

2020-2021 Newburyport High School Profile

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Community

Newburyport is a suburban residential, seacoast community located 35 miles northeast of Boston in Essex County. One of the smallest cities in the Commonwealth, per ACS 2017 census data, Newburyport continues to have a relatively stable population of 17,890. The city's historical architecture is well known, particularly the restored commercial district and residential district along High Street, which features fine examples of Federal 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.

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.

School

Newburyport High School is a public, comprehensive four-year school, accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The 2020-2021 school enrollment is 801 students, 9th through 12th grades. Newburyport High School is currently operating a hybrid schedule or the full Remote Academy. In the hybrid model students meet for two days in person and three days remote on a rotational basis. Classes meet for about three and a half hours a week. 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.

Athletics

Newburyport High School is part of The Cape Ann League and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association. More details about our Athletics offerings can be found at:

<https://nhs.newburyport.k12.ma.us/Athletics/index.html>

Activities

Newburyport High School offers many varied Clubs and activities that range from Arts to Tech and Student Government to Community Service. Current student groups include can be viewed at:

<https://nhs.newburyport.k12.ma.us/Students/Clubs-and-Activities/index.html>

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. Semester courses yield 2.5 credits each semester. Each year, students are required to take thirteen (13) semester courses.

English Lit. & Comp.		4 Years (8 Semesters)	20 Credits
History	World History	1.5 Years (3 Semesters)	7.5 Credits
	US History	1.5 Years (3 Semesters)	7.5 Credits
	Civics	.5 Year (1 Semester)	2.5 Credits
	History Elective	.5 Year (1 Semester)	2.5 Credits
Mathematics		3 Years (6 Semesters)	15 Credits
Science	Biology	1 Year (2 Semesters)	5 Credits
	Chemistry	1 Year (2 Semesters)	5 Credits
	Physics	1 Year (2 Semesters)	5 Credits
World Language		2 Years (4 Semesters-Consecutive)	10 Credits
Wellness		4 Semesters	10 Credits
Visual & Performing Arts		2 Semesters	5 Credits

Marking System

A+, A, A-	100-90	A	Indicates general excellence.
B+, B, B-	89-80	B	Indicates consistently good work.
C+, C, C-	79-70	C	Indicates average accomplishment.
D+, D	69-65	D	Indicates work inferior in quality.(Lowest passing grade)
F	64-0	F	Indicates failure.

Covid Statement

NHS, like all Massachusetts public schools closed on March 13, 2020, and commenced full remote learning. We adopted the following grading scale for Spring 2020:

CE - Credit Exceeded. Student went above and beyond the minimum expectations for course credit. Student met the expectations of all assignments. Work from before the closure can be considered by the teacher. Students had the opportunity to submit work they had missed by May 1, to help with their final credit rating.

CR - Credit Received. Student completed enough work and attended enough courses to receive credit for the class. Students has submitted most of the assignments during closure and has made progress towards the expectations of assignments and can resubmit. Work from before the closure can be considered by the teacher. Students had the opportunity to submit work they had missed by May 1, to help with their final credit rating.

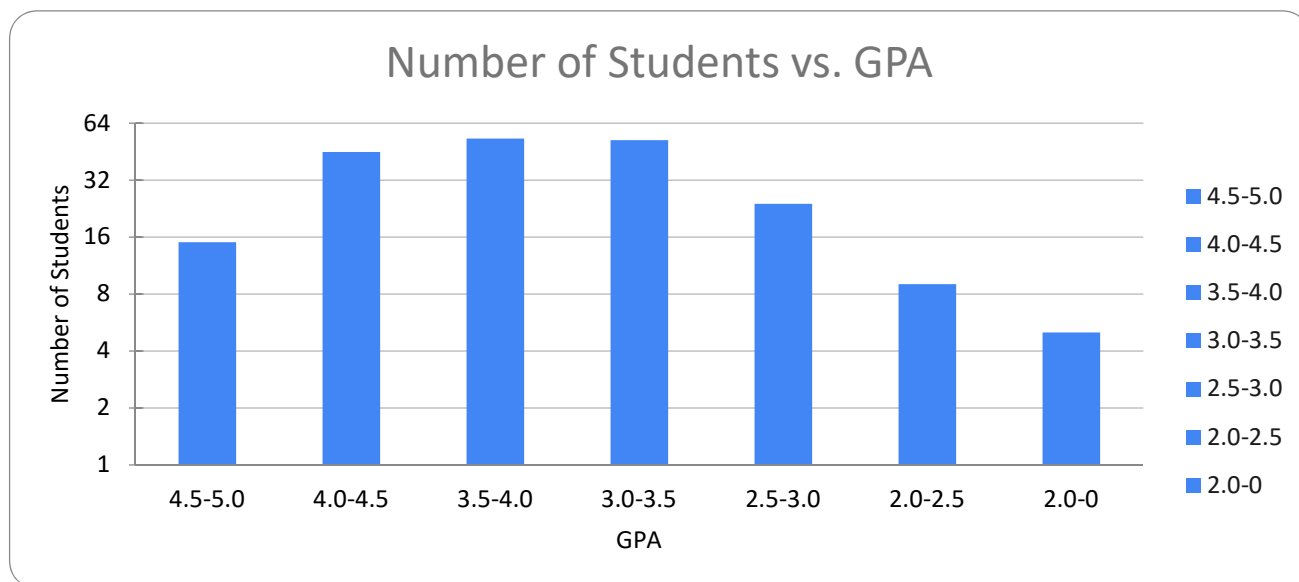
NC – No Credit. Student received no credit for the course. Student has submitted less than 50% of assignments during the closure and/or has not turned in assignments, or work submitted is not in line with expectations. NHS wants all students to earn credits. For students that did not earn credit a plan was set up to help students achieve the credit for the class.

None of these grades impacted student GPA's. Graduation requirements have remained unchanged, however some students may have had to change or drop a course. For impacted students, their counselor can explain in detail on the students' letter of recommendation.

NHS students did not have an opportunity to participate in athletics or any extra-curricular club or group activities from March - June 2020

Grade Point Average and Rank in Class

Both Weighted and Unweighted GPA are calculated after students complete their first semester of Freshman year. **Newburyport High School does not Rank.**



Grade Point Average Calculation

Final Letter Grade	CP Course Numerical Grade	Honors Course Numerical Grade	Advanced Placement Numerical Grade	Courses are 2.5 credits per semester Weighted GPA All College, Honors, and Advanced Placement courses weighted as per chart. Un-Weighted GPA All courses are calculated at College level. Computation of GPA 1. For each course, multiply the weight of the grade (see left) by the number of credits to get grade points for that course. 2. Add together all the grade points earned. 3. Divide the total of grade points (from step 2) by the number of credits for all courses.
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

In addition to our daily curriculum offerings NHS offers courses through Virtual High School (www.govhs.org). Students also have the opportunity to take “Flex Courses”. Flex courses are taken outside of the traditional school day. For current Flex courses please take a look at our Program of Studies at: <https://nhs.newburyport.k12.ma.us/documents/Academics/programofstudies.pdf>

Honors Courses

Honors courses are available in most subject areas, for a full listing of all courses please take a look at our Program of Studies at: <https://nhs.newburyport.k12.ma.us/documents/Academics/programofstudies.pdf>

Advanced Placement Courses 2019-2020

Studio Art: 2D Design, Studio Art: Drawing, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, US Government and Politics, Physics C: E & M, Physics C: Mech, Psychology, Statistics.

AP Testing (Mean Scores)

AP Exam Year	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Studio Art: 2D	3.71	3.40	3.0	3.33	4.2	3.4	3.2	3.4
Studio Art: Drawing	3.25	3.57	3.43	3.0	4.5	4.0	5.0	3.5
Eng Lang/Comp	4.05	3.86	3.74	4.11	4.2	4.6	4.5	NA
Eng Lit/Comp	3.37	3.13	3.46	3.46	4.0	4.0	4.3	3.9
US Gov't/Pol	4.05	4.39	4.46	4.86	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.9
US Hist	NA*	4.14	4.0	4.36	4.2	4.7	4.7	4.5
Calculus AB	2.92	3.24	3.06	3.29	4.0	3.2	3.8	3.5
Calculus BC	4.13	4.38	3.64	3.61	4.5	3.0	4.5	4.1
-AB Subscore	N/A	4.50	4.0	4.22	4.8	3.6	4.2	4.4
Statistics	2.63	3.33	3.14	2.98	3.7	3.3	3.6	3.3
Biology	3.29	3.15	3.27	3.36	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.2
Envir. Sci	3.31	4.30	3.77	3.22	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.1
Phys C: E&M	3.29	2.07	2.53	2.78	3.8	2.4	3.5	3.1
Phys C: Mech	4.57	4.07	3.8	4.29	4.4	3.9	4.3	4.1
Chemistry	3.60	3.93	3.5	3.0	2.9	NA*	NA*	NA*
Psychology	3.55	3.90	3.68	3.64	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*
Computer Sci A	3.67	3.0	2.0	1.0	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*
Spanish Lang & Culture	NA*	5.0	4.50	NA*	4.0	NA*	NA*	NA*
Macroeconomics	3.00	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*
Microeconomics	5.00	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*	NA*

*NA = Not Administered

SAT Scores

Overall Mean Scores	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total Test Takers	154	157	177	180
--ERW	561	575	589	595
--Essay (110 test takers)		593	-----	-----
--Mathematics	537	581	588	594

COVID Statement

Post March 2020, most students were not afforded the opportunity to sit for an SAT/ACT due to test cancellations throughout the spring and into the early fall.

Graduation Statistics for the Class of 2021

Percentage chart for graduate plans

PUBLIC COLLEGE 2 YEAR	14	8%	8%	90%	92%
PRIVATE COLLEGE 2 YEAR	0	0%			
PUBLIC COLLEGE 4 YEAR	67	38%	82%		
PRIVATE COLLEGE 4 YEAR	77	44%			
OTHER POST-SECONDARY	4	2%	2%	2%	
MILITARY	0	0%	0%	0%	8%
WORK	6	3%	8%	8%	
OTHER	4	2%			
UNDECIDED/UNKNOWN	6	3%			

A full listing of colleges acceptances for the Class of 2021 can be found on our website