



# Great Neck Public Schools

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### Profile: Class of 2015

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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 6,450 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 a districtwide, alternative high school program. 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 1,080 students are enrolled in North High School for 2014–15. 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 2014 New York State Regents achievements:

- 96 percent earned a Regents Endorsed Diploma
- 75 percent received a Regents Advanced Diploma
- 41 percent received a Regents Advanced Diploma with Honors (achieving an average of 90 or better on eight exams)

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

- American High School Math Exam
- American International Math Exam
- 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 Second Language (ESL); 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.** A distribution of cumulative averages for the North High School Class of 2015, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

### DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES

#### NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2015

Cumulative Averages	% of Class
95 & above	8.1
90–94.9	22.9
85–89.9	31.8
80–84.9	16.3
75–79.9	12.8
70–74.9	5.4
65–69.9	2.3
64.9 & below	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 2014

Higher Education	97.3%
Four-Year Colleges	82.7%
Two-Year Colleges	14.6%
Other	2.7%

### SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD DATA

#### NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2014

Program	Recipients
National Merit Scholarship Competition	
Commended Students	16
College Board AP Scholar Awards Program—2013–2014 (Includes 11th- and 12th-graders)	
National Scholars	31
Scholars with Distinction	92
Scholars with Honors	32
Scholars	46
Intel Science Talent Search, Semifinalists	3
Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology	3

### COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2014

Test*	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
SAT–Critical Reading	193	557	488
SAT–Math	193	599	502
SAT–Writing	193	588	478

#### SAT II: Subject Tests

Biology–E	11	651
Biology–M	16	696
Chemistry	30	694
Literature	13	707
Math–Level I	24	682
Math–Level II	51	733
Physics	20	702
US History	31	699
World History	11	674

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

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — 2013–2014

Subject	Number Tested*	% With 3 or Better
Art: 2D Design	2	100
Art: Drawing	8	88
Biology	45	98
Chemistry	36	75
Chinese Language	3	100
Computer Science A	11	100
Economics: Macro	78	77
Economics: Micro	78	79
English Language & Composition	69	94
English Literature & Composition	50	78
Environmental Science	53	45
French Language and Culture	9	100
German Language	1	100
Government & Politics: US	19	79
History: European	14	100
History: United States	51	98
History: World	64	100
Latin	4	75
Math: Calculus AB	54	96
Math: Calculus BC	41	100
Music Theory	12	58
Physics B	39	87
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	22	95
Physics C: Mechanics	22	95
Psychology	74	93
Spanish Language	27	100
Statistics	40	88

\* *298 students, representing 60.7% of eleventh- and twelfth-graders, took 1 or more AP tests. 65 tenth-graders and 2 ninth-graders took 1 or more AP tests.*

## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY THE CLASSES OF 2010–2014

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

Adelphi University . . . . .	6	Jewish Theological Seminary of America . . . . .	3	SUNY-College at Purchase . . . . .	2
Arcadia University . . . . .	1	Lehigh University . . . . .	6	SUNY-College of Technology at Canton . . . . .	1
Arizona State University . . . . .	1	Lewis & Clark College . . . . .	1	SUNY-Fashion Institute of Technology . . . . .	16
Babson College . . . . .	1	LIM College . . . . .	5	Swarthmore College . . . . .	1
Bard College . . . . .	1	LIU Brooklyn . . . . .	1	Syracuse University . . . . .	15
Bar-Ilan University (Israel) . . . . .	8	LIU Post . . . . .	12	Tel Aviv University . . . . .	3
Barnard College . . . . .	5	Loyola College in Maryland . . . . .	1	Temple University . . . . .	2
Barry University . . . . .	1	Lynn University . . . . .	2	Texas Tech University Honors College . . . . .	1
Bates College . . . . .	1	Manhattan College . . . . .	1	Touro College-Dix Hills . . . . .	6
Bentley University . . . . .	1	Manhattanville College . . . . .	1	Towson University . . . . .	1
Berklee College of Music . . . . .	1	Maryland Institute College of Art . . . . .	2	Trinity College . . . . .	2
Boston College . . . . .	3	McGill University . . . . .	1	Tufts University . . . . .	7
Boston University . . . . .	23	Miami University-Oxford . . . . .	1	Tulane University . . . . .	15
Bowdoin College . . . . .	1	Michigan Jewish Institute . . . . .	1	Union College . . . . .	4
Brandeis University . . . . .	5	Middlebury College . . . . .	1	University of Alabama . . . . .	2
Brigham Young University-Idaho . . . . .	1	Molloy College . . . . .	3	University of Arizona . . . . .	2
Brown University . . . . .	3	Montgomery College . . . . .	1	University of California-Berkeley . . . . .	2
Bryn Maur College . . . . .	1	Muhlenberg College . . . . .	2	University of California-Los Angeles . . . . .	6
Bucknell University . . . . .	2	Nassau Community College . . . . .	84	University of California-San Diego . . . . .	4
California Institute of Technology . . . . .	2	National Taiwan University . . . . .	1	University of California-Santa Barbara . . . . .	1
Carnegie-Mellon University . . . . .	2	New York Film Academy . . . . .	1	University of Chicago . . . . .	4
Case Western Reserve University . . . . .	2	New York Institute of Technology . . . . .	8	University of Colorado-Boulder . . . . .	2
Columbia College . . . . .	1	New York University . . . . .	47	University of Connecticut . . . . .	1
Columbia University . . . . .	5	Northeastern University . . . . .	5	University of Delaware . . . . .	18
Concordia College-Bronxville . . . . .	1	Northwestern University . . . . .	10	University of Florida . . . . .	4
Cornell University . . . . .	18	NYIT-Manhattan . . . . .	1	University of Georgia . . . . .	1
CUNY-Baruch College . . . . .	56	Oberlin College . . . . .	2	University of Hartford . . . . .	4
CUNY-Borough of Manhattan CC . . . . .	3	Ohio State University . . . . .	2	University of Kentucky . . . . .	1
CUNY-City College of NY . . . . .	6	Pace University-New York City . . . . .	17	University of Maryland-College Park . . . . .	18
CUNY-Fiorenzo H. LaGuardia CC . . . . .	2	Parsons The New School for Design . . . . .	7	University of Massachusetts-Amherst . . . . .	9
CUNY-Hunter College . . . . .	28	Pennsylvania State University . . . . .	12	University of Miami . . . . .	9
CUNY-John Jay College . . . . .	4	Pratt Institute . . . . .	2	University of Michigan . . . . .	21
CUNY-Macaulay Honors College . . . . .	7	Princeton University . . . . .	1	University of Missouri Columbia . . . . .	1
CUNY-Queens College . . . . .	67	Quinnipiac University . . . . .	5	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill . . . . .	2
CUNY-Queensborough CC . . . . .	47	Reed College . . . . .	1	University of Pennsylvania . . . . .	4
CUNY-Guttman CC . . . . .	1	Rochester Institute of Technology . . . . .	1	University of Pittsburgh . . . . .	1
Curry College . . . . .	1	Roger Williams University . . . . .	2	University of Rhode Island . . . . .	4
Dartmouth College . . . . .	4	Salisbury University . . . . .	1	University of Rochester . . . . .	2
Drexel University . . . . .	4	Sarah Lawrence College . . . . .	1	University of Southern California . . . . .	4
Duke University . . . . .	4	School of Visual Arts . . . . .	5	University of St. Andrews (Scotland) . . . . .	1
Emerson College . . . . .	1	Skidmore College . . . . .	3	University of Tampa . . . . .	1
Emory University . . . . .	16	Smith College . . . . .	1	University of Texas at Austin . . . . .	1
Eugene Lang College The New School for Liberal Arts . . . . .	2	Southern Methodist University . . . . .	1	University of Vermont . . . . .	5
Fairfield University . . . . .	2	St. John's University-Queens . . . . .	18	University of Virginia . . . . .	2
Florida Institute of Technology . . . . .	1	Stanford University . . . . .	3	University of Wisconsin-Madison . . . . .	7
Florida State University . . . . .	2	Suffolk County CC, Ammerman . . . . .	1	Ursinis College . . . . .	1
Fordham University . . . . .	6	SUNJ-Rutgers . . . . .	1	Utica College . . . . .	1
Franklin & Marshall College . . . . .	1	SUNY-Albany . . . . .	24	Vanderbilt University . . . . .	5
Georgetown University . . . . .	1	SUNY-Binghamton . . . . .	27	Vassar College . . . . .	1
George Washington University . . . . .	16	SUNY-Buffalo . . . . .	20	Wake Forest University . . . . .	1
Georgia Institute of Technology . . . . .	1	SUNY-New Paltz . . . . .	2	Washington University in St. Louis . . . . .	4
Goucher College . . . . .	1	SUNY-Stony Brook . . . . .	18	Wentworth Institute of Technology . . . . .	1
Hampshire College . . . . .	2	SUNY-Buffalo State College . . . . .	2	Wesleyan University . . . . .	6
Hartwick College . . . . .	1	SUNY-College at Brockport . . . . .	1	West Virginia University . . . . .	3
Harvard University . . . . .	8	SUNY-College at Cortland . . . . .	3	Wilkes University . . . . .	1
Haverford College . . . . .	1	SUNY-College at Farmingdale . . . . .	3	Williams College . . . . .	2
Hofstra University . . . . .	36	SUNY-College at Geneseo . . . . .	3	Yale University . . . . .	4
Indiana University-Bloomington . . . . .	10	SUNY-College at Old Westbury . . . . .	4	Yeshiva University . . . . .	10
Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya . . . . .	1	SUNY-College at Oneonta . . . . .	1	York College of Pennsylvania . . . . .	1
Ithaca College . . . . .	2	SUNY-College at Oswego . . . . .	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.

**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 38 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 200 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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