



# North Allegheny Senior High

PROFILE 2023 - 2024

## DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

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## NASH ADMINISTRATION

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Dr. Natasha Dirda; Principal

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## NASH SCHOOL COUNSELING STAFF

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## About North Allegheny

**North Allegheny** is an attractive, professional community twelve miles north of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The District serves the municipalities of Bradford Woods Borough, Franklin Park Borough, Marshall Township and the Town of McCandless, encompassing 48 square miles. North Allegheny is one of the largest suburban school districts in western Pennsylvania, with a K-12 enrollment of over 8,000 students.

Most of the District is suburban-residential with some light industry. Over 1,000 people are employed by the District, making it one of the largest employers in the immediate area. A solid and growing tax base helps maintain economic stability. New housing developments and transferees moving into the area contribute to a steady enrollment.

### Facilities include:

- **7 elementary schools (grades K-5)**  
Bradford Woods Elementary School  
Franklin Elementary School  
Hosack Elementary School  
Ingomar Elementary School  
Marshall Elementary School  
McKnight Elementary School  
Peebles Elementary School
- ◆ **3 middle schools (grades 6-8)**  
Carson Middle School  
Ingomar Middle School  
Marshall Middle School
- ◆ **1 intermediate high school (grades 9-10)**  
North Allegheny Intermediate School
- ◆ **1 senior high school (grades 11-12)**  
North Allegheny Senior High School

### Population:

Community .....44,000+  
Student K-12 .....8,500+  
Class size of 2024.....682

### School Year

Two 9 week periods per semester;  
2 semesters

### Professional Staff

Grades K-12.....602  
Master's Degree.....66%  
Doctor's Degree.....1%

### Accreditation

Middle States Association of Colleges and  
Secondary Schools

ACT/CEEB: 393745

***“The Mission  
of the North  
Allegheny  
School  
District is to  
prepare all  
students for  
success in a  
changing  
world”***



# Curriculum

North Allegheny is a comprehensive high school offering over 200 courses designed to meet the needs, abilities, interests and goals of a diverse student population. Different ability levels are accounted for through phasing of five subject areas. English, science, social studies, mathematics and world language are phased according to difficulty and complexity of skills and content. The majority of AP courses are available to students in grades 11 and 12. Honors Level courses are available in grades 9-12.

## Academic Courses

Academic courses are college preparatory level for those students who are college bound or those who have better than average ability and a command of basic skills. Higher level thinking skills are emphasized.

**GRADING SCALE: A= 100-90; B= 89-80; C= 79-70; D= 69-60**

**\*Class rank is not reported on student transcripts and is not disclosed to any outside agency.**

### Weighting of Grades

An additional weighting factor of .25 is awarded to Advanced Placement Courses. An additional weighting factor of .125 is applied to Honors Courses. On transcripts, these courses are designated as “AP” and “HON”.

## Graduation Requirements

English.....	4.0
Social Studies.....	4.0
Science.....	3.0
Mathematics.....	3.0
S.T.E.M.....	1.0
Physical Education.....	2.0
Health.....	0.5
Electives.....	6.5
Keystone Exam Proficiency– Algebra 1, Biology, Literature	

## Honors Courses

North Allegheny offers **58** honors levels courses. These courses have extended content and additional workload. This sets them apart from regular high school courses in the same subject. Honors courses have established prerequisites for admission and are weighted for the purpose of computing QPA. Honors courses are designated (HON) on the transcript. Honors level courses are offered in all academic areas, business, visual arts and music.

## **Recent Changes/Adjustment to Curriculum Impacting Class of 2024 Graduates**

### **School Year 2020-2021**

For the 2020-21 school year, students had the option of a hybrid model (attending school in person for two days, virtually for three) or the North Allegheny Cyber Academy (NACA), a full cyber model (five days a week). Students had the ability to move between the two models at the end of each quarter. NACA classes were taught by North Allegheny teachers, using our own curriculum.

### **School Year 2021-2022**

A new grading policy was established to explicitly weight summative and formative assessments within each content area. Summative assessments are cumulative assessments of mastery, and formative assessments are daily classroom assignments or activities.

- All Advanced Placement classes: 80% summative / 20% formative
- Honors Math courses: 80% summative / 20% formative
- Honors English, Social Studies and Science courses: 70% summative / 30% formative
- Academic Math, English, Social Studies, and Science Courses: 70% summative / 30% formative
- Essentials & Standard level courses: 60% summative / 40% formative
- World Language courses: 60% summative / 40% formative



# College in High School Courses

College in High School (CHS) offers regional high school students the opportunity to earn both high school and college credit in courses taught right in their high school classrooms. This program provides students the chance to participate in college-level learning experiences before they leave high school, while helping students to establish a collegiate transcript for potential transfer credits in the future. Students are NOT required to take the course for college credit unless they choose to. College in High School are denoted with a CHS on the student's transcript.

## Advanced Placement Courses

The Advanced Placement Program gives students the opportunity to pursue college-level studies while still in high school. Students may receive advanced placement and/or credit upon entering college for their score on a nation AP exam given in May. AP courses are weighted in computing QPA. There are **26** AP level courses available to our students. They are noted as AP on the student's transcript. North Allegheny students who take AP classes are not required to take AP exams at the end of the school year, and any student is permitted to register for an AP exam without taking the course.

## Special Features

North Allegheny is proud of its numerous extra-curricular offerings. The following are some of the outstanding and diversified student activities: National Honor Society, Air Force JROTC Honor Unit, "Spirit of NA" Tiger Band, Forensics, DECA, drama and musical productions, award-winning student publications (newspaper, yearbook, and literary magazine), Student Council, and NATV cable programming.

Athletes, representing North Allegheny's 24 Varsity sports, are frequent winners at regional, state, and national level competitions. A wide variety of intramural activities supplement the varsity program.

## Student Post-Secondary Plans

4 year college— 81%

2 year college— 10%

Undecided-1%

Other (Work, Military, gap year, apprenticeship, etc.)- 8%

# STANDARDIZED TESTING

## National Merit

CLASS OF	COMMENDED	FINALISTS
2020	39	23
2021	27	14
2022	38	19



The **National Merit Scholarship Program** is an academic competition for recognition and scholarships. High school students enter the National Merit Program by taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (**PSAT/NMSQT**)—a test which serves as an initial screen of approximately 1.5 million entrants each year—and by meeting published program entry/participation requirements.

## SAT SUMMARY

Class of 2022	Total	Evidence Based Reading	Math
North Allegheny	1230	614	616
National	1060	533	525

## ACT SUMMARY

<u>Class</u>	<u>North Allegheny</u>	<u>National</u>
2019	26.5	20.7
2020	26.9	20.8
2021	26.9	20.8
2022	27.4	20.6

