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Great Neck Public Schools

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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 6,450 students, grades K-12, attend the Great Neck Public Schools. There are three high schools: North, South, and Village (a small alternative high school), and SEAL (an alternative high school program). Approximately 50 students are enrolled in the Village School each academic year. There are also two middle schools and four elementary schools. Our students have diverse backgrounds; they come from over 40 countries and represent a broad socioeconomic range.

Recognition

The Village School, established in 1970, is one of the nation's oldest and most successful alternative high schools. The School enjoys a national reputation and has been positively evaluated by the Center for the Study of Educational Alternatives at Hofstra University. The *American School Board Journal* granted its Magna Award to the School for its exemplary, nontraditional, high school program. As a member of the Coalition of Essential Schools, the Village School and its staff work closely with other member schools and with the education faculty of Brown University.

Student Assessment

The Village School does not employ a traditional grading system; rather, it uses an individualized system where students earn credits as they meet curriculum goals that have been established by their teachers. Authentic, performance, and portfolio assessments of these goals have long been a hallmark of a Village School transcript. More than 95 percent of Village School graduates are accepted by colleges; the vast majority are four-year programs.



Curriculum

The Village School offers focused studies in the traditional academic areas: English, social studies, science, math, foreign language, art, and music. Some students elect to take additional courses at off-campus institutions, such as local colleges, the Great Neck Continuing Education Program, or at one of Great Neck's two traditional high schools. Students often explore special areas of interest through guided independent study and the School's internship program.



Graduation Requirements

Subject Area.....	22 Units of Credit
English.....	4
Social Studies.....	4
Mathematics.....	3
Science.....	3
Foreign Language.....	1
Health Education.....	1/2
Physical Education.....	2
Art/Music/Drama.....	1
Practical Arts (Business, Home Ec., Tech. Ed.).....	1/2
Computer Ed. or Word Processing.....	1/2
Electives.....	2 1/2

Cumulative Average & Class Rank

Cumulative average and class rank are not computed for Village School students. Admissions officers are encouraged to contact the School's administrator for assistance in evaluating the transcript.

Accreditation & Institutional Memberships

The Village School is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and certified by the New York State Education Department.

Visits by College Admissions Representatives

College representatives are always welcome in our School to meet with counselors and interested students.



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