



Great Neck Public Schools

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Profile: Class of 2011

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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 6,300 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), and SEAL Academy (Supportive Environment for All Learners), a districtwide, alternative high school program. There are two middle schools and four elementary schools. Our students have diverse backgrounds; they come from nearly 30 countries and represent a broad socioeconomic range. Approximately 980 students are enrolled in North High School for 2010–11. 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 2010 New York State Regents achievements:

- 97 percent earned a Regents Endorsed Diploma
- 78 percent received a Regents Advanced Diploma
- 38 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
- Character Matters
- Intel Science Talent Search
- Lincoln Center Chamber Music Concert
- Music competitions
- 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
- Young artists 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.

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 to 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 185 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.

Board of Education: Barbara Berkowitz, *president*; Fran Langsner, *vice president*; Donald L. Ashkenase, Lawrence R. Gross, Susan Miner-Healy

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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 2011, computed at the end of eleventh grade, follows.

DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE AVERAGES

NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2011

| Cumulative Averages | % of Class |
|---------------------|------------|
| 95 & above | 6.0 |
| 90–94.9 | 24.4 |
| 85–89.9 | 24.4 |
| 80–84.9 | 21.6 |
| 75–79.9 | 11.2 |
| 70–74.9 | 6.4 |
| 65–69.9 | 5.2 |
| 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 2010

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|--------------------|-------|
| Higher Education | 96.8% |
| Four-Year Colleges | 88.1% |
| Two-Year Colleges | 8.7% |
| Other | 3.2% |

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD DATA

NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2010

| Program | Recipients |
|---|------------|
| National Merit Scholarship Competition | |
| Finalists | 3 |
| Commended Students | 8 |
| College Board AP Scholar Awards Program—2009–2010 <i>(Includes 11th- and 12th-graders)</i> | |
| National Scholars | 22 |
| Scholars with Distinction | 59 |
| Scholars with Honors | 18 |
| Scholars | 64 |

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARD DATA *(continued)*

| Program | Recipients |
|---|------------|
| Intel Science Talent Search, Semifinalist | 3 |
| Siemens Competition in Math, Science, and Technology, Semifinalist | 1 |

COLLEGE BOARD ADMISSIONS TESTS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — CLASS OF 2010

| Test* | Number Tested | School Mean | Natl Mean |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|
| SAT–Critical Reading | 218 | 550 | 501 |
| SAT–Math | 218 | 593 | 516 |
| SAT–Writing | 218 | 577 | 492 |
| SAT II: Subject Tests | | | |
| American History | 47 | 673 | 601 |
| Biology–M | 34 | 658 | 638 |
| Chemistry | 36 | 704 | 644 |
| Latin | 5 | 608 | 619 |
| Literature | 14 | 612 | 580 |
| Math–Level I | 60 | 644 | 605 |
| Math–Level II | 41 | 684 | 649 |
| Modern Hebrew | 8 | 525 | 614 |
| Physics | 16 | 648 | 658 |
| Spanish | 12 | 614 | 644 |

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

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL — 2009–2010

| Subject | Number Tested* | % With 3 or Better |
|------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Art: 2D Design | 3 | 67 |
| Art: Drawing | 11 | 73 |
| Art History | 15 | 80 |
| Biology | 103 | 42 |
| Chemistry | 45 | 78 |
| Computer Science A | 4 | 100 |
| Economics: Macro | 101 | 82 |
| Economics: Micro | 100 | 89 |
| English Language & Composition | 57 | 96 |
| English Literature & Composition | 64 | 63 |
| Environmental Science | 45 | 29 |
| French Language | 5 | 100 |
| Government & Politics: US | 16 | 50 |
| History: European | 18 | 72 |
| History: United States | 51 | 92 |
| History: World | 49 | 94 |
| Latin: Vergil | 10 | 30 |
| Math: Calculus AB | 53 | 75 |
| Math: Calculus BC | 41 | 100 |
| Music Theory | 9 | 44 |
| Physics B | 35 | 83 |
| Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism | 13 | 100 |
| Physics C: Mechanics | 13 | 100 |
| Psychology | 96 | 89 |
| Spanish Language | 43 | 40 |
| Statistics | 50 | 80 |

* *325 students, representing 64.6% of eleventh- and twelfth-graders, took 1 or more AP tests. 48 tenth-graders took 1 or more AP tests.*

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY THE CLASSES OF 2006–2010

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

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|---|----|--|-----|---|----|
| Adelphi University | 5 | Harvard-Radcliffe College | 5 | SUNY-New Paltz | 3 |
| Alfred University | 2 | Hofstra University | 26 | SUNY-Plattsburgh | 1 |
| American University | 4 | Indiana University-Bloomington | 4 | SUNY-Stony Brook | 24 |
| Arizona State University | 3 | Ithaca College | 13 | SUNY-Buffalo State College | 1 |
| Bard College | 2 | Jewish Theological Seminary of America | 1 | SUNY-College at Cortland | 3 |
| Bar-Ilan University (Israel) | 8 | Johnson & Wales University | 1 | SUNY-College at Delhi | 2 |
| Barnard College | 8 | Kent State University | 1 | SUNY-College at Farmingdale | 1 |
| Berklee College of Music | 1 | Laboratory Institute of Merchandising | 1 | SUNY-College at Fredonia | 1 |
| Boston College | 2 | Lafayette College | 4 | SUNY-College at Geneseo | 9 |
| Boston University | 32 | Lehigh University | 4 | SUNY-College at Old Westbury | 3 |
| Bowdoin College | 1 | LIU-Brooklyn Campus | 1 | SUNY-College at Oneonta | 2 |
| Brandeis University | 5 | LIU-CW Post Campus | 13 | SUNY-College at Oswego | 4 |
| Brown University | 6 | Loyola College in Maryland | 1 | SUNY-College at Purchase | 1 |
| Bryn Mawr College | 1 | Lynn University | 4 | SUNY-Fashion Institute of Tech | 10 |
| California State University, Northridge | 1 | Mannes College of Music | 1 | Syracuse University | 19 |
| Carnegie-Mellon University | 4 | Marietta College | 1 | Tel Aviv University | 6 |
| Case Western Reserve University | 2 | Maryland Institute College of Art | 2 | The Art Institute of New York City | 1 |
| Chatham College | 1 | Mass. College of Pharmacy & Health Science | 2 | The College of New Jersey | 1 |
| Clark University | 1 | Mass. Institute of Technology | 1 | Touro College-Dix Hills | 2 |
| Colby College | 1 | McGill University | 1 | Towson State University | 12 |
| Colgate University | 2 | Miami University of Ohio | 1 | Tufts University | 3 |
| Columbia College | 4 | Middlebury College | 1 | Tulane University | 10 |
| Columbia College-Chicago | 3 | Mitchell College | 1 | Union College | 9 |
| Columbia U-Engin. & Applied Science | 1 | Monmouth University | 1 | University of Arizona | 7 |
| Cooper Union | 1 | Muhlenberg College | 2 | University of California-Berkeley | 1 |
| Concordia College | 1 | Nassau CC | 109 | University of California-San Diego | 2 |
| Cornell University | 30 | New York Film Academy | 1 | University of California-Santa Barbara | 1 |
| CUNY-Baruch College | 59 | New York Institute of Technology | 13 | University of Chicago | 1 |
| CUNY-Borough of Manhattan CC | 6 | New York University | 56 | University of Colorado-Boulder | 4 |
| CUNY-City College of NY | 2 | Northeastern University | 5 | University of Connecticut | 1 |
| CUNY-Fiorello H. LaGuardia CC | 1 | Northwestern University | 5 | University of Delaware | 6 |
| CUNY-Hunter College | 17 | Nyack College | 1 | University of Hartford | 11 |
| CUNY-John Jay College | 2 | Oberlin College | 2 | University of MA-Amherst | 9 |
| CUNY-Macaulay Honors College | 12 | Occidental College | 1 | University of MA-Boston | 1 |
| CUNY-NYC Technical College | 2 | Ohio State University-Columbus | 2 | University of MD-Baltimore County | 1 |
| CUNY-Queens College | 45 | Ohio Wesleyan University | 1 | University of MD-College Park | 20 |
| CUNY-Queensborough CC | 26 | Pace University-New York City | 14 | University of Miami | 11 |
| CUNY-Sophie Davis School-Biomedical Ed | 1 | Parsons Paris School of Art and Design | 1 | University of Michigan | 33 |
| CUNY-York College | 1 | Parsons The New School for Design | 3 | University of Minnesota, Twin Cities | 1 |
| Curry College | 1 | Pennsylvania State University | 3 | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | 4 |
| Dartmouth College | 4 | Pfeiffer University | 1 | University of Pennsylvania | 10 |
| DePaul University | 2 | Princeton University | 2 | University of Pittsburgh | 3 |
| Dominican College of Blauvelt | 2 | Quinnipiac University | 5 | University of Rhode Island | 2 |
| Dowling College | 1 | Rensselaer Polytech Institute | 1 | University of Richmond | 1 |
| Drew University | 1 | Rhode Island College | 1 | University of Rochester | 3 |
| Duke University | 14 | Rhode Island School of Design | 1 | University of Southern California | 3 |
| East Carolina University | 1 | Rice University | 2 | University of St. Andrews (Scotland) | 1 |
| Eastern Connecticut State University | 1 | Rider University | 1 | University of Tampa | 3 |
| Elmira College | 1 | Roberts Wesleyan College | 1 | University of Vermont | 1 |
| Emerson College | 1 | Roger Williams University | 4 | University of Virginia | 4 |
| Emory University | 14 | Rollins College | 1 | University of Washington | 1 |
| European School of Economics | 3 | Santa Monica College | 2 | University of Wisconsin-Madison | 11 |
| Fairfield University | 1 | Sarah Lawrence College | 1 | US Military Academy (West Point) | 2 |
| Florida Atlantic University | 2 | School of the Museum of Fine Arts | 1 | Utica College | 1 |
| Florida International University | 3 | School of Visual Arts | 2 | Vanderbilt University | 7 |
| Florida State University | 1 | Skidmore College | 3 | Vassar College | 3 |
| Fordham University | 5 | St. John's University-Queens | 23 | Villanova University | 2 |
| Franklin Pierce University | 2 | St. John's U-Coll. of Pharmacy/Allied Health | 1 | Virginia Military Institute | 1 |
| Georgetown University | 4 | Stanford University | 1 | Virginia Polytech. Inst. & State Univ. | 1 |
| George Washington University | 18 | Stevens Institute of Technology | 1 | Washington University in St. Louis | 4 |
| Georgia Institute of Technology | 2 | Suffolk County CC, Ammerman | 1 | Wesleyan University | 6 |
| Gettysburg College | 1 | SUNJ-Rutgers | 1 | Williams College | 1 |
| Hamilton College | 1 | SUNY-Albany | 25 | Yale University | 6 |
| Hampshire College | 3 | SUNY-Binghamton | 25 | Yeshiva University | 13 |
| Hartwick College | 4 | SUNY-Buffalo | 13 | | |