
EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMS Participation in extracurricular activities is actively encouraged and supported. Ninety percent of the students participate in 27 interscholastic athletic teams and 60 clubs and activities. A sampling of the latter includes: Academic Team, African-American Culture Club, Asian Cultural Society, Astronomy Club, Chess Team, Community Action Committee, Computer Club, Debate Team, Government Club, Habitat for Humanity Club, Hebrew Culture Club, Italian Culture Club, Key Club, Model Congress, 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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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 over 40 countries and represent a broad socioeconomic range. Approximately 1,300 students are enrolled in South High School for the 2007-2008 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 More than 83 percent of South High students achieve a "B" average or better. Over 98 percent of the South High School Class of 2007 entered college. Ten 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 each year. Educational opportunities include Advanced Placement (AP), Independent Study, Honors (H), Regents, accelerated courses, career training, special education, TESL, nine languages, including Mandarin Chinese and American Sign Language, and remedial education. AP courses are available in art, art history, biology, calculus, chemistry, computer science, economics, English, French, government, history, Latin, 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 2007, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL - CLASS OF 2008

Cumulative Averages	% of Class
95 & above	3.7
90-94.9	27.7
85-89.9	35.1
80-84.9	16.8
75-79.9	9.2
70-74.9	5.5
65-69.9	2.0

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 2007

Higher Education	98.6%
Four-Year Colleges	89%
Two-Year Colleges	9.6%
Other	1.4%

SCHOLARSHIP DATA

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL - CLASS OF 2007

Program	Recipients
National Merit Scholarship Competition	
Finalists	6
Commended Students	29
Intel Science Talent Search	
Semifinalists	2

COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL - CLASS OF 2007

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	National Mean
SAT-Critical Reading	290*	576	.502
SAT-Math	290*	620	.515
SAT-Writing	290*	581	.494
SAT II: Subject Tests			
American History	80	657	.588
Biology E	41	655	.589
Biology M	56	680	.630
Chemistry	47	685	.630
Chinese	7	769	.764
English Literature	17	662	.581
Latin	5	690	.617
Math-Level Ic	75	671	.596
Math-Level Iic	67	708	.639
Physics	25	699	.647
World History	15	663	.589

* Represents 99% of class.

ACT (American College Testing) SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL - CLASS OF 2007

Test	Number Tested	School Mean	National Mean
English	56	25.6	20.7
Mathematics	56	26.8	21.0
Reading	56	27.5	21.5
Science	56	25.6	21.0
Composite	56	26.6	21.2
Writing	47	25.0	NA

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL - 2006-2007

Subject	Number Tested*	% With 3 or Better
Art: 2D	9	70
Art: Drawing	10	83
Art History	13	62
Biology	57	93
Chemistry	35	83
Chinese	2	100
Computer Science AB	7	86
Economics: Macro	69	81
Economics: Micro	69	80
English Language & Composition	105	98
English Literature & Composition	87	84
French	9	100
Government & Politics: US	40	83
History: European	92	84
History: United States	132	87
Latin: Vergil	17	53
Math: Calculus AB	30	79
Math: Calculus BC	34	79
Physics B	61	90
Physics C: E&M	15	100
Physics C: Mechanics	15	100
Psychology	173	91
Spanish Language	26	60
Statistics	43	79
World History	2	100

* 477 students, representing 40% of the school, took one or more AP tests.