



Great Neck Public Schools
William A. Shine–Great Neck South High School
Profile: Class of 2013

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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 6,300 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 (Supportive Environment for All Learners), a districtwide, alternative high school program. There are two middle schools and four elementary schools. Our students have diverse backgrounds; they come from nearly 30 countries and represent a broad socioeconomic range. Approximately 1,265 students are enrolled in South High School for the 2012–2013 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 Ninety percent of South High students achieve a “B” average or better. Over 98 percent of the South High School Class of 2012 entered college. Eleven 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, Italian, 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 2013, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2013

Cumulative Averages	% of Class
95 & above	4.5
90–94.9	35.2
85–89.9	31.0
80–84.9	19.3
75–79.9	7.7
70–74.9	2.3

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 2012

Higher Education	98.4%
Four-Year Colleges	87.9%
Two-Year Colleges	10.5%
Other	1.6%

SCHOLARSHIP DATA

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2012

Program	Recipients
National Merit Scholarship Competition	
Finalists	16
Commended Students	29
Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist	2

COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2012

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
SAT–Critical Reading	307*	595	483
SAT–Math	307*	648	500
SAT–Writing	307*	622	475
SAT II: Subject Tests			
Biology E	36	674	627
Biology M	106	703	661
Chemistry	90	687	658
Chinese	7	766	749
English Literature	23	632	607
Korean	12	784	763
Latin	12	717	628
Math–Level I	75	685	624
Math–Level II	115	727	684
Spanish	8	600	629
Physics	50	718	663
US History	76	680	647
World History	39	700	621

* Represents 91.6% of class.

ACT (American College Testing) SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2012

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
English	134	26.8	22.7
Mathematics	134	27.9	23.7
Reading	134	25.8	23.4
Science	134	26.3	23.1
Composite	134	26.3	23.3
Writing	126	25.4	22.5

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL — 2011–2012

Subject	Number Tested*	% With 3 or Better
Art: 2D	15	93
Art: 3D	1	100
Art: Drawing	20	100
Biology	49	100
Chemistry	28	96
Chinese	11	100
Computer Science A	2	100
Economics: Macro	95	93
Economics: Micro	94	93
English Language & Composition	84	100
English Literature & Composition	104	96
French	4	100
Government & Politics: US	35	91
History: European	42	91
History: United States	100	88
Latin: Virgil	14	79
Math: Calculus AB	97	98
Math: Calculus BC	40	98
Physics B	90	99
Physics C: E&M	18	100
Physics C: Mechanics	18	100
Psychology	204	90
Spanish Language	27	88
Statistics	77	90
World History	54	96

* 515 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 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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