NEWPORT HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL

ACADEMIC PROFILE 2025-2026

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MISSION AND VISION

Mission

Newport Harbor High School will provide every student the opportunity to explore, learn, and grow. Students will leave Newport Harbor prepared academically for their next endeavor, whether that be college, military, or career. Graduates will also emerge from NHHS as contributing members of a free society that values leadership, diversity, and civic responsibility.

Vision

Through a process of shared decision-making and community input, the faculty and staff at Newport Harbor High work together to offer a range of innovative programs, course offerings, and co-curricular options. We provide a rigorous and supportive academic encironment focused on developing principled, independent thinkers with character.

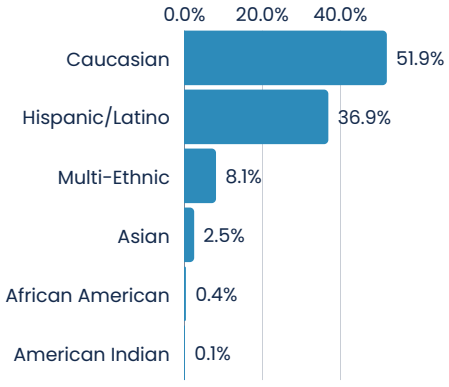
Sailor Pride

S-Scholarly
A-Artistic
I-Interconnected
L-Leaders
O-Outstanding
R-Responsible
P-Persistent
R-Respectful
I-Innovative
D-Diligent
E-Enlightened

SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS

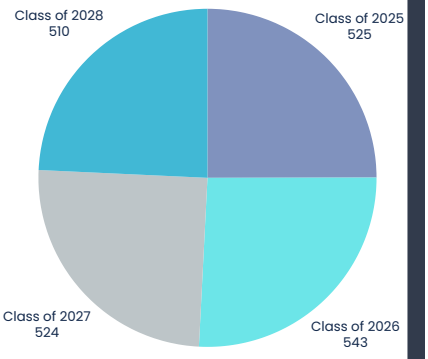
Established in 1930, Newport Harbor High School (NHHS) is the largest of the four public high schools located within the Newport-Mesa Unified School District which serves a total of approximately 22,000 students from the suburban communities of Newport Beach and Costa Mesa. The campus is located 45 miles south of Los Angeles and 100 miles north of San Diego. The student body at NHHS is quite diverse. Median family income in Newport Beach is $153, 990 and in Costa Mesa is $104, 190.

Demographics



Enrollment

Total enrollment: 2102



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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Newport Harbor is a comprehensive four-year high school, serving 9-12th grade. Students take traditional semester and year-long classes. Classes meet every other day and are 90 minutes long. There are 115 certificated faculty members in 2024-2025.

ACCREDITATION, RECENT DISTINCTIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- California Distinguished School - 1999 & 2005
- National Blue Ribbon School - 2000
- Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) - Six-Year Accreditation through June 2030
- International Baccalaureate (IB) World School since 2010 - Full Diploma Program

PROGRAMS

AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination

AVID is a 4 year program that targets students in the academic middle who have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard and achieve. Students take an AVID elective each year where they learn strategies to be academically successful students, leaders and role models. Newport Harbor's exemplary AVID program currently serves approximately 268 students. 99% of the 2025 graduating AVID seniors received an acceptance from a 4-year university. 1% matriculated to 2-year and 99% 4-year schools while receiving 2 million dollars of scholarship monies.

Athletic Programs

Newport Harbor boasts a rich tradition of highly competitive, award-winning athletic programs. Additionally, over one-half of the varsity teams consistently rank in the top three in the county for the highest number of scholar-athletes. The school offers a wide variety of sports in which over one-half of all students participate.

Grades and grading scale

All subjects except physical education are included in the cumulative overall grade point average.

A = 4.0
B = 3.0
C = 2.0
D = 1.0
F = 0
AP & IB courses on a 5.0 scale.
*P = Pass for D or better (2020-2021)

Graduating class of 2025, 45% of students reported enrollment at 4-year institutions and 37% reported enrollment at 2-year institutions, 6% entered the workforce, 6% entered trade school, 3% entered the military and 3% took a gap year.

Curriculum

NHHS's academic curriculum provides outstanding programs in all disciplines. A wide range of classes not only provide students with a foundation in content, but also with real world experiences. Students are encouraged to meet and to exceed the university of California entrance requirements.

Graduation Rate

Overall
2024 = 94.8%



English Learners
72.9%

Socioeconomically Disadvantaged
90.2%



Class of 2025

State Seal of Civic Engagement: 289
State Seal of Biliteracy: 78 seals to 77 students (one student received two insignias for Chinese and Spanish)
NMUSD Board of Seal of Excellence: 12

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English 40 credits/4 yrs	**Mathematics** 20 credits/2 yrs	**Science** Life-10 credits/1 yr Physical-10 credits/1 yr
Humanities/ World Language 10 credits/1 yr	**Social Studies** World History-10 credits/1 yr US History-10 credits/1 yr Democracy-5 credits/1 sem. Economics-5 credits/1 sem.	**Applied Skills** 5 credits/1 sem
Health 5 credits/1 sem	**Physical Education** 20 credits/2 years	**Electives** 80 credits

Total: 230 credits

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PROGRAMS

CTE (Career Technical Education)

The CTE program at Newport Harbor offers elective courses in a sequential pathway, within an industry sector. The program ensures students receive career knowledge combined with rigorous academics and hands-on learning resulting in deeper engagement, attainment of workplace skills and academic achievement for students. NHHS offers pathways in

- Business Management
- Software Systems and Development
- Food Service and Hospitality
- Film and Video Production
- Digital Media Arts
- Stage Technology

Regional Occupational Program (ROP)

ROP is a partner with NMUSD to provide free career and technical educational courses combining classroom instruction with hands-on learning from credentialed experts in their field/industries. Students can earn high school credits and satisfy some A-G admissions requirements for the UC and CSU systems. Many classes fulfill the NMUSD CTE programs.

IB DP (International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme)

The Newport Harbor IB DP serves between 20-25 students. The IB diploma program is a two-year educational program during the 11th and 12th grade years. The program provides an internationally accepted qualification for entry into higher education and is recognized by many universities worldwide. Students in the IBDP are required to take specific IB courses and must take at least 3 Higher level courses for the diploma. Students are also required to take a Theory of Knowledge course, complete a 4000 word extended essay and fulfill the requirements for the CAS project.

Junior Mentor Program

A career mentor program is provided for juniors who are paired 1:1 with a professional in a student's area of career interest area for purposes of job shadowing and getting an in depth look into the world of their mentor. The experience spans a nine-month period and is documented by students in written reports.

COURSE OFFERINGS, PROGRAMS AND EXAMS

Course Offerings

Honors

Honors Chemistry
Honors Enhanced Math III with Pre-Calculus
Honors Applied Engineering
AP Cybersecurity (*pilot)

International Baccalaureate

IB History of the Americas HL 1 (AP US History)
IB History of the Americas HL 2
IB Theatre Arts HL 1 and 2
IB Visual Arts HL 1 and 2 (2024)
IB Literature HL 1 and 2
IB Language & Literature HL 1 and 2
IB Math Applications and Interpretations SL 1
IB Biology SL 1
IB Physics HL 1 (AP Physics: Mech)
IB Physics HL 2 (AP Physics: E&M)
IB Business & Management HL 1 and 2
IB French SL 1 and 2
IB Spanish SL 1 and 2
IB Spanish HL 1 (AP Spanish Language)
IB Film HL 1 and 2
IB Music Theory HL 1
IB Theory of Knowledge

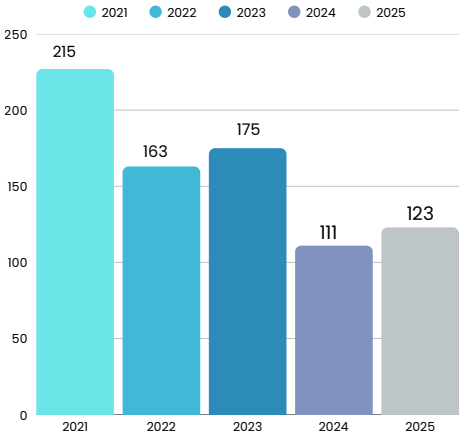
Advanced Placement

Art History
Studio Art/Drawing or 2D
Biology
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Chemistry
Computer Science A
Computer Science Principles
Environmental Science
English Language & Composition
English Literature
European History
French Language and Culture
Human Geography
Music Theory
Physics C
Physics E & M
Psychology
United States History
Spanish Language
Statistics
United States Government/Politics
World History

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

The class of 2025 class included 5 IB Diploma candidates.
3 were awarded the full diploma.
82 students took one or more IB exams.

IB Exams taken per year



IB Exam Pass Rates

Year	Pass Rate
2021	91%
2022	76%
2023	82%
2024	86%
2025	90%

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Leadership Programs

Associated Student Body (ASB)

Student government allows chosen student leaders to be involved at Newport Harbor High School by advocating for students' interests, planning all aspects of school events, dances and rallies, encouraging school spirit and pride, assisting campus clubs, approving student finances and representing the entire student body at School Board Meetings and District meetings.

Link Crew

Link Crew is a student leadership program where selected students from the junior and senior class become leaders and mentors to the freshman class, helping with their transition into high school. Link crew leaders meet with their assigned freshman group and participate in activities throughout the school year.

Campus Clubs

Newport Harbor High School prides itself in having an estimated 75 clubs on campus all run by student leaders and their prospective faculty advisors. Many clubs are started by students based on common interests. Student leaders and club members meet on a weekly or monthly basis and participate in a variety of activities that promote student engagement, fellowship, inclusion, community outreach and service for specific causes.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

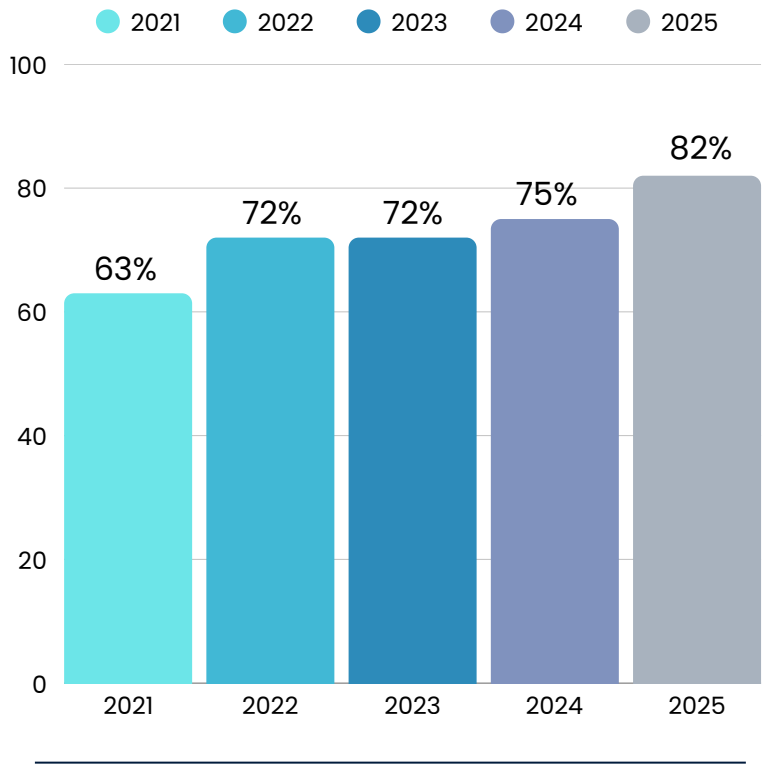
The community of Newport Harbor focuses on engaging and being able to provide support, respectful relationships with students and their families, and constant encouragement to get involved with associations within the school district.

- Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)
- School Site Council
- Newport Harbor Educational Foundation
- Newport Harbor Alumni Association
- Newport Harbor Athletic Foundation

Advanced Placement Exams

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total AP Students	624	586	711	718	789
# of Exams	1087	960	1186	1201	1407
AP Students w/ Scores 3+	393	422	511	536	645
% of Total AP Students w/ Scores 3+	62.9	72.01	71.87	74.6	81.75

AP Exams Overall Pass Rate



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AP Exam % pass rate per subject	2024	2025
Art/2D	100	100
Art History	82	81.3
Biology	69	65.3
Calculus AB	95	96.8
Calculus BC	100	100
Chemistry	-	88
Computer Science	83	82.4
Computer Science Principles	91	79.6
English Lang/Comp	49	72.9
English Lit/Comp	63	61.3
Environmental Science	49	84
European History	79	70.1
French Lang/Culture	100	100
Human Geography	86	90
Government & Politics	78	90.2
Music Theory	50	57
Physics C: Mechanics	79	75
Physics C: E & M	82	94
Psychology	70	88.9
Spanish Language	96	96.7
Statistics	56	66.7
US History	98	93.5
World History	93	85.4

SAT Averages

SAT Means	Total tested	Read-ing	Math	Total
20-21	117	583	627	1210
21-22	189	574	593	1164
22-23	194	560	493	1122
23-24	186	580	591	1201
24-25	236	596	595	1191

ACT Averages

Year	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25
Total Tested	215	261	191	134	226
ENGLISH	26.7	25	25.4	25	27.7
MATH	25.4	24.9	24.8	24.8	27.2
READING	25.6	25.1	25.2	25.7	27.3
SCIENCE	25.1	25	25	25.1	26.6
TOTAL	25.8	25.1	25.2	25.3	27.3

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COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, MILITARY

ACCEPTANCES FOR CLASS OF 2025

- Air Force
- Arizona State University
- Army
- Auburn University
- Biola University
- Boise State University
- Boston University
- Brigham Young University
- Bucknell University
- Cabrillo Community College
- California Lutheran University
- California Poly Humboldt
- California Poly Pomona
- California Poly San Luis Obispo
- California State University, Dominguez Hills
- California State University, Fullerton
- California State University, Long Beach
- California State University, Maritime
- California State University, Monterey Bay
- California State University, Northridge
- California State University, Sacramento
- California State University, San Bernardino
- California State University, San Marcos
- California Baptist University
- Central Washington University
- Chapman University
- Clemson University
- Coastline Community College
- College of Charleston
- Colorado State University
- Colorado State University, Fort Collins
- Concord Career College
- Cornell University
- Cuesta Community College
- Cypress Community College
- DePaul University
- El Camino College
- Elon University
- Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
- Emerson College
- Florida State University
- Fordham University
- Fresno State University
- Georgetown University
- Goldenwest College
- Gonzaga University
- Grand Canyon University
- Hollins University
- Indiana University
- Indiana University Bloomington
- Iona University
- Irvine Valley College
- Kansas State University
- Lewis & Clark College
- Long Beach City College
- Loyola University of Chicago
- Manhattan University
- Marine Corps
- Marymount Manhattan College
- Metropolitan State University of Denver
- Miami University-Oxford
- Michigan State University
- Missouri Valley College
- Mount Saint Mar's University
- Montana State University
- Mt. San Antonio College
- New York University
- North Central College
- Northeastern University
- Northern Arizona University
- Northern Michigan University
- Northern State University
- Orange Coast College
- Ohio State University
- Oregon State University
- Pace University, New York
- Pennsylvania State University
- Point Park University
- Portland State University
- Rollins College
- Rutgers University
- Saddleback College
- Saint Mary's College of Maryland
- San Diego State University
- San Francisco State University
- San Jose State University
- Santa Ana College
- Santa Barbara City College
- Santa Monica College
- Santiago Canyon College
- Sarah Lawrence College
- St. Francis College
- Suffolk University
- SUNY at Binghamton
- Syracuse University
- Texas Christian University
- Texas Tech University
- Tulane University
- Universal Technical Institute
- University of Alabama
- University of Arizona
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, Merced
- University of California, Riverside
- University of California, San Diego
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Delaware
- University of Georgia
- University of Hawaii at Manoa
- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- University of Iowa
- University of Kansas
- University of Kentucky
- University of La Verne
- University of Maine
- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
- University of Mississippi
- University of Missouri, Columbia
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- University of North Florida
- University of Northern Colorado
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Oregon
- University of the Pacific
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Portland
- University of San Diego
- University of San Francisco
- University of South Carolina
- University of Southern California
- University of St. Andrew's
- University of Tampa
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- University of Texas, Austin
- University of Texas at San Antonio
- University of Utah
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington, Seattle
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- University of Wyoming
- Vanguard University
- Washington State University
- Wesleyan University
- Westcliff University
- Western Washington University
- Wichita State University