



Great Neck Public Schools

William A. Shine–Great Neck South High School

Profile: Class of 2012

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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 (with an alternative program, Community School), South, and Village (a small alternative high school), as well as SEAL Academy (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 1,280 students are enrolled in South High School for the 2011–2012 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 Over 87 percent of South High students achieve a “B” average or better. Ninety-six and one-half percent of the South High School Class of 2011 entered college. Fourteen and one-half 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 2012, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2012

Cumulative Averages	% of Class
95 & above	8.0
90–94.9	34.4
85–89.9	29.7
80–84.9	15.1
75–79.9	8.6
70–74.9	4.2

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 2011

Higher Education	96.5%
Four-Year Colleges	89.3%
Two-Year Colleges	7.2%
Other	3.5%

SCHOLARSHIP DATA

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2011

Program	Recipients
National Merit Scholarship Competition	
Finalists	19
Commended Students	30
Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist	2

COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2011

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	Natl Mean
SAT–Critical Reading	335*	584	497
SAT–Math	335*	640	514
SAT–Writing	335*	604	489
SAT II: Subject Tests			
Biology E	63	703	635
Biology M	63	736	665
Chemistry	74	691	658
Chinese	11	769	761
English Literature	15	653	605
Korean	10	794	717
Latin	18	749	637
Math–Level I	82	674	622
Math–Level II	115	739	687
Spanish	10	649	631
Physics	48	721	661
US History	78	666	638
World History	34	673	637

* Represents 94% of class.

ACT (American College Testing) SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2011

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
English	144	27.6	22.7
Mathematics	144	28.4	23.8
Reading	144	26.8	23.5
Science	144	26.0	23.0
Composite	144	27.3	23.4
Writing	139	26.3	22.7

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL — 2010–2011

Subject	Number Tested*	% With 3 or Better
Art: 2D	16	88
Art: 3D	1	100
Art: Drawing	24	83
Art History	13	77
Biology	39	90
Chemistry	26	92
Chinese	14	100
Computer Science A	7	86
Economics: Macro	71	94
Economics: Micro	71	94
English Language & Composition	126	100
English Literature & Composition	93	98
French	7	86
Government & Politics: US	68	91
History: European	60	88
History: United States	125	87
Latin: Virgil	15	100
Math: Calculus AB	94	85
Math: Calculus BC	54	98
Music Theory	9	67
Physics B	94	99
Physics C: E&M	27	81
Physics C: Mechanics	27	100
Psychology	202	90
Spanish Language	32	86
Statistics	79	94
World History	34	100

* 547 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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