



Great Neck Public Schools

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Profile: Class of 2008

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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 through 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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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). There is also a new, districtwide, alternative high school program, SEAL (Supportive Environment for All Learners). There are two middle schools and four elementary schools. Our students have diverse backgrounds; they come from more than 40 countries and represent a broad socioeconomic range. Approximately 960 students are enrolled in North High School for 2007–08. 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 2007 New York State Regents achievements:

- 93 percent earned a Regents Endorsed Diploma
- 71 percent received a Regents Advanced Diploma
- 37 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
- Intel Science Talent Search
- Lincoln Center Chamber Music Concert
- 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

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.

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 2008, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

**DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2008**

Cumulative Averages	% of Class
95 & above.....	4.2
90–94.9.....	19.7
85–89.9.....	28.5
80–84.9.....	20.1
75–79.9.....	14.6
70–74.9.....	7.1
65–69.9.....	5.0
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 2007

Higher Education.....	97.7%
Four-Year Colleges.....	84.0%
Two-Year Colleges.....	13.7%
Other.....	2.3%

**SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD DATA
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2007**

Program	Recipients
National Merit Scholarship Competition	
Scholar.....	1
Finalists.....	5
Commended Students.....	8
National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar.....	1
The College Board AP Scholar Awards Program (2006–07)*	
National Scholars.....	15
Scholars with Distinction.....	58
Scholars with Honors.....	24
Scholars.....	68
Intel Science Talent Search, Semifinalists.....	4

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD DATA (continued)

Program	Recipients
Rohm & Haas Invitational Science Fair	
First Place.....	2
Second Place.....	2
Third Place.....	6
Long Island Science & Engineering Fair	
Finalists.....	4
Second Place.....	1
Third Place.....	1
Honorable Mention.....	2
National Latin Exam Maureen O'Donnell Award (Gold for 5 consecutive years).....	2
Siemens-Westinghouse Science & Technology Competition Semifinalist.....	1

** Includes 11th- and 12th-graders.*

**COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2007**

Test*	Number Tested	School Mean	National Mean
SAT–Critical Reading.....	242	566	502
SAT–Math.....	242	599	515
SAT–Writing.....	242	584	494
SAT II: Subject Tests			
American History.....	60	654	588
Biology–E.....	10	607	589
Biology–M.....	64	660	630
Chemistry.....	15	682	630
Literature.....	17	685	581
Math–Level I.....	64	651	596
Math–Level II.....	50	701	639
Physics.....	30	692	647

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

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS
NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — 2006–2007**

Subject	Number Tested*	% With 3 or Better
Art: 2D Design.....	4	75
Art: Drawing.....	12	75
Biology.....	105	84
Chemistry.....	12	75
Computer Science A.....	4	75
Computer Science AB.....	2	100
Economics: Macro.....	83	65
Economics: Micro.....	85	62
English Language & Composition.....	50	94
English Literature & Composition.....	61	84
Environmental Science.....	51	49
French Language.....	5	40
Government & Politics: US.....	12	92
History: European.....	26	92
History: United States.....	60	87
Latin: Literature.....	10	80
Math: Calculus AB.....	74	70
Math: Calculus BC.....	37	62
Music Theory.....	5	60
Physics B.....	31	55
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism.....	28	29
Physics C: Mechanics.....	26	65
Psychology.....	101	84
Spanish Language.....	38	66
Statistics.....	67	66

** 302 students, representing 60.8% of 11th- and 12th-graders, took 1 or more AP tests. Nineteen 10th-graders and one 9th-grader took 1 or more AP tests.*

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY THE CLASSES OF 2003–2007

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

Adelphi University.....	4	George Washington University.....	16	SUNY-College at Cortland.....	1
Alfred University.....	2	Goucher College.....	1	SUNY-College at Delhi.....	2
American University.....	3	Hampshire College.....	2	SUNY-College at Farmingdale.....	1
American University of Rome.....	1	Hartwick College.....	1	SUNY-College at Geneseo.....	6
Amherst College.....	3	Harvard-Radcliffe College.....	7	SUNY-College at Old Westbury.....	3
Arizona State University.....	3	Haverford College.....	1	SUNY-College at Oneonta.....	2
Babson College.....	2	Hofstra University.....	29	SUNY-College at Oswego.....	2
Bard College.....	1	Indiana University-Bloomington.....	11	SUNY-College at Potsdam.....	2
Barnard College.....	10	Ithaca College.....	6	SUNY-College at Purchase.....	3
Ben Gurion University.....	1	Johns Hopkins University.....	2	SUNY-Fashion Institute of Tech.....	10
Bennington College.....	1	Juniata College.....	1	Swarthmore College.....	1
Berklee College of Music.....	1	Lafayette College.....	3	Syracuse University.....	24
Boston College.....	4	Lehigh University.....	5	Touro College-Dix Hills.....	1
Boston University.....	29	LIU-Brooklyn.....	1	Towson State University.....	15
Bowdoin College.....	2	LIU-CW Post Campus.....	9	Trinity College.....	1
Brandeis University.....	6	Lynn University.....	5	Tufts University.....	4
Brown University.....	6	Marietta College.....	6	Tulane University.....	6
Bryn Mawr College.....	1	Mass. College of Pharmacy & Health Science.....	1	Union College.....	6
California State University, Northridge.....	1	Mass. Institute of Technology.....	5	University of Arizona.....	6
Calvin College.....	1	McGill University.....	1	University of California-Berkeley.....	1
Carnegie-Mellon University.....	6	Miami University of Ohio.....	2	University of Central England.....	1
Case Western Reserve University.....	1	Monmouth University.....	1	University of Colorado-Boulder.....	1
Chatham College.....	1	Muhlenberg College.....	3	University of Connecticut.....	1
Clark University.....	1	Nassau Community College.....	95	University of Delaware.....	6
Colby College.....	1	New York Institute of Technology.....	9	University of Florida.....	4
Colgate University.....	4	New York University.....	43	University of Hartford.....	13
Columbia College.....	1	Northeastern University.....	3	University of Illinois-Urbana.....	1
Columbia College-Chicago.....	3	Northern Arizona University.....	1	University of MA-Amherst.....	12
Columbia U-Engin. & Applied Science.....	5	Northwestern University.....	5	University of MD-Baltimore County.....	1
Concordia University.....	1	Nyack College.....	1	University of MD-College Park.....	15
Cooper Union.....	1	Oberlin College.....	1	University of Miami.....	13
Cornell University.....	36	Occidental College.....	2	University of Michigan.....	28
CUNY-Baruch College.....	41	Ohio State University-Columbus.....	1	University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.....	1
CUNY-Borough of Manhattan CC.....	2	Ohio Wesleyan University.....	1	University of New Hampshire.....	1
CUNY-City College of NY.....	1	Pace University-New York City.....	4	University of New Haven.....	1
CUNY-Hunter College.....	10	Parsons School of Design.....	2	University of North Carolina.....	4
CUNY-John Jay College.....	4	Parsons School of Design-Paris.....	1	University of Pennsylvania.....	12
CUNY-Kingsborough CC.....	1	Pennsylvania State University.....	3	University of Pittsburgh.....	2
CUNY-NYC Technical College.....	2	Pratt Institute.....	3	University of Rhode Island.....	3
CUNY-Queens College.....	45	Princeton University.....	5	University of Richmond.....	1
CUNY-Queensborough CC.....	13	Providence College.....	1	University of Rochester.....	10
CUNY-Sophie Davis School-Biomedical Ed.....	1	Quinnipiac University.....	3	University of Southern California.....	4
CUNY-York College.....	2	Rensselaer Polytech Institute.....	2	University of Tampa.....	1
Dartmouth College.....	12	Rhode Island School of Design.....	3	University of the Arts.....	1
DePaul University.....	2	Rhodes College.....	1	University of Vermont.....	4
Dowling College.....	1	Rice University.....	1	University of Virginia.....	3
Drew University.....	2	Rider University.....	1	University of Washington.....	1
Drexel University.....	1	Rollins College.....	1	University of Wisconsin-Madison.....	8
Duke University.....	19	Santa Monica College.....	1	US Merchant Marine Academy.....	1
Elmira College.....	1	Sarah Lawrence College.....	1	US Military Academy (West Point).....	1
Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.....	1	School of the Museum of Fine Arts.....	1	Vanderbilt University.....	6
Emerson College.....	2	School of Visual Arts.....	1	Vassar College.....	3
Emory University.....	13	Skidmore College.....	2	Villanova University.....	1
Eugene Lang College.....	1	St. John's University-Queens.....	23	Virginia Military Institute.....	1
European School of Economics.....	3	Stanford University.....	4	Virginia Polytech. Inst. & State Univ.....	1
Five Towns College.....	1	Stephens College.....	1	Washington University.....	5
Florida Atlantic University.....	3	Stevens Institute of Technology.....	1	Wellesley College.....	1
Florida International University.....	2	SUNY-Albany.....	25	Wesleyan University.....	7
Florida State University.....	2	SUNY-Binghamton.....	46	West Virginia University.....	1
Fordham University.....	5	SUNY-Buffalo.....	23	Williams College.....	2
Franklin and Marshall College.....	1	SUNY-Buffalo State College.....	1	Woodbury University.....	1
Franklin Pierce University.....	2	SUNY-Stony Brook.....	26	Yale University.....	5
Georgetown University.....	4	SUNY-College at Cobleskill.....	6	Yeshiva University.....	11