



Newburyport High School

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School

Newburyport High School is a public, comprehensive four-year school, accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The 2011-2012 school enrollment is 702 students, 9th through 12th grades. The student body has access to state of the art facilities, the result of a complete building renovation. Newburyport High School is on a 7 day 6 period rotating schedule. Classes are 60 minutes long. Each student is allotted 30 minutes for lunch. 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.

Community

Newburyport is a suburban residential, seacoast community located 37 miles northeast of Boston in Essex County. The smallest city in the Commonwealth, per the 2000 census, Newburyport continues to have a relatively stable population of 17,000. The city's historical architecture is well known, particularly the restored commercial district and residential district along High Street, which features fine examples of Federalist 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.

Memberships

- College Entrance Examination Board
- Whittier Regional School District
- NASSP Division of Student Activities
- Education Business Coalition

Accreditations

- New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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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.

NHS Class of 2011 Percentage Breakdown:

SAT College Entrance Examination

Percent of class taking test	97.7%
Critical Reading.....	547
Math.....	558
Writing.....	545

Total Percent of Class of 2011 continuing their education 95.3%

4 year college.....	85.3%
2 year college.....	7.2%
other post-secondary.....	2.8%
Military.....	1.7%

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. Each course is a semester in length. Some courses extend over a full year, but consist of two semesters. Semester courses yield 2.5 credits, with full-year courses yielding 2.5 credits each semester. Each year, students are required to carry a minimum of 6 major subjects, and wellness.

Changes in core requirements were made in order to align the curriculum with the Massachusetts Frameworks and prepare students to demonstrate proficiency on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS), a state-mandated graduation requirement. Changes in curriculum requirements were phased in and have resulted in the following core curriculum:

English Lit. & Comp.	4 years	20 credits
History		
World Hist	1.5 years	7.5 credits
US Hist	1.5 years	7.5 credits
Civics	.5 year	2.5 credits
Hist Elective	.5 year	2.5 credits
Mathematics*	3 years	15 credits
Science**		
Biology	1 year	5 credits
Chemistry	1 year	5 credits
Physics C	1 year	5 credits
Foreign Lang	2 years	10 credits
Wellness	4 semesters	10 credits

*Beginning with the class of 2013. The current class of 2012 has a two year math requirement.
**Beginning with the class of 2013, students will be required to complete science in the sequence presented above.

Marking System

A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, F

A	Indicates general excellence
B	Indicates consistently good work
C	Indicates average accomplishment
D	Indicates work inferior in quality (Lowest passing grade)
F	Indicates failure

Grade Point Average and Rank in Class

Class rank is calculated at the end of the sixth semester and recalculated for the final rank at the end of the seventh semester. Class ranks are weighted according to earned subject grades, course credit and level.

Curriculum

Advanced Placement Courses are offered in English Literature and Composition, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Physics C, Biology, Environmental Science, U.S. History, U.S. Government & Politics, and Studio Art.

Virtual High School courses are also available.

Sports

Interscholastic Sports Program:
Cape Ann League; Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Grade Point Average Calculation

Final Letter Grade	College 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, Honor and Advanced Placement courses weighted as per chart

Un-Weighted GPA

All courses are calculated at College level

Computation of GPA

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

College Acceptances: Class of 2011

American University	Clarkson University	Goucher College	Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	Pine Manor College	Siena College	The State University of New York	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Anna Maria College	Coastal Carolina University	Grinnell College	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	Pitzer College	Simmons College	University of Aberdeen	University of Oregon
Arcadia University	Colby-Sawyer College	Guilford College	McDaniel College	Plymouth State University	Southern Maine Community College	University of British Columbia	University of Pennsylvania
Assumption College	Colgate University	Hampshire College	Merrimack College	Point Park University	Southern New Hampshire University	University of Colorado at Boulder	University of Rhode Island
Babson College	College of the Holy Cross	Hartwick College	Messiah College	Pratt Institute	University of Maryland	University of Connecticut	University of Southern Maine
Bard College	Concord University	Harvard University	Methodist University	Prescott College	St. John's University	University of Delaware	University of St. Andrews
Barton College	Concordia University - Montreal	High Point University	Middlebury College	Prescott College	St. Lawrence University	University of Denver	University of Utah
Bates College	Cornell College	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Montserrat College of Art	Providence College	St. Mary's College of Maryland	University of Hartford	University of Vermont
Bay Path College	Cornish College of the Arts	Hood College	Mount Ida College	Quinnipiac University	St. Mary's College of Maryland	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	University of Virginia
Becker College	Curry College	Horry-Georgetown Technical College	Mount Saint Mary's University	Randolph College	Stonehill College	Vassar College	Villanova University
Belmont University	Daemen College	Humboldt State University	New England College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Stony Brook University	Villanova University	Wake Forest University
Bentley University	Daniel Webster College	Hunter College of the CUNY	New Hampshire Institute of Art	Robert Morris University	Suffolk University	Virginia Commonwealth University	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Binghamton University	Dean College	Husson University	New York University	Rochester Institute of Technology	SUNY Maritime College	Wentworth Institute of Technology	Wesleyan University
Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania	DePaul University	Ithaca College	Newbury College	Rochester Institute of Technology	The Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University	Western New England University	Western State College of Colorado
Boston College	Drexel University	James Madison University (College of Business)	Nichols College	Rocky Mountain College of Art & Design	The Evergreen State College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Westfield State University
Boston University	Emmanuel College	Johns Hopkins University	North Shore Community College	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey at New Brunswick	The George Washington University	University of Massachusetts, Boston	Whittier College
Bowdoin College	Endicott College	Kalamazoo College	Northeastern University	Sacred Heart University	The Hartt School, University of Hartford	University of Massachusetts, Lowell	Wheaton College MA
Brandeis University	Fairfield University	Keene State College	Northern Arizona University	Saint Anselm College	The Ohio State University	University of Miami	Wheelock College
Bridgewater State University	Fisher College	Kutztown University of Pennsylvania	Northwestern State University	Saint Joseph's College-ME	The University of Alabama	University of Michigan	Whittier College
Brown University	Fitchburg State University	Lafayette College	Northern Arizona University	Saint Leo University	The University of Tampa	University of New England	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Bryant University	Florida Institute of Technology	Lesley University	Northern Essex Community College	Saint Michael's College	Towson University	University of New Hampshire	Xavier University
Brooklyn College of the CUNY	Fordham University	Lewis & Clark College	Oberlin College	Salem State University	Tufts University	University of New Haven	
Brown University	Framingham State University	Loyola University Maryland	Pace University	Salisbury University	Union College		
Carleton University	Furman University	Lynchburg College	New York City College of Art	Salve Regina University	Unity College		
Carnegie Mellon University	George Mason University	Lyndon State College	Pennsylvania State University, University Park	Sarah Lawrence College	University at Buffalo		
Catawba College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Maine Maritime Academy	Philadelphia University	School of the Museum of Fine Arts			
Cazenovia College	Gordon College	Massachusetts College of Art and Design		Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania			