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# North Allegheny Senior

PROFILE 2021 - 2022

## 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

### Accreditation

Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools

### Population:

Community .....44,000+  
Student K-12 .....8,500+  
Class size of 2022.....698

### School Year

Two 9 week periods per semester;  
2 semesters

### Professional Staff

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

**ACT/CEEB No.:** 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.

## 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
<b>TOTAL CREDITS.....</b>	<b>24.0</b>

# Advanced Placement

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 **25** AP level courses available to our students. They are noted as AP on the student’s transcript.

# Honors Courses

North Allegheny offers **57** 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.

# 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 collegiate credit unless they choose to.

# 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.

## Weighing 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".

## New Grading Policies

### School Year 2019-2020

#### Quarter 4 Grading for 2019-2020

- Student grades for the first three quarters (Q1-Q3) were calculated using running total points.
- A form of Pass/Fail was utilized for the fourth quarter (Q4).
  - At the end of Q4, each student's grade was overridden by either 100% or 60% of the total points.
    - **PASS:** Students earning at least 61% of the points assigned in Q4 received 100% of the total points available.
    - **FAIL:** Students earning 60% or less of the points assigned in Q4 received 60% of the total points available.

#### Final Grades & Transcript Grades for 2019-2020

- **Full-Year Courses:** Points Earned Q1-Q4 / Total Points Q1-Q4
- **2nd Semester Courses:** Points Earned Q3-Q4 / Total Points Q3-Q4
- Transcripts display the letter grade associated with the full year %.

### 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

## National Merit

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.

### North Allegheny High School Statistics:

CLASS OF	COMMENDED	FINALSITS
2018	25	29
2019	31	26
2020	39	23
2021	27	14

## 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, Lifetime Activities Program, 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– 82.2%

2 year college– 10%

Undecided-4.7%

Other-3.1%



# Standardized Testing

The goal of our standardized testing program is to measure a student's abilities and progress and help the staff examine the effectiveness of the curriculum. Students consistently score above the national and state mean.

An overview of testing performed at North Allegheny includes:

- ◆ PSAT/NMSQT, ACT, SAT reasoning tests, and SAT subject tests are taken by students in grades 10-12. It is the student's responsibility to report his/her ACT, SAT reasoning test, and SAT subject test scores to colleges.



## SAT Summary

Class of 2020	Total	Evidence Based Reading	Math
North Allegheny	1233	615	618
Pennsylvania	1078	543	534
National	1051	528	523



## ACT SUMMARY

<u>Class</u>	<u>North Allegheny</u>	<u>National</u>
2018	26.6	20.8
2019	26.5	20.7
2020	26.9	20.8
2021	27.9	20.7