



Great Neck Public Schools

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Profile: Class of 2009

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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 2008–09. 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 2008 New York State Regents achievements:

- 96 percent earned a Regents Endorsed Diploma
- 74 percent received a Regents Advanced Diploma
- 34 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 2009, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

**DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2009**

Cumulative Averages	% of Class
95 & above	4.5
90–94.9	21.4
85–89.9	24.1
80–84.9	19.1
75–79.9	17.3
70–74.9	8.2
65–69.9	4.5
Below 65	.9

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 2008

Higher Education	97.3%
Four-Year Colleges	87.5%
Two-Year Colleges	9.8%
Other	2.7%

**SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD DATA
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2008**

Program	Recipients
National Merit Scholarship Competition	
Scholar	1
Finalists	3
Commended Students	6
National Hispanic Recognition Program	1
College Board AP Scholar Awards Program—2007–2008 <i>(Includes 11th- and 12th-graders)</i>	
National Scholars	17
Scholars with Distinction	53
Scholars with Honors	28
Scholars	51
Intel Science Talent Search, Finalists	2

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD DATA (continued)

Program	Recipients
Rohm & Haas Invitational Science Fair	
Second Place	2
Honors	1
Long Island Science & Engineering Fair	
First Place	1
Second Place	3
Award for Excellence	1
International Science & Engineering Fair	
First Place	1
Third Place	1
National Latin Exam Maureen O'Donnell Award	1
Siemens-Westinghouse Science & Technology Competition	
Finalist	1
Semifinalists	2

**COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2008**

Test*	Number Tested	School Mean	Natl Mean
SAT–Critical Reading	230	541	502
SAT–Math	230	584	515
SAT–Writing	230	574	494
SAT II: Subject Tests			
American History	46	671	597
Biology–E	8	615	593
Biology–M	45	675	630
Chemistry	12	684	635
Literature	10	659	580
Math–Level I	60	648	599
Math–Level II	38	704	644
Physics	16	694	650

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

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — 2007–2008**

Subject	Number Tested*	% With 3 or Better
Art: 2D Design	3	33
Art: Drawing	8	88
Biology	60	58
Chemistry	40	83
Computer Science A	5	100
Computer Science AB	2	100
Economics: Macro	70	66
Economics: Micro	69	71
English Language & Composition	60	88
English Literature & Composition	41	78
Environmental Science	54	33
French Language	6	83
Government & Politics: US	18	39
History: European	13	85
History: United States	42	90
Latin: Literature	7	71
Math: Calculus AB	74	85
Math: Calculus BC	31	71
Music Theory	6	50
Physics B	45	56
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	14	100
Physics C: Mechanics	15	100
Psychology	97	87
Spanish Language	22	73
Statistics	41	76

** 277 students, representing 58.9% of 11th- and 12th-graders, took 1 or more AP tests. Nine 10th-graders and two 9th-graders took 1 or more AP tests.*

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY THE CLASSES OF 2004–2008

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

Adelphi University	2	Harvard-Radcliffe College	7	SUNY-New Paltz	1
Alfred University	2	Hofstra University	27	SUNY-Stony Brook	26
American University	4	Indiana University-Bloomington	13	SUNY-College at Cobleskill	4
American University of Rome	1	Ithaca College	9	SUNY-College at Cortland	1
Amherst College	1	Johns Hopkins University	1	SUNY-College at Delhi	3
Arizona State University	3	Johnson & Wales University	1	SUNY-College at Farmingdale	1
Babson College	2	Kent State University	1	SUNY-College at Fredonia	1
Bard College	1	Lafayette College	5	SUNY-College at Geneseo	6
Bar-Ilan University	3	Lehigh University	3	SUNY-College at Old Westbury	4
Barnard College	11	LIU-Brooklyn	1	SUNY-College at Oneonta	2
Bennington College	1	LIU-CW Post Campus	10	SUNY-College at Oswego	4
Berklee College of Music	1	Loyola College in Maryland	1	SUNY-College at Purchase	2
Boston College	3	Lynn University	4	SUNY-Fashion Institute of Tech	10
Boston University	28	Mannes College of Music	1	Swarthmore College	1
Bowdoin College	2	Maryland Institute College of Art	1	Syracuse University	21
Brandeis University	6	Mass. College of Pharmacy & Health Science ..	1	Tel Aviv University	3
Brown University	7	Mass. Institute of Technology	5	The College of New Jersey	1
Bryn Mawr College	1	McGill University	1	Touro College-Dix Hills	2
California State University, Northridge ..	1	Miami University of Ohio	2	Towson State University	18
Carnegie-Mellon University	8	Mitchell College	1	Trinity College	1
Case Western Reserve University	2	Monmouth University	1	Tufts University	4
Chatham College	1	Muhlenberg College	2	Tulane University	6
Clark University	1	Nassau Community College	100	Union College	8
Colby College	1	New York Institute of Technology	16	University of Arizona	8
Colgate University	3	New York University	47	University of California-Berkeley	1
Columbia College	1	Northeastern University	3	University of California-San Diego	1
Columbia College-Chicago	3	Northern Arizona University	1	University of Colorado-Boulder	4
Columbia U-Engin. & Applied Science ..	4	Northwestern University	5	University of Delaware	5
Cooper Union	1	Nyack College	1	University of Florida	4
Cornell University	30	Oberlin College	1	University of Hartford	13
CUNY-Baruch College	40	Occidental College	2	University of Illinois-Urbana	1
CUNY-Borough of Manhattan CC	3	Ohio State University-Columbus	1	University of MA-Amherst	11
CUNY-City College of NY	2	Ohio Wesleyan University	1	University of MD-Baltimore County	1
CUNY-Hunter College	12	Pace University-New York City	8	University of MD-College Park	16
CUNY-John Jay College	2	Parsons School of Design	3	University of Miami	12
CUNY-NYC Technical College	2	Parsons School of Design-Paris	1	University of Michigan	29
CUNY-Queens College	48	Pennsylvania State University	3	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities	1
CUNY-Queensborough CC	17	Pfeiffer University	1	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill ..	2
CUNY-Sophie Davis School-Biomedical Ed ..	1	Pratt Institute	1	University of North Carolina Wilmington ..	2
CUNY-York College	1	Princeton University	5	University of Pennsylvania	11
Dartmouth College	11	Providence College	1	University of Pittsburgh	2
DePaul University	2	Quinnipiac University	2	University of Rhode Island	2
Dowling College	1	Rensselaer Polytech Institute	1	University of Richmond	1
Drew University	2	Rhode Island School of Design	3	University of Rochester	6
Drexel University	1	Rhodes College	1	University of Southern California	5
Duke University	18	Rice University	2	University of Tampa	3
East Carolina University	1	Rider University	1	University of Vermont	4
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University ..	1	Roberts Wesleyan College	1	University of Virginia	2
Emerson College	2	Roger Williams University	1	University of Washington	1
Emory University	14	Rollins College	1	University of Wisconsin-Madison	8
European School of Economics	3	Santa Monica College	1	US Merchant Marine Academy	1
Florida Atlantic University	3	Sarah Lawrence College	1	US Military Academy (West Point)	1
Florida International University	2	School of the Museum of Fine Arts	1	Vanderbilt University	5
Florida State University	2	School of Visual Arts	1	Vassar College	2
Fordham University	4	Skidmore College	2	Villanova University	1
Franklin and Marshall College	1	St. John's University-Queens	23	Virginia Military Institute	1
Franklin Pierce University	2	St. John's U-Coll. of Pharmacy/Allied Health ..	1	Virginia Polytech. Inst. & State Univ.	1
Georgetown University	3	Stanford University	3	Washington University	5
George Washington University	19	Stephens College	1	Wesleyan University	7
Goucher College	1	Stevens Institute of Technology	1	West Virginia University	1
Hamilton College	1	SUNY-Albany	27	Williams College	1
Hampshire College	1	SUNY-Binghamton	40	Woodbury University	1
Hartwick College	2	SUNY-Buffalo	15	Yale University	3
				Yeshiva University	8