2026-2027 Newburyport High School Profile

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Guidance

Lauren Gee, Director of Guidance
Kathleen Bohler, Counselor
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Community

Newburyport is a suburban residential, seacoast community located 35 miles northeast of Boston in Essex County. One of the smallest cities in the Commonwealth, per USCB 2020 census data, Newburyport continues to have a relatively stable population of 18,197. The city's historical architecture is well known, particularly the restored commercial district and residential district along High Street, which features fine examples of Federal architecture. The well-developed cultural and artistic aspects of the city are highlighted by a live theater space and numerous galleries. Fine restaurants, shopping, entertainment, and the natural beauty of the waterfront combine to make Newburyport a wonderful place for residents, and a supportive environment for education.

Mission Statement

Newburyport High School strives for excellence. We believe that this quest for excellence is a partnership among all aspects of a student's life: home, community, schools, educators, and peers. NHS values the student as an independent, creative learner, and provides diverse learning environments to nurture different abilities and aspirations. NHS honors its traditions while embracing change and progress to prepare its students to succeed in a globally competitive world. Our mission is to foster a sustained passion for learning that each student will carry throughout life.

School

Newburyport High School is a public, comprehensive four-year school, accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The 2026-2027 school enrollment is 734 students, 9th through 12th grades. Newburyport High School is currently operating a three day five period rotational schedule. Teaching staff is provided with ongoing in-service training through Effective Teacher Training to assist them in employing active learning strategies in the classroom. More than half the teaching staff has earned advanced degrees in their disciplines.

Athletics

Newburyport High School is part of The Cape Ann League and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association. More details about our Athletics offerings can be found at:
https://nhs.newburyport.k12.ma.us/welcome

Activities

Newburyport High School offers many varied Clubs and activities that range from Arts to Tech and Student Government to Community Service. Current student groups include can be viewed at:
https://nhs.newburyport.k12.ma.us/students/clubs-and-activities/clubs-and-activities

For a full listing of all courses please take a look at our Program of Studies at:
https://nhs.newburyport.k12.ma.us/guidance-and-counseling/nhs-program-of-studies

Credits and Graduation Requirements

Students need a minimum total of 110 credits in grades 9-12 to graduate and must successfully complete the subjects included in the Core Curriculum. Semester courses yield 2.5 credits each semester. Each year, students are required to take thirteen (14) semester courses.

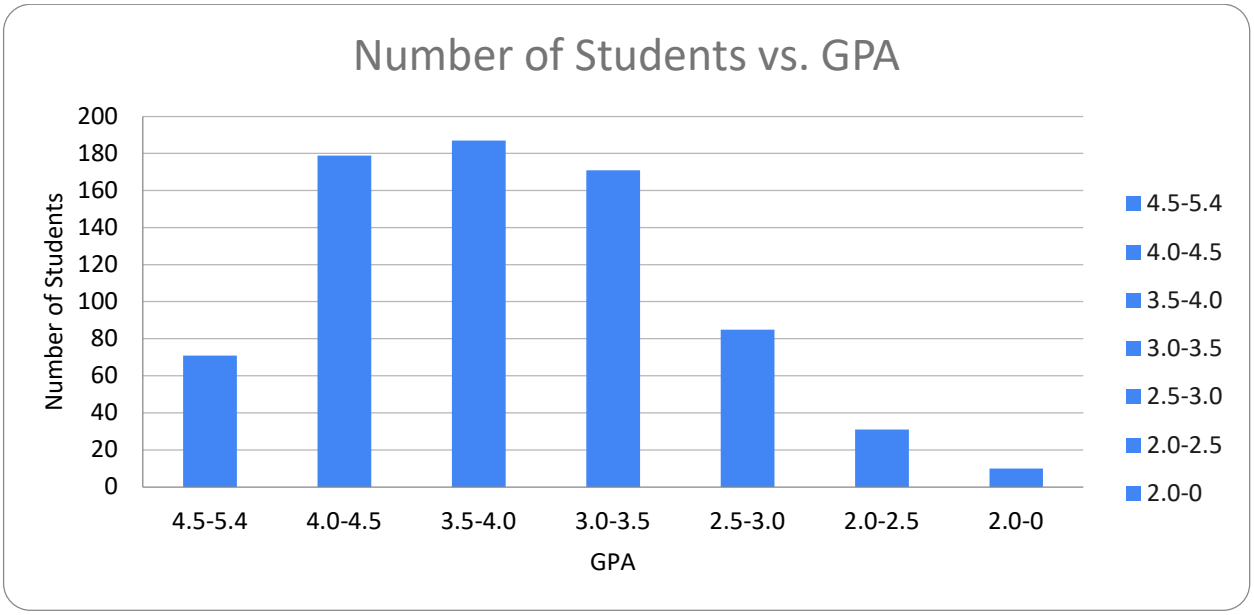
English Lit. & Comp.		4 Years (8 Semesters)	20 Credits
History	World History	1.5 Years (3 Semesters)	7.5 Credits
	US History	1.5 Years (3 Semesters)	7.5 Credits
	Civics	.5 Year (1 Semester)	2.5 Credits
	History Elective	.5 Year (1 Semester)	2.5 Credits
Mathematics		3 Years (6 Semesters)	15 Credits
Science	Biology	1 Year (2 Semesters)	5 Credits
	Chemistry	1 Year (2 Semesters)	5 Credits
	Physics	1 Year (2 Semesters)	5 Credits
World Language		2 Years (4 Semesters-Consecutive)	10 Credits
Wellness		4 Semesters	10 Credits
Visual & Performing Arts		2 Semesters	5 Credits

Marking System

A+, A, A-	100-90	A	Indicates general excellence.
B+, B, B-	89-80	B	Indicates consistently good work.
C+, C, C-	79-70	C	Indicates average accomplishment.
D+, D	69-65	D	Indicates work inferior in quality. (Lowest passing grade)
F	64-0	F	Indicates failure.

Grade Point Average and Rank in Class

Both Weighted and Unweighted GPA are calculated after students complete their first semester of Freshman year, and at the end of each semester after. Total enrollment for 2026-2027 was 734 students. **Newburyport High School does not Rank**.



Grade Point Average Calculation

Final Letter Grade	CP Course Numerical Grade	Honors Course Numerical Grade	Advanced Placement Numerical Grade
A+	4.00*	5.16	6.02
A	4.00	4.80	5.60
A-	3.70	4.44	5.18
B+	3.30	3.96	4.62
B	3.00	3.60	4.20
B-	2.70	3.24	3.78
C+	2.30	2.76	3.22
C	2.00	2.40	2.80
C-	1.70	2.04	2.38
D+	1.30	1.56	1.82
D	1.00	1.20	1.40
F	0.00	0.00	0.00
*Numerical Grade of 4.30 for Weighted GPA calculation			

Courses are 2.5 credits per semester

Weighted GPA
All College, Honors, and Advanced Placement courses weighted as per chart.
Un-Weighted GPA
All courses are calculated at College level.
Computation of GPA

1. For each course, multiply the weight of the grade (see left) by the number of credits to get grade points for that course.
2. Add together all the grade points earned.
3. Divide the total of grade points (from step 2) by the number of credits for all courses.

Honors Courses
Honors courses are available in most subject areas.

Advanced Placement Courses 2026-2027
Studio Art: 2D Design, Studio Art: Drawing, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, US Government and Politics, Physics C: E & M, Physics C: Mech, Pre-Calculus, Psychology, Spanish Language and Culture, Statistics, US History, Computer Science Principles & numerous VHS courses.

Dual Enrollment
Newburyport High School defines Dual Enrollment courses as: Courses taken at a two or four year accredited college (online or on site) where the student earns credit at the high school and the college. A 3 credit course would typically equate to 2.5 or 5 credits at Newburyport High School.
Students may register for these courses with approval.

In addition to our daily curriculum NHS offers courses through Virtual High School (www.govhs.org). Students also have the opportunity to take "Credits Beyond the School Day", courses which are taken outside of the traditional school day.

Graduation Statistics for the Class of 2026

PUBLIC COLLEGE 2 YEAR	16	8.5%	8.5%	85.8%	89.5%
PRIVATE COLLEGE 2 YEAR	0	0%			
PUBLIC COLLEGE 4 YEAR	71	37.6%	77.3%		
PRIVATE COLLEGE 4 YEAR	75	39.7%			
OTHER POST-SECONDARY	7	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	
MILITARY	0	0%	0%	0%	10.5%
WORK	7	3.7%	10.5%	10.5%	
OTHER	13	6.8%			
UNDECIDED/UNKNOWN	0	0%			

A full listing of colleges acceptances for the Class of 2026 can be found on our website:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P3iN25ygJi59VVCls2XvKqykMNoz09oB/view

AP Testing (Mean Scores)

AP Exam Year	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Studio Art: 2D	4.0	4.00	3.60	3.40	3.75	3.0	3.71	3.40	3.0
Studio Art: Drawing	3.5	4.25	3.50	3.00	3.57	NA*	3.25	3.57	3.43
Eng Lang/Comp	4.25	4.00	3.54	3.74	3.51	3.72	4.05	3.86	3.74
Eng Lit/Comp	4.17	4.50	3.87	3.53	3.96	2.59	3.37	3.13	3.46
US Gov't/Pol	4.67	4.71	4.60	4.00	4.0	3.13	4.05	4.39	4.46
US Hist	4.56	4.20	4.24	4.12	4.28	3.78	NA*	4.14	4.0
Calculus AB	4.11	3.80	3.72	3.76	3.44	2.32	2.92	3.24	3.06
Calculus BC -AB Subscore	4.23 4.23	4.21 4.64	4.33 4.56	4.26 4.58	4.17 4.58	3.22 3.89	4.13 N/A	4.38 4.50	3.64 4.0
Statistics	3.26	3.52	3.42	3.66	3.44	2.66	2.65	3.33	3.14
Biology	3.53	3.30	3.59	3.35	3.47	3.35	3.29	3.15	3.27
Envir. Sci	3.79	3.56	3.35	2.70	3.5	2.95	3.31	4.30	3.77
Phys C: E&M	2.0	1.56	1.89	2.55	3.3	1.75	3.29	2.07	2.53
Phys C: Mech	3.07	3.06	2.89	3.00	4.0	2.25	4.57	4.07	3.8
Chemistry	4.0	3.79	3.58	3.63	3.27	3.67	3.60	3.93	3.5
PreCalculus	3.74	4.05	3.73	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*
Psychology	3.54	3.16	2.93	3.60	3.17	2.54	3.55	3.90	3.68
Computer Sci A	1.33	NA*	1.67	3.33	4.5	3.0	3.67	3.0	2.0
Comp Sci Princ.	NA*	2.50	2.33	3.00	NA*	4.0	NA*	NA*	NA*
Spanish Lng & Cult	3.14	2.96	3.50	4.00	5.0	4.0	NA*	5.0	4.50
Macroeconomics	2.25	2.25	3.00	NA*	NA*	5.0	3.00	NA*	NA*
Microeconomics	2.33	3.25	2.67	NA*	3.0	5.0	5.00	NA*	NA*
European Hist.	NA*	4.50	NA*	3.50	4.0	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*
German Lng & Cult	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	5.0	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*
Music Theory	NA*	NA*	NA*	2.00	2.0	4.5	NA*	NA*	1.0
Human Geography	4.0	3.50	4.00	4.50	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*
Chinese Lang & Culture	NA*	NA*	1.0	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*

*NA = Not Administered

SAT Scores

Overall Mean Scores	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total Test Takers	248	196	259	230	199	214	154	157	177
--ERW	608	599	608	599	580	588	561	575	589
--Essay (110 test takers)								593	
--Mathematics	587	572	593	596	571	593	537	581	588