	Swarthmore College	1
Boston College	4	Lynn University	2	Syracuse University	12
Boston University	19	Maryland Institute College of Art	1	Tel Aviv University	2
Bowdoin College	1	Marymount Manhattan College	2	Temple University	1
Brandeis University	7	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	3	Texas Tech University Honors College	1
Brown University	2	McGill University	2	Touro College	4
Bryn Maur College	2	Miami University (Oxford, Ohio)	3	Trinity College	3
Bucknell University	2	Michigan Jewish Institute	1	Tufts University	2
California Institute of Technology	1	Middlebury College	1	Tulane University	12
Carnegie-Mellon University	2	Molloy College	3	Union College	3
Case Western Reserve University	1	Montgomery College	1	University of Alabama	2
Champlain College	1	Mount Ida College	1	University of Arizona	3
College of Charleston	1	Muhlenberg College	3	University of California, Berkeley	2
Columbia University	7	Nassau Community College	90	University of California, Los Angeles	7
Cornell University	9	National Taiwan University	1	University of California, San Diego	4
CUNY Baruch College	36	New York Institute of Technology	17	University of California, Santa Barbara	1
CUNY Borough of Manhattan CC	3	New York University	48	University of Central Florida	1
CUNY Brooklyn College	1	Northeastern University	6	University of Chicago	6
CUNY City College of New York, The	5	Northwestern University	9	University of Colorado Boulder	1
CUNY Fiorello H. LaGuardia CC	2	Oberlin College	1	University of Connecticut	5
CUNY Guttman Community College	1	Ohio State University, The	3	University of Delaware	16
CUNY Hunter College	31	Pace University New York City Campus	22	University of Florida	8
CUNY John Jay College	5	Pennsylvania State University	10	University of Georgia	1
CUNY Macaulay Honors College	10	Pratt Institute	4	University of Hartford	1
CUNY New York City College of Technology	3	Purdue University	3	University of Kentucky	1
CUNY Queens College	83	Quinnipiac University	4	University of Maryland-College Park	9
CUNY Queensborough Community College	46	Reed College	1	University of Massachusetts-Amherst	4
CUNY Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Ed	1	Roanoke College	1	University of Miami	7
Curry College	1	Rochester Institute of Technology	1	University of Michigan	21
Dartmouth College	2	Rollins College	1	University of New Hampshire	2
DePaul University	1	Santa Monica College	1	University of New Orleans	1
Drexel University	3	Sarah Lawrence College	1	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	1
Duke University	5	Schenectady County Community College	1	University of Oxford, United Kingdom	1
Eastern Connecticut State University	1	School of Visual Arts	4	University of Pennsylvania	7
Emerson College	1	Skidmore College	4	University of Pittsburgh	2
Emory University	14	Smith College	1	University of Rhode Island	3
Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts	10	Southern Methodist University	1	University of Rochester	1
Fairfield University	1	St. John's University Queens Campus	21	University of Southern California	2
Five Towns College	1	St. Joseph's College Brooklyn	1	University of Texas at Austin	2
Florida State University	1	Stanford University	4	University of Toronto	1
Fordham University	3	Suffolk County CC, Ammerman Campus	2	University of Vermont	4
Franklin & Marshall College	1	Suffolk University	1	University of Virginia	1
George Washington University, The	22	SUNJ Rutgers	2	University of Washington	1
Goucher College	1	SUNY Albany	16	University of Wisconsin-Madison	9
Grinnell College	1	SUNY Binghamton	60	Vanderbilt University	1
Harvard University	8	SUNY Broome Community College	6	Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology	1
Haverford College	1	SUNY Buffalo	23	Villanova University	1
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	1	SUNY Stony Brook	18	Washington University in St. Louis	1
Hofstra University	27	SUNY Buffalo State College	2	Wentworth Institute of Technology	1
Indiana University Bloomington	9	SUNY College at Brockport	1	Wesleyan University	4
Institute of Audio Research	1	SUNY College at Cortland	2	West Virginia University	3
Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya	3	SUNY College at Farmingdale	2	Williams College	2
Iona College	3	SUNY College at Fredonia	1	Yale University	4
Ithaca College	5	SUNY College at Geneseo	3	Yeshiva University	18
				York College of Pennsylvania	1

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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.

**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.

**STAGES** is an interdisciplinary program developed by the music, drama, English, and social studies departments for seniors who have a strong interest and demonstrable ability in some aspect of the performing arts. This three-period, three-credit program meets the English and social studies requirements and grants an elective credit. Emphasis is on the examination, analysis, and creation of music and drama, on the processes inherent in the composition of theatrical material, and on the development and execution of a performable piece. Students study literature, style, politics, economics, history, and the relationships among these disciplines.

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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 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.

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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 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.

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**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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