New Canaan High School

2025-26 Profile

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School
Description: Grades 9-12
Enrollment: 1,269
Accreditation: New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

Faculty
5- JD/Doctorates
124- Master's Degree or Master's +
3- Bachelor's Degrees

Community

New Canaan, with a population 20,704, is located in Fairfield County, Connecticut and is a residential suburb of New York City. The community is composed primarily of business and professional families. Our per pupil expenditure in 2023-2024 was $24,477.00. Our population is multinational, representing 38 different languages spoken in students' homes.

Graduation requirements- 25 credits total to include:

- 9.0-Humanities (English, Social Studies, VPA)
- 9.0-Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- 1.0-World Languages
- 1.5-Career & Technical Education and/or Visual & Performing Arts
  (Please see Program of Studies on our website for more information)
- 1.0-Physical Education & Wellness
- 1.0-Health & Safety Education
- 1.0- Mastery-Based Diploma Portfolio (*MBDP)
- 2.5-Five semesters in any discipline or combination of disciplines

Students must also meet Performance Standards in reading, writing, research, mathematics, science, and citizenship.
*MBDP- This is a compilation of selected artifacts and reflection that demonstrate metacognitive skills, growth and meets CT State requirements.

Grades

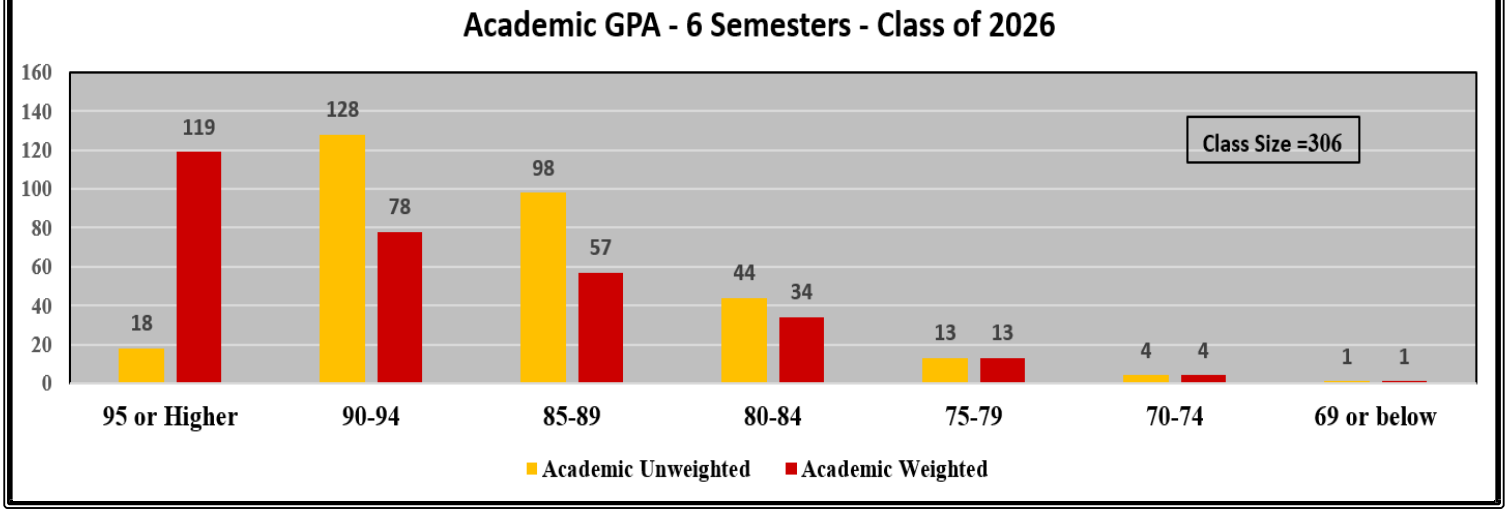
The grading scale is 50 to 100. The lowest passing grade is 60. 85 is Honors; 90 is High Honors.
Highest academic weighted GPA = 104.57

A factor of 1.075 is applied to Honors(H), High Honors (HH) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses to compute the weighted GPA.

Individual course grades on the transcript are not weighted.

For the class of 2025, 96% enrolled in four-year colleges; 1% chose two-year colleges.

New Canaan High School does not rank students.



SAT/ACT Information

(Class of 2026)

SAT Mean Scores* (291 students)

EBRW	620
Math	616
Total	1236

ACT Mean Scores* (48 students)

English	31	Reading	31
Math	30	Science	30
Composite 31			

SAT participation is required by the State of CT.

**As reported in Naviance*

Advanced Placement

Admission to Advanced Placement courses is selective. Students must be approved for enrollment based on performance in preceding courses. The only AP classes offered to sophomores are World History Modern, Computer Science and in rare occasions, Chemistry.

- 96% of New Canaan High School students taking exams in 2025 received grades of 3 or better on the AP test.
- 78% received scores of 4 or 5.

SUMMARY OF 2025 AP SCORES

AP GRADE	2D ART & DESIGN"	3D ART & DESIGN"	BIOLOGY	CALCULUS AB	CALCULUS BC	CHEMISTRY	CHINESE LANGUAGE & CULTURE	COMPARATIVE GOV & POLITICS	COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES	COMPUTER SCIENCE A	DRAWING	ENGLISH LANG. & COMP	ENGLISH LIT & COMP	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	EUROPEAN HIST	FRENCH LANGUAGE & CULTURE	ITALIAN LANG & CULTURE	MACROECONOMICS	MICROECONOMICS	MUSIC THEORY	PSYCHOLOGY	PHYSICS-1	PHYSICS C-E&M	PHYSICS C - MECH	PRECALCULUS	SPANISH LANG & CULTURE	SPANISH LIT& CULTURE	STATISTICS	US GOV & POLITICS	US HISTORY	WORLD HISTORY:MODERN	TOTAL GRADES REPORTED	PERCENTAGE OF TOTALS
5	3		18	33	41	16	1	11	15	14	3	60	36	8	3	4		13	18	2	52	10	18	16	13	8	1	26	9	58	48	558	39.4%
4	2	1	7	32	4	11	1	21	11	30	2	68	27	26	6	3	1	19	21	2	26	20	19	24	32	5	1	10	13	64	38	547	38.6%
3	1		1	6	2	3	5	23	7	19	2	25	12	15	1	5		23	22		12	4	2	10	10		1	4	13	7	5	240	16.9%
2				4	2		1	6	3			2	2	3		2		4	10		2	4		7	5				1	5	1	64	4.5%
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TOTALS	6	1	26	75	49	30	8	62	36	63	7	156	77	53	10	14	1	60	73	4	92	38	39	58	60	13	3	41	36	134	92	1417	100.0%

HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES:

ART
AP Art 2-D Art & Design
AP Art 3-D Art & Design
AP Drawing
H Advanced Filmmaking-UConn*
H Advanced Ceramics
H Advanced Digital Media
H Advanced Filmmaking 2
H Advanced Studio Art

CAREER & TECH ED
H Digital Electronics
H Engineering Design & Development
H Individual & Family Development-UConn*
H Intro to Engineering
H Principles of Engineering
H TV Broadcasting-CTSCC*

ENGLISH
AP English Language & Comp
AP English Literature & Comp
H Freshman English
H Sophomore English
H American Studies English
H Senior English Writing & Film-UConn*

HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCES
AP Comparative Government & Politics
AP European History
AP Microeconomics-UConn*
AP Macroeconomics-UConn*
AP Psychology
AP US Government and Politics
AP US History
AP World History: Modern
H American Studies History
H Cultural Anthropology-UConn*

MUSIC
AP Music Theory

WORLD LANGUAGE
AP Chinese Language & Culture
AP French Language & Culture
AP Latin
AP Spanish Language & Culture
AP Spanish Literature
H French II, III, IV and H French-UConn*
H Latin II, III, IV, and Latin V-UConn*
H Mandarin II, III and IV
H Spanish II, III, IV, Spanish-UConn*

MATHEMATICS
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP & H Statistics-UConn*
HH Algebra II
HH Precalculus
HH Multivariable Calculus
H Algebra I
H Algebra II
H Calculus
H Geometry
H Precalculus

SCIENCE
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics C-UConn*
AP Physics 1
AP Physics C E & M
H Geo-Physical Science
H Biology
H Chemistry

COMPUTER STUDIES
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles

*Denotes courses in which students are eligible to earn University of Connecticut and CT State Community College credit.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION

For a list of institutions that admitted and subsequently enrolled New Canaan High School students for the class of 2025, please visit the link below.

Matriculations https://5il.co/24xks

Notable & Newsworthy

Courses:

American Studies- optional interdisciplinary, team-taught double credit course in lieu of US History and Junior English

Project Lead the Way- a national Pre-Engineering program that gives the option to earn college credits

Jazz Lab and Madrigals Choir- full credit courses that meet regularly outside the school day

Independent Study- students pursue specialized study beyond the high school curriculum, monitored by a faculty member

Topics in Science Research- students explore areas of science not covered in the core science courses. Students learn how to locate, read, and analyze peer-reviewed literature from academic journals and present their findings to the class

Facilities: NCHS provides an array of state-of-the-art facilities of which students take full advantage such as The Dome (our versatile, high-tech planetarium), several Apple Mac labs (used for journalism, graphic design, music technology and more), a preschool, a TV studio and a library with access to 99+ databases as well as a podcast room, green screen and a Maker Space.

Athletics: 60.7% of NCHS students compete in one varsity sport, 23.1% of athletes participate in two sports and 8% participate in three sports.

2024-2025	***FALL***
Football	CIAC Class L State Champion
Girls Cross Country	CIAC Class L State Champion, 14th Place in the State Open meet
Girls Soccer	FCIAC & Class LL CIAC Champion
	WINTER
Girls Indoor Track	FCIAC Champion
Girls Ice Hockey	FCIAC Runners Up; CIAC Division 1 State Runners Up
Boys Ice Hockey	FCIAC Champions; CIAC Division 1 State Runners Up
Freshman Basketball	Undefeated 16-0
	SPRING
Girls Lacrosse	CIAC Class LL Runners Up
Girls Tennis	State Champion
Girls Golf	FCIAC Champion
Boys Tennis	State Champion Runners Up

STEM - NCHS students participate in the annual TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science) competition and have earned "Best in State" in 2023 and 2024 and 2nd place nationally in 2023.

Physics Bowl – In 2024, NCHS had 126 students participating in the Physics Bowl. They have regionally earned a top 3 position in New England 8 times (Division 2) in the last 12 years.

Model United Nations - NCHS's Model UN club has earned numerous distinctions for their work at college conferences and other gatherings and is the only public high school invited to present at The Hague.

DECA- In 2025, the club has grown to 90 students, 43 students competed at SCDC (state level), 7 earned state awards, and 2 students qualified for and competed at ICDC in Florida (international level).

Journalism - Over the last ten years, The Courant newspaper and nchscourant.com have consistently achieved Gold Medalist status in annual evaluations by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

Art - In 2024, NCHS students earned 5 Gold Keys, including one Gold Key Portfolio and a CAAA Best in Photography award in addition to 7 Silver Keys and 3 Honorable Mentions in the CT Regional Scholastics Arts & Writing Awards.

Theatre- NCHS was honored with 13 nominations in the prestigious 2025 Halo Awards, coming home with two wins: Best Costumes and Best Classical Play. **https://www.ncps-k12.org/article/2228479**