



Great Neck Public Schools

William A. Shine–Great Neck South High School

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.

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), as well as 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 1,210 students are enrolled in South High School for the 2014–2015 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 Almost 90 percent of South High students achieve a “B” average or better. Over 94 percent of the South High School Class of 2014 entered college. Thirteen 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, eight languages, including Mandarin Chinese and American Sign Language, and remedial education. AP courses are available in art, art history, biology, chemistry, Chinese, computer science, economics, English, French, government, history, Latin, mathematics, 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. **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 2015, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2015

Cumulative Averages	% of Class
95 & above	5.3
90–94.9	35.2
85–89.9	30.3
80–84.9	17.9
75–79.9	8.3
70–74.9	3.0

Correlation between scores on New York State Regents Examinations and final course grades is +.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
Computer Ed. or Word Processing	.5
Electives	2.5

FUTURE PLANS

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2014

Higher Education	94.7%
Four-Year Colleges	88.8%
Two-Year Colleges	5.9%
Other	5.3%

SCHOLARSHIP DATA

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2014

Program	Recipients
National Merit Scholarship Competition	
Finalists	20
Commended Students	21

COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2014

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
SAT–Critical Reading	278*	593	488
SAT–Math	278*	635	502
SAT–Writing	278*	620	478
SAT II: Subject Tests			
Biology E	39	685	
Biology M	72	710	
Chemistry	72	693	
Chinese	15	773	
English Literature	17	664	
Latin	5	732	
Math–Level I	26	659	
Math–Level II	94	732	
Physics	36	716	
US History	58	696	
World History	23	715	

* Represents 88% of class.

ACT (American College Testing) SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2014

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
English	144	27.8	22.7
Mathematics	144	28.4	23.8
Reading	144	27.0	23.6
Science	144	26.7	23.2
Composite	144	27.6	23.4
Writing	141	26.6	22.7

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – 2013–2014

Subject	Number Tested*	% With 3 or Better
Art: 2D	19	100
Art: 3D	3	100
Art: Drawing	19	95
Art History	1	100
Biology	34	100
Chemistry	44	95
Chinese	7	100
Computer Science A	15	53
Economics: Macro	72	92
Economics: Micro	58	93
English Language & Composition	110	96
English Literature & Composition	75	93
Environmental Science	40	90
French Language and Culture	7	100
Government & Politics: US	47	91
History: European	49	88
History: United States	102	98
Math: Calculus AB	72	92
Math: Calculus BC	43	86
Music Theory	2	100
Physics B	78	94
Physics C: E&M	12	92
Physics C: Mechanics	12	100
Psychology	201	80
Spanish Language	30	100
Statistics	71	90
World History	50	100

* 527 students, representing 42% 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 60 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, DECA, Government Club, Hebrew Culture Club, Italian Culture Club, Key Club, Model Congress, Science Olympiad, and Spanish Culture Club.

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 spring for the following year. They can be obtained by contacting the guidance office.

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