North Shore Schools

Discovering Your Dreams

What Makes Us, Us

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

The North Shore School District is a dynamic educational community with a population of approximately 17,000. The district is located in a suburban area on the North Shore of Long Island, approximately 30 miles from New York City. The district is comprised of five public schools that serve a rich mix of students, whose academic performance is consistently high. This enables us to maintain a position as one of the strongest public school systems in the nation. Our district includes Glen Head Elementary School, Glenwood Landing Elementary School, Sea Cliff Elementary School, North Shore Middle School, and North Shore High School.

NORTH SHORE HIGH SCHOOL

North Shore High School opened in 1957 and has a history of high academic achievement. It offers a wide variety of courses including Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate options and has a rich tradition in the creative and performing arts. Understanding cultural diversity and becoming global citizens are at the core of a North Shore education. All students begin their studies of Mandarin and Spanish in Kindergarten. French, Italian, or Latin are additional languages offered as they progress to Middle School and High School. The staff maintain a focus on high academic achievement, while creating a learning environment in which all students can excel academically and socially. North Shore prides itself on developing collaborative, innovative, and inquisitive learners who aspire to make positive contributions to society. Please watch the North Shore **"This is Us"** video at https://www.northshoreschools.org/about-us.html

POINTS OF PRIDE

- **2024 - 2026 North Shore received AP Honor Roll Platinum School**
- **2026 "Best High Schools" according to U.S. News & World Report (#2 HS on LI and #11 in New York State)**
- **Class of 2026: 91 Students Earned the NYS Seal of Biliteracy**
- **Class of 2026: 152 Students Earned the NYS Seal of Civic Readiness**
- **2024 - 2025 AP Access Award**
- **2021 NS received Blue Ribbon School in the Exemplary High Performance Category**
- **2016 - 2026 North Shore received Best Communities for Music Education**
- **US Department of Education High School of Excellence**
- **Accreditation for Growth Model by the Middle States Association**

Class of 2027

Senior Class Enrollment: 186
School Enrollment: 833
Accreditation:
NY State Board of Regents
Middle States
Tri-State Consortium

Class of 2026

Number of Graduates: 177
Post-Secondary Plans:
Attending College: 96%
4 Year College: 93%
2 Year College: 3%
Military/Vocational/Gap Yr: 4%

Administration

Dr. Thomas Dolan
Interim Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Carol Ann Smyth
Asst. Superintendent for Instruction
Mr. James Pappas
Asst. Superintendent for Business
Mr. Eric Contreras
Principal
Mr. Daniel Doherty
Counseling Director

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Grading

• North Shore calculates a weighted and unweighted grade point average. The weighted average includes all courses the student takes in grades 9-11. Upper level courses will be weighted as follows:

• AP and IB: +9
• Honors: +6
• Regents: +3

The unweighted average includes all courses the student takes in grades 9-11, but does not factor in course level.

Class Rank

• In accordance with North Shore Board of Education policy students are not ranked by their cumulative averages.

SUBJECTS	CREDITS
English	4.0
Social Studies	4.0
Mathematics*	3.0
Science*	3.0
World Language	2.0
Health	.5
Art / Music	1.0
Electives	3.0
Physical Education	2.0
TOTAL	22.5

The Curriculum Highlights

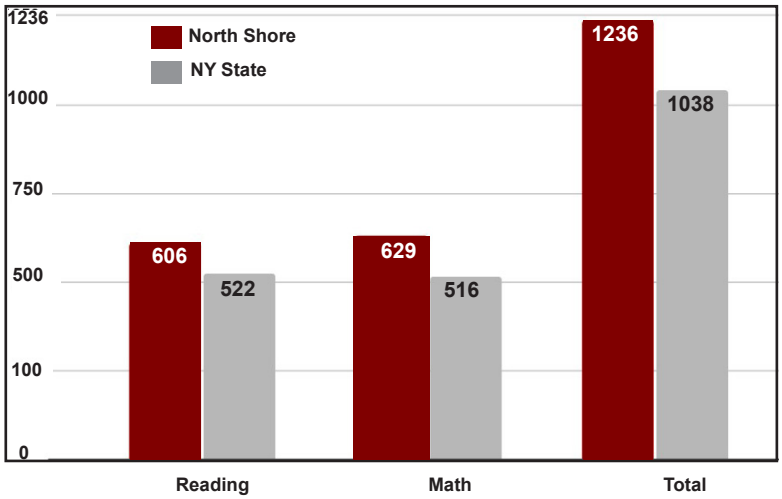
• * 3 credits of Math and Science must be earned while enrolled in the high school.
• High School courses taken in middle school are not counted toward the high school GPA.
• All students are required to complete a ½ credit Research and Writing Lab.
• North Shore requires one additional credit beyond the NYS requirement of a World Language.

PROGRAM	COURSES	HONORS	AP/IB/COLLEGE LEVEL
English	English 9R, English 9R Research and Writing Lab, English 10R, English 12R: Literature Genres of Literature and Language, Journalism I, Print Media, Journalism II: Broadcast Media, Public Speaking & Debate, Creative Writing	English 9H, English 9H Research and Writing Lab, English 10H	IB English Language and Literature HL 1 and 2, AP English Literature Composition, Intro to Film (Stony Brook)*
Social Studies	Global History And Geography I and II, United States History And Government, American Politics and Economics, Introduction To Psychology	Global 1 H	AP World History, IB History HL 1, IB History HL 2, AP US Government, AP Psychology, IB Social and Cultural Anthropology SL, IB Theory of Knowledge, AP Human Geography
Mathematics	Algebra 1R, Applied Geometry, Geometry R, Algebra 2R, Algebra 2A, Algebra 2B, College Mathematics, Intro To Computer Programming, Math Research, Advanced Algebra With Financial Applications	Geometry H, Algebra 2H	IB Math Applications, IB Math Analysis, AP Computer Science Principles, IB Computer Science SL 1 & 2, AP Calculus AB (Nassau CC)*, AP Calculus BC (Nassau CC)*, AP Statistics (Nassau CC)*, Pre-Calculus (Nassau CC)*, Calculus (Nassau CC),* and Statistics (Nassau CC)*
Science	Living Environment R, Earth Science R, Chemistry R, Integrated Science, Physics R, Conceptual Physics, Environmental Science, Introduction To Science Research, Intermediate Science Research, Advanced Science Research, Anatomy and Physiology, Forensic Science	Earth Science H, Chemistry H	IB/AP Biology HL 1, IB Biology HL 2, AP Chemistry, AP Physics 1, AP Physics C, IB Environmental Systems and Societies, SUPA Forensic Science (Syracuse)*
World Languages	Latin 1-5, Spanish 1-5, French 1-5, Italian 1-5, Mandarin 1-5, Heritage Spanish, American Sign Languages 1-3		IB Ab Initio French 1 and 2, IB French SL 1, IB/AP French SL/HL 2, IB Italian SL 1, IB/AP Italian SL/HL 2, IB Spanish SL 1, IB/AP Spanish SL/HL 2, IB Latin SL/HL 1 and 2, IB Mandarin SL 1, IB Ab Mandarin 1 and 2
Art	Acting I -3, Studio Art, Drawing and Painting, Advanced Drawing and Painting, Sculpture, Adv. Sculpture, Photography, Advanced Photography, Independent Projects in Art, Design and Drawing For Production, Media Arts, Multimedia, Digital Video Production		AP Drawing and Painting, AP 2D Design
Music	Concert Band, Freshmen Orchestra, Orchestra 10-12, Concert Chorale, Music Production Engineering, Intro to AP Music Theory		AP Music Theory
PE/Health	Health, Freshmen Personal Fitness Activities, Sport Education, Individual/Lifetime Activities, Wellness For Life, Advanced Applied Personal Fitness, Sports Medicine 1 and 2, Conditioning for Dance, Studio in Dance, Advanced Dance		
Business	Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Investments, Business Law, Introduction To Accounting		IB Business Management SL (Stony Brook)* College Real Estate (LIU),* Virtual Enterprises (Stony Brook)*, AP Business
Technology	Introduction To Woodworking, Woodworking II, Architectural Drawing, Robotics, Advanced Woodworking		Mechanical Engineering (Stony Brook) and Principles of Engineering (Stony Brook)

* Please Note: Courses with * = Dual Enrollment

TESTING INFORMATION

2026 SAT Mean Score: NS vs NY State



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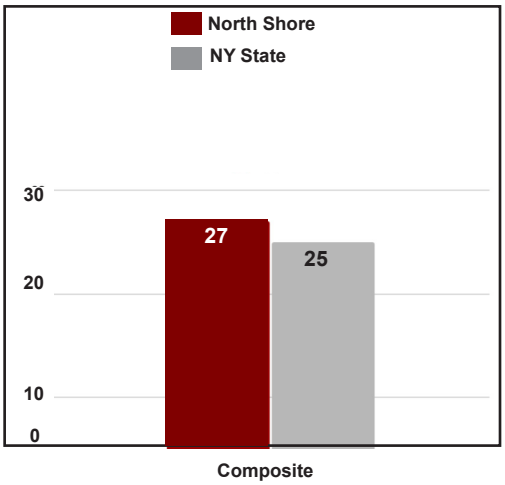

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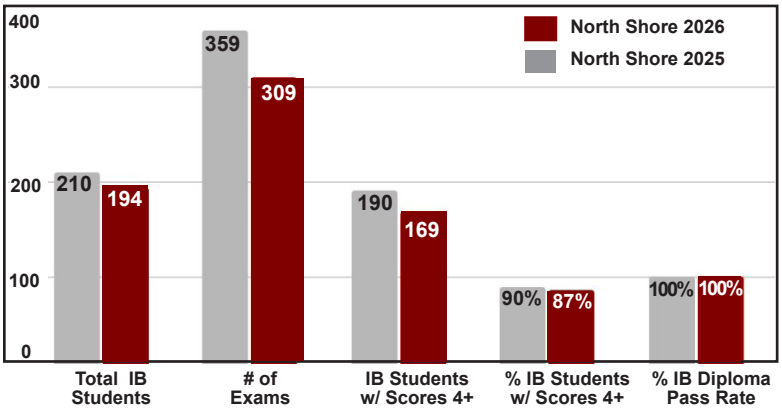

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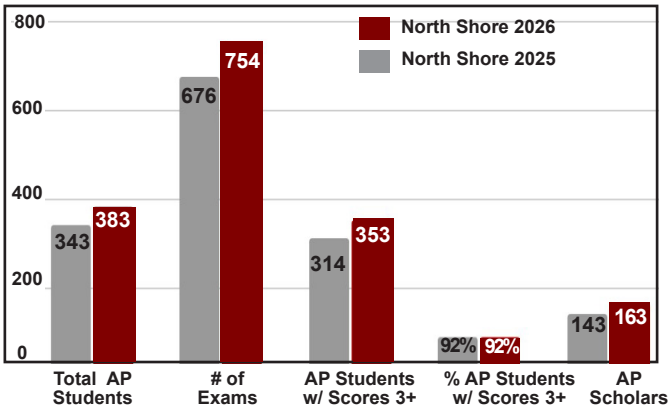

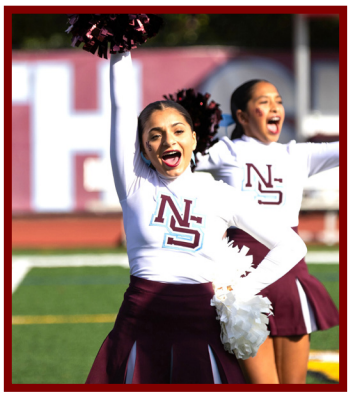

COLLEGES OUR GRADS ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING

Adelphi University
Alfred University
Amherst College
American University
Arcadia University
Bard College
Barnard College
Baruch College of the CUNY
Bates College
Becker College
Belmont University
Bentley University
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton University
Borough of Manhattan Community College CUNY
Boston College
Boston University
Bowdoin College
Brandeis University
Brevard College
Brooklyn College of the CUNY
Brown University
Bryant University
Bucknell University
California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
California State University, Long Beach
Campbell University
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve University
Centenary University
Chapman University
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Cleveland Institute of Music
Coastal Carolina University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary
Colorado School of the Mines
Columbia College Hollywood
Columbia University
Concordia College – NY
Concordia University – Montreal
Cornell University
CUNY New York City College of Tech.
CUNY-Macaulay Honors College
Dartmouth College
Delaware College of Art and Design
Drew University
Drexel University
Duke University
Duquesne University
East Carolina University
East Stroudsburg University of Penn.
Elon University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fairfield University
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Farmingdale State College
Fashion Institute of Technology
Five Towns College
Florida Atlantic University
Florida State University
Fordham University
George Mason University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Hamilton College
Hartwick College
Harvard University
High Point University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Hofstra University
Hunter College of the CUNY
Indiana University at Bloomington
Iona College
Jacksonville University
James Madison University
John Cabot University
John Jay College of Criminal Justice of the CUNY
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)
Keene State College
Lackawanna College
Lafayette College
Lehigh University
LIM College
Long Island University
Loyola Marymount University
Loyola University Maryland
Lynn University
Maine College of Art
Manhattan College
Marist College
Marquette University
Marymount Manhattan College
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
McDaniel College
McGill University
Mercy College
Miami University, Oxford
Michigan State University
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Mississippi State University
Molloy College
Monmouth Univesity
Montclair State University
Mount Holyoke College Muhlenberg College
Nazareth College
New York Institute of Technology
New York School of Design
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oberlin College of Arts and Sciences
Pace University, New York City
Pace University, Westchester
Pennsylvania State University
Plymouth State University
Pomona College
Pratt Institute
Princeton University
Providence College
Purdue University
Queens College CUNY
Queensborough College
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rice University
Rider University
Ringling College of Art and Design
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rollins College
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University
Saint John's University
Saint Louis University
Salisbury University
Salve Regina University
San Diego State University
Sarah Lawrence College
Savannah College of Art and Design
School of the Art Institute of Chicago
School of Visual Arts
Scripps College
Siena College
Skidmore College
Smith College
Southern Connecticut State University
St. Francis College
St. John Fisher College
St.Thomas Aquinas College
SUNY Albany
SUNY Alfred
SUNY Nassau
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Polytechnic
SUNY Purchase
SUNY Suffolk
SUNY Broome Community College
SUNY Buffalo, Brockport, Cobleskill, Cortland, Geneseo, Old Westbury, Oneonta, Potsdam, Canton, Delhi, Fredonia, Maritime, Morrisville, Oswego, Plattsburgh
Sweet Briar College
Stony Brook University
Syracuse University
Temple University
The Catholic University of America
The College of New Jersey
The College of Saint Rose
The Culinary Institute of America
The George Washington University
The New School
The Ohio State University
The University of Alabama
The University of Arizona
The University of Edinburgh
The University of Iowa
The University of Scranton
The University of North Carolina
The University of Tampa
The University of Texas
Towson University
Tufts University
Tulane University
Union College
US Merchant Marine Academy
US Military Academy
United States Naval Academy
University at Buffalo
University of Bridgeport
University of California, Berkeley, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Barbara
University of Central Florida
University of Chester
University of Chicago
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Dayton
University of Delaware
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Hartford
University of Kansas
University of Louisville
University of Maine
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of Notre Dame
University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of Rochester
University of San Diego
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
University of Tennessee
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin
Valencia College
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology
Villanova Unversity
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Tech
Wake Forest University
Washington University
Washington University in St. Louis
Webb Institute
Wesleyan University
West Virginia University
Westminster College
Wheaton College
Widener University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University
York College of Pennsylvania
York College of the CUNY