



NASHUA HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH 2008-2009 PROFILE

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LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Nashua, NH is an industrial/residential city with a diverse population of approximately 86,000, located immediately north of the Massachusetts border, along the Merrimack River. Nashua's approximate average household income: \$61,102. In September 2004 Nashua Senior High School was split into two schools. The original Nashua Senior High was completely renovated and is now Nashua High School South.

ACCREDITATION: New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.

FACULTY: 181

ADMINISTRATION: Mrs. Jennifer Seusing, Principal
 Mrs. Marianne Busteded, Mr. James Dupille, Mr. Jason Lonergan, Mrs. Helayne Talbott, Assistant Principal
 Mr. William Raymond, Assistant Principal/Director of Guidance

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: **27 UNITS (credits)**
 4 English 3 Mathematics 2 Sciences (1 Biological, 1 Physical)
 1 U.S. History 1 World Studies 1/2 Citizenship, Government & Law
 1/2 Economics 1/2 Computers 1 Physical Education
 1/2 Health 1/2 Art 12 1/2 Electives

One credit based on Carnegie unit is assigned to a class meeting one block (86 minutes) each day for a full semester. One-half credit is assigned to a class meeting one block for a quarter/half a semester. Two credits are assigned to a class meeting one block each day for one year.

SCHOOL YEAR Divided into two semesters, each semester divided into two quarters. School is in session for 36 full weeks, and each day consists of four 86 minute blocks.

ENROLLMENT Seniors: 535, Juniors: 570, Sophomores: 549, Freshmen 551 = Total Enrollment: 2,205

CURRICULUM Nashua High School South offers students an opportunity to discover their interests and aptitudes in a challenging academic setting. Students are required to master specific core courses and are encouraged to elect additional course work from a wide variety of curriculum areas in order to complete a program of studies considered essential to a well-rounded high school education. An extensive college preparatory program is offered which includes numerous honors courses as well as 18 AP courses. The AP courses that are offered include: Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, English Language, English Literature, Calculus, Statistics, American History, European History, American Government, Psychology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, French, Spanish, Computers, Art History and Studio Art. Nashua High School South is a comprehensive public high school which also serves as a regional vocational high school offering many two-year Career and Technology Education (CTE) Programs. The Career and Technology Programs include, but are not limited to: Automotive Technology, Biotechnology, CADD, Cosmetology, Construction Technology, Culinary Arts, Electrical Trades Technology, Graphic Arts, HVAC, Telecommunications, and Multimedia Production. There are many certification programs available, as well as courses which enable students to receive dual high school/college credit.

COLLEGE PLACEMENT

SCHOOL YEAR	NUMBER OF GRADUATES	STUDENTS ATTENDING 4 YEAR COLLEGES	STUDENTS ATTENDING 2 YEAR COLLEGES OR OTHER SCHOOLS	GRAND TOTAL
2008	438	54%	24%	78%
2007	406	60%	16%	76%
2006	430	57%	19%	76%

STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS					PSAT/NMSQT MEAN SCORES OCTOBER 2005				NATIONAL MERIT PROGRAM		
	No. of Exams	Gr 5	Gr. 4	Gr 3		Critical Reading	Math	Writing Skills	Class	Semifinalists	Commended
May 2008	214	34	53	44	Nashua High South	48.8	51.4	47.3	2009	2	4
May 2007	235	36	69	73	United States	42.7	48.5	48.8	2008	1	2
May 2006	128	15	27	24	New Hampshire	49.7	50.2	47.3	2007	3	7
May 2005	140	22	34	34	New England	48.1	48.7	46.0	2006	5	10

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GPA SCALE BEGINNING 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

Student grade point averages are calculated using a WEIGHTED and UNWEIGHTED method.

A new WEIGHTED GPA scale [shown to the right] and accompanying implementation strategy was approved for the 2008-2009 school year:

Class of	How GPA determined
2009	3 years old GPA scale, 1 year new GPA scale
2010	2 years old GPA scale, 2 years new GPA scale
2011	1 year old GPA scale, 3 years new GPA scale
2012	New GPA scale only

<http://www.nashua.edu/nhs/academics>

The UNWEIGHTED GPA is based on all courses taken at a Nashua High School using a 4.20 Scale (see Foundation Column).

To receive CLASS RANK a student must have attended a Nashua High School for at least four consecutive semesters on a full time basis. Grade point averages are calculated at the end of freshman year. Students receive a weighted as well as an un-weighted class rank and may report either when applying to college.

	Foundation	Extension	Honors	Advanced Placement
A+	4.20	4.60	5.00	5.40
A	4.00	4.40	4.80	5.20
A-	3.80	4.20	4.60	5.00
B+	3.60	4.00	4.40	4.80
B	3.40	3.80	4.20	4.60
B-	3.20	3.60	4.00	4.40
C+	3.00	3.40	3.80	4.20
C	2.80	3.20	3.60	4.00
C-	2.60	3.00	3.40	3.80
D+	2.40	2.80	3.20	3.60
D	2.20	2.60	3.00	3.40
D-	2.00	2.40	2.80	3.20
F	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

GPA SCALE THROUGH 2007-08 SCHOOL YEAR

LEVELS Nashua High School's Weighting/Leveling System is shown below. Courses in English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Computer Science and World Languages are leveled and count toward the weighted GPA. In addition, certain CTE classes allow students to contract for weighted GPA credit.

YEAR	AP	Honors	Extension	Foundation
A+ (100-98)	5.33	5.08	4.83	4.33
A (97-95)	5.00	4.75	4.50	4.00
A- (94-92)	4.66	4.41	4.16	3.66
B+ (91-89)	4.33	4.08	3.83	3.33
B (88- 86)	4.00	3.75	3.50	3.00
B- (85-83)	3.66	3.41	3.16	2.66
C+ (82-80)	3.33	3.08	2.83	2.33
C (79-77)	3.00	2.75	2.50	2.00
C- (76-74)	2.66	2.41	2.16	1.66
D+ (73-71)	2.33	2.08	1.83	1.33
D (70-68)	2.00	1.75	1.50	1.00
D- (67-65)	1.66	1.41	1.16	0.66
F (64-0)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

NOTES

- The highest attainable point average is 5.26 and is based on a student earning top grades in a combination of Honors and Advanced Placement level courses over a four year career.
- A student is allowed to report their weighted or un-weighted academic rank in the class. The un-weighted GPA is calculated using the 4.33 scale shown in the Foundation Level above and factors in ALL courses taken at Nashua High School.
- Students need to be enrolled full time for four consecutive semesters to be assigned an academic rank.

SAT MEAN SCORES

	Class of 2008			Class of 2007			Class of 2006			Class of 2005	
	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Verbal	Math
Nashua HS South	511	519	497	507	513	495	540	495	512	508	518
United States	502	515	494	502	515	494	502	494	515	508	518
New Hampshire	521	523	511	521	521	512	521	512	512	525	521

PLEASE NOTE: District policy prohibits the release of information concerning a student's discipline record. Requests should be directed to administration accompanied by a signed parent/student release of information form.