



North Salem Middle/High School

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Class of 2025 Snapshot

- ✓ 87% of graduates attending college
- ✓ 95% of graduates earned Regents Diplomas
- ✓ 13% of graduates earned Regents Diplomas with Honors
- ✓ 203 Advanced Placement exams were administered in May 2025
- ✓ 7 Seal of Biliteracy Scholars
- ✓ 54 Seal of Civic Readiness Scholars
- ✓ 21 seniors earned AP Scholar awards
- ✓ Awarded a gold medal in U.S. News & World Report's "Best High School" national ranking
- ✓ 11 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete Teams
- ✓ New York State, Regional & Section One Champions - Boys Soccer
- ✓ 6 New York State Individual Finalists
- ✓ 2 Section One Finalists & 3 Semi Finalist Teams
- ✓ 7 Section One Individual Finalists
- ✓ 4 League Championship Teams
- ✓ 76% participation rate in the athletic program
- ✓ 67% participation rate in co-curricular programs

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OUR MISSION

Engage students to continuously learn, question, define and solve problems through critical and creative thinking. In pursuit of this, we believe that:

- All students are capable of learning.
- All students are supported and challenged to continuously improve.
- Academic, intrapersonal and interpersonal skills are essential for success.
- The learning environment must be safe, ethical and respectful.
- Everyone in the community shares responsibility for student development.
- We must continue to hire and retain staff of the highest quality.
- Collaboration, data and evidence guide decision-making.

OUR COMMUNITY

North Salem is a residential community located in the northeastern corner of Westchester County, about 50 miles from New York City. Our population is approximately 5,000, with a student population of 1,003. North Salem is best described as being quaint in size, but abundant in opportunities for those living here. While horse farms and rolling hills are part of our makeup, our proximity to such a large metropolitan area allows for unique learning opportunities and exposure to a global culture.

OUR DISTRICT

The North Salem School District is composed of one elementary school and a middle/high school. Enrollment for grades nine to 12 is approximately 300 students. A sense of community defines our school district – our teaching staff prides itself on making valuable connections with every student. We strongly believe that this personal environment challenges students to reach their highest potential.

At North Salem Middle/High School, students are afforded a breadth of experiences for a school so small in size – and a majority of our student population takes advantage of these opportunities. From a participation rate in the athletic program to more than 67% of our students participating in co-curricular/special programs, our student body is very active in the school and greater community. Though community service is not a graduation requirement at North Salem High School, more than half of our students volunteer their time for various causes to serve their community.

North Salem Middle/High School, a member of the Tri-State Consortium, is accredited by the University of the State of New York and by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It has been designated, for the fifth time, as a middle school "School to Watch" and as a National Blue Ribbon Schools Program's Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

North Salem Program of Study

2025-2026 Curriculum Offerings

ART: Studio in Art, Drawing/Painting I and II, Studio in Media Arts, Media Arts II and III, Creative Crafts, Digital Photography I and II
Advanced Placement: AP Studio Art

ENGLISH: English 9, 10, 11, 12, Creative Writing I and II, Eastern/Western Philosophy
Honors: English 9 and 10
Advanced Placement: AP English Literature, AP English Language

Math: Algebra, Geometry, College Algebra I and II, Topics in Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Statistical Applications and Modeling, Computer Science: Python and Multimedia, Discovering Computer Science
Honors: Geometry and Algebra II
Advanced Placement: AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC

MUSIC: Concert Band, Foundations of Music, Concert Choir, Madrigal Choir, Music and Video Production and Analysis – Beginner and Advanced, Musical Theatre

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Physical Education 9, 10, 11, 12, Health, Adaptive PE, Varsity Options, Alternative PE Program

SCIENCE: Earth Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Applied Physical Science, Methods and Applications of Forensic Science, Scientific Research – Intro, Intermediate and Advanced, Anatomy and Physiology, Advanced CSI
Honors: Biology, Chemistry
Advanced Placement: AP Biology, AP Physics, AP Environmental Science, AP Chemistry

SOCIAL STUDIES: Global History and Geography I and II, U.S. History and Government, Participation in Government, Economics, Law Studies, U.S. Military History
Honors: Global History/Geography I (Pre-AP European)
Advanced Placement: AP European History, AP U.S. History, AP World History

TECHNOLOGY: Architectural Drafting I, Engineering, Principles of Engineering I and II, Woodworking – Basic, Intermediate and Advanced, Energy and Power

WORLD LANGUAGES: French I, II, III, IV, V, French SUNY I and II, Spanish I, II, III, IV, V, Spanish SUNY I and II
Honors: French II, III, IV, Spanish II, III, IV
Advanced Placement: AP Spanish, AP French

Special Course Descriptions

Freshman Seminar

This course is designed to allow all freshmen to successfully transition from middle school to high school by developing their capacity to use critical and creative thinking to solve problems. It is intended to develop skills such as goal and priority setting, time management, organization, note taking, editing, critical reading and analysis, public speaking, listening and research. This course will also cover such topics as concentration, procrastination, exam anxiety, stress management, and career research and exploration. Finally, the course is designed with flexibility to allow other members of the school community the opportunity to address the class on various adolescent issues, as well as life beyond high school.

Seal of Civic Readiness

North Salem Central School District is committed to civic education that empowers all students to make informed decisions for the public good as members of a culturally diverse, democratic society in an interdependent world. Civic education facilitates the development of civic competencies, which are needed for a democratic society to flourish. Through civic education, students learn how to identify and address problems in their community or school community. Students also learn how to demonstrate respect for the rights of others, respectfully disagree with other viewpoints, and provide evidence for a counterargument. Civic education can strengthen the relationships of schools and students with parents, families, civic leaders, and organizations and community partners. In January 2020, The Civic Readiness Task Force appointed by the Board of Regents presented their recommendations to the Board of Regents. The recommendations included a Seal of Civic Readiness, a definition of Civic Readiness and the elements of a Civic Capstone Project. During the spring of 2021, North Salem High School was selected as one of 11 schools in the Lower Hudson Valley Region to offer the Seal of Civic Readiness. Since then, North Salem has offered a civics program during the first 10 weeks of students' senior years that culminates in a Capstone Civics project through which students have the ability to earn the NYS Seal of Civic Readiness.

Senior O.P.T.I.O.N.S.

The O.P.T.I.O.N.S. program is a credit-bearing, full-year course for seniors that endeavors to build bridges between the school and the career world.

Guided by the principles of the North Salem Mission, students explore careers of personal interest to enhance their learning while solving a real-life problem in the workplace. The Senior Exhibition fulfills the required exit-outcome for graduation by suggesting that North Salem graduates are able to "question, define and solve problems through critical and creative thinking."

Science Research

This three-year program of study is designed to promote problem-solving in science and begins in sophomore year. In the first year, goals include developing the skill sets required for independent research and the initiation of a small science fair project. As students progress in the course, they will complete a literature review of an area of personal interest, will be taught how to develop an authentic research question and have the opportunity to develop a mentor/mentee working relationship with a scientist who can help guide the students as they research their question. Throughout the program, students will give public presentations of their readings and of their research work.

Class and Admissions Testing Profile

Class Profile Information

Graduating Class of 2026:
Distribution of three-year GPA

GPA	# of Students	% of Students
100+	6	8%
98-100	6	8%
95-97	10	14%
90-94	18	25%
85-89	9	12%
80-84	17	23%
70-79	6	8%

Grading Policy and Class Rank

- North Salem does not rank its students.
- Grades on the transcript are unweighted.
- All subjects except physical education are included in the calculation of the GPA.
- A weighted GPA is computed at the end of the junior year (six semesters).
- Summer school grades are reported on the transcript and included in the GPA. Grades for repeated courses are also shown on the transcript and included in the GPA. (If a Regents exam is taken more than once, only the highest score is reported.)*

* COURSES ARE WEIGHTED AS FOLLOWS:

Advanced Placement.....	5%
Honors.....	4%
Regents.....	2%

Admissions Testing Profile: Class of 2025

SAT Reasoning Mean Scores*

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2025 Mean Scores

Evidence-Based Reading/Writing	586
Math	581
Total	1166

* Based on each senior's most recent score; nonstandard administrations are included.

Advanced Placement

North Salem students may enroll in Advanced Placement study commencing in grade 10. Advanced Placement courses offered to the Class of 2025 include Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, Physics, Spanish, Studio Art, U.S. History and World History.

In May 2025, 96 students took 203 examinations.

Of the 203 exams:

- 24% were scored at 5.
- 62% were scored at 4 or higher.
- 91% were scored at 3 or higher.

Of the 96 students, 46 students are AP Scholars:

- 16 AP Scholars.
- 11 AP Scholars with Honor.
- 19 AP Scholars with Distinction.

May 2025 Advanced Placement Examinations

Test	# of Exams Taken	% of Grades 3 or Higher
Biology	16	94
Calculus AB	13	92
Calculus BC	7	100
English Language and Composition	32	94
English Literature and Composition	29	93
Environmental Science	25	85
European History	13	100
Physics I	13	92
Spanish Language	12	75
Studio Art	5	100
U.S. History	28	89
World History	11	91

Attending Colleges 2023-2025



Albertus Magnus College	Mount Holyoke College	The New School
American Musical and Dramatic Academy	New England College	The Ohio State University
American University	Northeastern University	The University of Alabama
Appalachian State University	Pace University (New York City)	The University of Tampa
Bates College	Pace University (Westchester)	Trinity College Dublin
Belmont University	Palm Beach State College	Tulane University of Louisiana
Binghamton University	Penn State University (University Park)	Union College
Boston University	Princeton University	Universal Technical Institute (Bloomfield)
Bridgewater College	Providence College	University at Albany
Bucknell University	Purdue University (Main Campus)	University of Arizona
Case Western Reserve University	Quinnipiac University	University of California (Santa Barbara)
Clemson University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Connecticut
College of Charleston	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Delaware
Cornell University	Sacred Heart University	University of Florida
CT State Community College (Tunxis)	Saint Leo University	University of Georgia
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College	San Diego State University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
CUNY Hunter College	Seton Hall University	University of Maryland (College Park)
CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice	Siena University	University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
Duke University	Skidmore College	University of Miami
Dutchess Community College	Southern New Hampshire University	University of New Hampshire (Main Campus)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach)	Springfield College	University of New Haven
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Prescott)	St. John's University	University of Notre Dame
Emerson College	SUNY Alfred State College of Technology	University of Rhode Island
Emory University	SUNY at New Paltz	University of Rochester
Fairfield University	SUNY at Purchase College	University of Scranton
Fashion Institute of Technology	SUNY Broome	University of South Carolina
Florida Gulf Coast University	SUNY College at Brockport	University of South Florida (Main Campus)
Georgian Court University	SUNY College at Cortland	University of Vermont
Hofstra University	SUNY College at Plattsburgh	University of Virginia (Main Campus)
Indiana University (Bloomington)	SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill	University of Wisconsin (Madison)
James Madison University	SUNY College of Technology at Canton	Vassar College
Louisiana State University	SUNY Geneseo	Villanova University
Manhattan University	SUNY Maritime College	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Manhattanville University	SUNY Oneonta	Washington College
Marist University	SUNY Polytechnic Institute	Western Connecticut State University
Marquette University	SUNY University at Buffalo	Westfield State University
Marymount Manhattan College	SUNY Westchester Community College	William & Mary
Mohawk Valley Community College	Syracuse University	
	Temple University	