



Great Neck Public Schools

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Profile: Class of 2010

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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 6,200 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), and 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 over 40 countries and represent a broad socioeconomic range. Approximately 960 students are enrolled in North High School for 2009–10. The Great Neck school district has, from its inception, offered a highly academic, enriched, and comprehensive program.

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.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

North High School Class of 2009 New York State Regents achievements:

- 98 percent earned a Regents Endorsed Diploma
- 73 percent received a Regents Advanced Diploma
- 36 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
- Rohm & Haas Science Fair
- Siemens Westinghouse Competition in Math, Science, and Technology
- Writing competitions
- Young artists competitions

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 30 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).
- 25 AP courses are offered—all students enrolled in AP courses are required to take AP exams.

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.

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.

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, Reach-Out Day, real estate / investment, SADD, and Student Organization.

- 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.

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.

COUNSELORS All counselors, except the department head, have caseloads of approximately 180 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.

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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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 2010, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2010

Cumulative Averages	% of Class
95 & above	2.8
90–94.9	33.6
85–89.9	29.6
80–84.9	12.0
75–79.9	10.8
70–74.9	8.0
65–69.9	2.4
Below 65	.8

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 2009

Higher Education	94.2%
Four-Year Colleges	75.8%
Two-Year Colleges	18.4%
Other	5.8%

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD DATA NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2009

Program	Recipients
National Merit Scholarship Competition	
Finalists	2
Commended Students	10
College Board AP Scholar Awards Program—2008–2009 (Includes 11th- and 12th-graders)	
National Scholars	11
Scholars with Distinction	48
Scholars with Honors	28
Scholars	74
Intel Science Talent Search, Semifinalist	1

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD DATA (continued)

Program	Recipients
Rohm & Haas Invitational Science Fair	
Third Place	4
Honors & Merit	3
Long Island Science & Engineering Fair	
First Place	1
Finalists	2
Best in Category	1
International Science & Engineering Fair, Second Place	1

COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2009

Test*	Number Tested	School Mean	Natl Mean
SAT–Critical Reading	188	543	501
SAT–Math	188	587	515
SAT–Writing	188	574	493
SAT II: Subject Tests			
American History	39	681	599
Biology–E	7	587	598
Biology–M	39	670	641
Chemistry	21	681	638
Literature	14	607	580
Math–Level I	46	662	599
Math–Level II	39	692	648
Physics	21	678	655

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

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — 2008–2009

Subject	Number Tested*	% With 3 or Better
Art: 2D Design	1	0
Art: Drawing	13	54
Biology	59	61
Chemistry	45	76
Computer Science A	9	89
Economics: Macro	82	77
Economics: Micro	82	78
English Language & Composition	69	91
English Literature & Composition	39	79
Environmental Science	54	26
French Language	5	100
Government & Politics: US	21	67
History: European	9	78
History: United States	68	93
History: World	54	89
Japanese Language	1	100
Latin: Literature	7	43
Math: Calculus AB	73	82
Math: Calculus BC	30	100
Music Theory	6	33
Physics B	48	60
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	7	86
Physics C: Mechanics	7	86
Psychology	69	91
Spanish Language	32	53
Statistics	47	91

* 287 students, representing 59.7% of eleventh- and twelfth-graders, took 1 or more AP tests. 66 tenth-graders and 2 ninth-graders took 1 or more AP tests.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY THE CLASSES OF 2005–2009

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

Adelphi University	4	Hampshire College	1	SUNY-Albany	27
Alfred University	2	Hartwick College	3	SUNY-Binghamton	26
American University	4	Harvard-Radcliffe College	6	SUNY-Buffalo	12
American University of Rome	1	Hofstra University	23	SUNY-New Paltz	1
Arizona State University	3	Indiana University-Bloomington	7	SUNY-Stony Brook	24
Art Institute of New York City	1	Ithaca College	13	SUNY-Buffalo State College	1
Babson College	2	Johns Hopkins University	1	SUNY-College at Cobleskill	3
Bard College	1	Johnson & Wales University	1	SUNY-College at Cortland	1
Bar-Ilan University	2	Kent State University	1	SUNY-College at Delhi	3
Barnard College	10	Laboratory Institute of Merchandising	1	SUNY-College at Farmingdale	1
Berklee College of Music	1	Lafayette College	4	SUNY-College at Fredonia	1
Birmingham City University	1	Lehigh University	2	SUNY-College at Geneseo	9
Boston College	1	LIU-Brooklyn Campus	1	SUNY-College at Old Westbury	3
Boston University	27	LIU-CW Post Campus	11	SUNY-College at Oneonta	3
Bowdoin College	2	Loyola College in Maryland	1	SUNY-College at Oswego	3
Brandeis University	5	Lynn University	2	SUNY-College at Purchase	1
Brown University	6	Mannes College of Music	1	SUNY-Fashion Institute of Tech	9
Bryn Mawr College	1	Marietta College	1	Swarthmore College	1
California State University, Northridge	1	Maryland Institute College of Art	1	Syracuse University	20
Carnegie-Mellon University	7	Mass. College of Pharmacy & Health Science	2	Tel Aviv University	6
Case Western Reserve University	2	Mass. Institute of Technology	4	The College of New Jersey	1
Chatham College	1	McGill University	2	Touro College-Dix Hills	2
Clark University	1	Miami University of Ohio	1	Towson State University	14
Colby College	1	Middlebury College	1	Tufts University	4
Colgate University	2	Mitchell College	1	Tulane University	9
Columbia College	4	Monmouth University	1	Union College	8
Columbia College-Chicago	3	Muhlenberg College	2	University of Arizona	6
Columbia U-Engin. & Applied Science	1	Nassau CC	107	University of California-Berkeley	2
Cooper Union	1	New York Institute of Technology	12	University of California-San Diego	1
Cornell University	24	New York University	55	University of California-Santa Barbara	1
CUNY-Baruch College	40	Northeastern University	4	University of Colorado-Boulder	4
CUNY-Borough of Manhattan CC	7	Northwestern University	3	University of Connecticut	1
CUNY-City College of NY	2	Nyack College	1	University of Delaware	5
CUNY-Fiorello H. LaGuardia CC	1	Oberlin College	1	University of Florida	1
CUNY-Hunter College	12	Occidental College	2	University of Hartford	12
CUNY-John Jay College	2	Ohio State University-Columbus	2	University of MA-Amherst	11
CUNY-Macaulay Honors College	12	Ohio Wesleyan University	1	University of MA-Boston	1
CUNY-NYC Technical College	2	Pace University-New York City	14	University of MD-Baltimore County	1
CUNY-Queens College	43	Parsons Paris School of Art and Design	1	University of MD-College Park	12
CUNY-Queensborough CC	20	Parsons The New School for Design	4	University of Miami	10
CUNY-Sophie Davis School-Biomedical Ed	1	Pennsylvania State University	3	University of Michigan	28
CUNY-York College	1	Pfeiffer University	1	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	1
Dartmouth College	10	Pratt Institute	1	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	3
DePaul University	2	Princeton University	3	University of North Carolina Wilmington	1
Dominican College of Blauvelt	2	Providence College	1	University of Pennsylvania	10
Dowling College	2	Quinnipiac University	4	University of Pittsburgh	3
Drew University	2	Rensselaer Polytech Institute	1	University of Rhode Island	2
Drexel University	1	Rhode Island College	1	University of Richmond	1
Duke University	17	Rhode Island School of Design	2	University of Rochester	4
East Carolina University	1	Rhodes College	1	University of Southern California	4
Eastern Connecticut State University	1	Rice University	2	University of Tampa	3
Elmira College	1	Rider University	1	University of Vermont	2
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	1	Roberts Wesleyan College	1	University of Virginia	3
Emerson College	2	Roger Williams University	2	University of Washington	1
Emory University	16	Rollins College	1	University of Wisconsin-Madison	10
European School of Economics	3	Santa Monica College	3	US Military Academy (West Point)	2
Florida Atlantic University	3	Sarah Lawrence College	1	Vanderbilt University	4
Florida International University	3	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	1	Vassar College	2
Florida State University	1	School of Visual Arts	1	Villanova University	2
Fordham University	4	Skidmore College	2	Virginia Military Institute	1
Franklin and Marshall College	1	St. John's University-Queens	23	Virginia Polytech. Inst. & State Univ.	1
Franklin Pierce University	2	St. John's U-Coll. of Pharmacy/Allied Health	1	Washington University in St. Louis	4
Georgetown University	3	Stanford University	2	Wesleyan University	4
George Washington University	21	Stephens College	1	Williams College	1
Georgia Institute of Technology	1	Stevens Institute of Technology	1	Woodbury University	1
Gettysburg College	1	Suffolk County CC, Ammerman	1	Yale University	4
Hamilton College	1	SUNJ-Rutgers	1	Yeshiva University	10