



North Salem Middle/High School

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Class of 2022 Snapshot

- ✓ 93% of graduates attending college.
- ✓ 100% of graduates earned Regents Diplomas.
- ✓ 27% of graduates earned Regents Diplomas with Honors.
- ✓ 324 Advanced Placement exams were administered in May 2022.
- ✓ 1 National Merit Scholarship Winner.
- ✓ 7 Seal of Biliteracy Scholars.
- ✓ 35 Civics Seal Scholars.
- ✓ 7 College Board National Recognition Program Scholars.
- ✓ 34 seniors earned AP Scholar Awards.
- ✓ Awarded a gold medal in U.S. News & World Report's "Best High School" national ranking.
- ✓ 1 Section One championship athletic team.
- ✓ 4 League championship athletic teams.
- ✓ 60% participation rate in the athletic program.
- ✓ 49% participation rate in co-curricular special programs.
- ✓ 10 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Scholar Athlete Teams.

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 1,026. 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 255 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 49% 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 EdLeader 21 and 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

2022-2023 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, Modern Topics and Debate I and II
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, Calculus, Statistical Applications and Modeling, Computer Science, Python and Multimedia
Honors: Geometry and Algebra II
Advanced Placement: AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Computer Science Principles

Music: Introduction to Music Theory, Music Theory, Concert Band, Foundations of Music, Concert Choir, Madrigal Choir, Music and Video Production and Analysis – Beginner and Advanced
Advanced Placement: Music Theory, Musical Theater I and II

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, Astronomy
Honors: Biology, Chemistry
Advanced Placement: AP Biology, AP Physics, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science

Social Studies: Global History and Geography I and II, U.S. History and Government, Participation in Government, Economics, Human Rights I and II, Psychology, 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 French, AP Spanish

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.

Junior COMPASS

COMPASS is an advisory program for juniors, where students meet in small groups with a teacher mentor for one period out of each six-day cycle. The larger purpose of the COMPASS program is to connect students to a teacher mentor and provide a space to talk with peers about the pressures and stressors specific to junior year. Topics discussed help develop self-knowledge for decisions that await students in the near future. COMPASS also collaborates with the counseling department for goals and needs of 11th grade and postgraduation planning.

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 2023: Distribution of three-year GPA

GPA	Number of Students	Percentage of Students
100+	9	10%
98-100	12	13%
95-97	12	13%
90-94	32	35%
85-89	14	15%
80-84	5	5%
70-79	8	9%

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%

Advanced Placement

North Salem students may enroll in Advanced Placement study commencing in grade 10. Advanced Placement courses offered to the Class of 2022 include Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, European History, French, Music Theory, Physics, Spanish, Studio Art, U.S. History and World History.

In May 2022, 164 students took 324 examinations.

Of the 324 exams:

- 17% were scored at 5.
- 48% were scored at 4 or higher.
- 80% were scored at 3 or higher.

Of the 164 students, 65 students are AP Scholars:

- 29 AP Scholars.
- 20 AP Scholars with Honor.
- 16 AP Scholars with Distinction.

Admissions Testing Profile

Class of 2022

SAT Reasoning Mean Scores*

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Mean Scores

Evidence-Based Reading/Writing	564
Math	544
Total	1108

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

May 2022 Advanced Placement Examinations

Test	# of Exams Taken	% of Grades 3 or Higher
Biology	27	81
Calculus AB	23	91
Calculus BC	5	100
Computer Science Principles	12	83
English Language and Composition	61	75
English Literature and Composition	60	87
Environmental Science	13	85
European History	31	74
French Language	9	22
Physics I	21	57
Spanish Language	4	100
Studio Art	8	100
U.S. History	35	80
World History	12	83

COVID-19 Academic Info

North Salem Schools closed on March 16, 2020, due to the coronavirus pandemic and remained closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. The final averages that appeared on transcripts were calculated based on the following weights; quarter 1, 35%; quarter 2, 35%; and quarter 3, 30%. For 2020-2021, North Salem High School offered a hybrid and a remote option for students and resumed its established grading criteria (four quarters at 20% each and final exam - 20%). In the 2021-2022 school year North Salem returned to full in-person learning and revised its grading to reflect four (4) quarters at 22.5% and the final exam at 10%.

ATTENDING COLLEGES 2020-2022

Alfred University
American University
Anna Maria College
Arizona State University (Main Campus)
Auburn University
Bard College
Belmont University
Bentley University
Binghamton University
Boston College
Brandeis University
California Polytechnic State University - San Luis Obispo
Carnegie Mellon University
Castleton University
Clarkson University
Clemson University
Coastal Carolina University
College of William and Mary
Columbia University
Cornell University
CUNY City College
CUNY Hunter College
CUNY Lehman College
Daytona State College
Delaware Valley University
Drexel University
Duke University
Eastern Kentucky University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach)
Fairfield University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Florida Southwestern State College
George Mason University
George Washington University
Hamilton College
Harvard University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Indiana University - Bloomington
Iona University
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Johns Hopkins University
Johnson & Wales University (Providence)
Lehigh University
Manhattan College
Marist College
Miami University (Oxford)
Michigan State University
Monmouth University
Montclair State University
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
Northeastern University
Norwich University
Pace University (New York City)
Pace University (Westchester)
Penn State University (Main Campus)
Pitzer College
Providence College
Quinnipiac University
Randolph-Macon College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Ringling College of Art and Design
Roanoke College
Rochester Institute of Technology
Roger Williams University
Rollins College
Sacred Heart University
Saint Joseph's University
Salisbury University
San Diego State University
Sarah Lawrence College
School of Visual Arts
Siena College
Stevens Institute of Technology
Stonehill College
Stony Brook University
SUNY at New Paltz
SUNY at Purchase College
SUNY Broome
SUNY College at Cortland
SUNY College at Oswego
SUNY College at Plattsburgh
SUNY College at Potsdam
SUNY College of Technology at Canton
SUNY College of Technology at Delhi
SUNY Maritime College
SUNY Oneonta
SUNY Westchester Community College
Syracuse University
The College of New Jersey
The Ohio State University (Main Campus)
The University of Alabama
The University of Tampa
Tulane University of Louisiana
Universal Technical Institute - Bloomfield
University at Albany
University at Buffalo
University of Colorado
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Maine
University of Maryland (College Park)
University of Massachusetts (Amherst)
University of Miami
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)
University of New Hampshire (Main Campus)
University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh)
University of Rhode Island
University of Richmond
University of South Carolina - Columbia
University of Utah
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee)
Villanova University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Western Connecticut State University
Westfield State University
Worcester Polytechnic University