



# Great Neck Public Schools

## **William A. Shine–Great Neck South High School**

### Profile: Class of 2011

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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 6,300 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 1,350 students are enrolled in South High School for the 2010–2011 academic year.

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**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.

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**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT** More than 87 percent of South High students achieve a “B” average or better. Ninety-eight percent of the South High School Class of 2010 entered college. Twelve percent were recognized as Finalists or received Letters of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

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**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 2011, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

### DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES

#### SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2011

Cumulative Averages	% of Class
95 & above	5.8
90–94.9	34.4
85–89.9	29.4
80–84.9	17.7
75–79.9	8.2
70–74.9	4.0
65–69.9	.5

*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	2
Science	2
Foreign Language	1
Health Education	1
Physical Education	2
Art / Music / Drama	1
Computer Ed. or Word Processing	.5
Electives	4.5

### FUTURE PLANS

#### SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2010

Higher Education	98%
Four-Year Colleges	87%
Two-Year Colleges	11%
Other	2%

### SCHOLARSHIP DATA

#### SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2010

Program	Recipients
National Merit Scholarship Competition	
Finalists	12
Commended Students	29
Intel Science Talent Search Semifinalist	1

### COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2010

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	National Mean
SAT–Critical Reading	305*	564	501
SAT–Math	305*	630	516
SAT–Writing	305*	579	492
SAT II: Subject Tests			
Biology E	46	657	623
Biology M	54	676	683
Chemistry	74	690	659
Chinese	10	764	762
English Literature	19	647	608
Korean	10	788	771
Latin	7	684	637
Math–Level I	82	658	619
Math–Level II	82	724	683
Physics	38	715	658
US History	76	651	633
World History	13	705	631

\* Represents 94% of class.

### ACT (American College Testing) SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2010

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	State Mean
English	128	25.5	22.7
Mathematics	128	26.9	23.6
Reading	128	29.1	23.3
Science	128	25.1	23.1
Composite	128	25.8	23.3
Writing	120	25.0	22.7

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL – 2009–2010

Subject	Number Tested*	% With 3 or Better
Art: 2D	10	100
Art: Drawing	23	96
Art History	11	100
Biology	51	92
Chemistry	26	76
Chinese	5	100
Computer Science A	9	100
Economics: Macro	55	85
Economics: Micro	55	85
English Language & Composition	119	97
English Literature & Composition	98	83
French	5	80
Government & Politics: US	72	86
History: European	46	91
History: United States	140	94
Latin: Virgil	9	100
Math: Calculus AB	65	92
Math: Calculus BC	43	95
Music Theory	15	67
Physics B	92	97
Physics C: E&M	13	85
Physics C: Mechanics	13	85
Psychology	223	94
Spanish Language	29	76
Statistics	79	81
World History	61	97

\* 569 students, representing 42% of the school, took one or more AP tests.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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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