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North Allegheny Senior

PROFILE 2020 - 2021

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:

Community44,000+
Student K-128,500+
Class size of 2021.....635

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. **For the 2020-21 school year, students had the option of a hybrid model (attending school in person for two days, while attending virtually for three) or a full cyber model (five days a week) with the ability to move between the two models at the end of each quarter.**

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.

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
TOTAL CREDITS.....	24.0

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.

North Allegheny offers 25 AP courses in:

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| A.P. English-Language & Composition | A.P. Physics 1,2, 1 & 2, C |
| A.P. English-Literature & Composition | A.P. Music |
| A.P. United States History | A.P. Statistics |
| A.P. European History | A.P. German |
| A.P. Psychology | A.P. French |
| A.P. Economics | A.P. Spanish |
| A.P. Calculus AB & AP Calculus BC | A.P. Biology |
| A.P. Chemistry | A.P. Latin |
| A.P. US Government and Comparative Politics | A.P. Human Geography |
| A.P. Computer Science | A.P. Studio Art & AP Art History |
| | A.P. Computer Science Principles |

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.

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".

Post-Secondary Plans

4 year college– 85%

2 year college– 8%

Undecided-2%

Other-5%

On March 13, 2020, the North Allegheny School District transitioned to remote learning from home. The following provides information on the North Allegheny grading policies for the 4th quarter of the 2019-2020 school year:

Quarter 4 Grading for 2019-2020

- Student grades for the first three quarters (Q1-Q3) were calculated using running total points per current District practice.
- A form of Pass/Fail was utilized for the fourth quarter (Q4). To make this concept work with our current point system, the following calculations were used:
- Q4 assignments were graded as they typically would be throughout the quarter.
- At the end of Q4, each student’s grade was overridden by either 100% or 60% of the total points using the following criteria:
 - **PASS:** Students earning at least 61% of the points assigned in Q4 received 100% of the total points available for the quarter.
 - **FAIL:** Students earning 60% or less of the points assigned in Q4 received 60% of the total points available for the quarter.

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 %

In addition to the new grading policy, it is also important to note most North Allegheny students were unable to sit for an SAT or ACT during the spring and summer of 2020.

“The vision of the North Allegheny School District is to be a premier school district that inspires excellence in academics, athletics, arts, and activities for every student every day.”

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.





College in High School

***The following courses are ELIGIBLE for college credit if elected by the student**

Business Communications (CHS)	Computer Security (CHS)
Cyber Security and the Law (CHS)	Honors Advanced Accounting 1 (CHS)
Honors Advanced Accounting 2 (CHS)	Intro. to Information Science (CHS)
Principles of Accounting 1 (CHS)	Principles of Accounting 2 (CHS)
Webpage Design (CHS)	AP English 4: Lit & Comp (CHS)
Film Studies (CHS)	Honors Shakespeare (CHS)
Honors Journalism 11 (CHS)	Speech (CHS)
Child Development (CHS)	AP Calculus AB (CHS)
AP Calculus BC (CHS)	AP Computer Science (CHS)
AP Statistics (CHS)	Honors Calculus (CHS)
Honors Pre-Calculus with Trig (CHS)	Probability and Statistics (CHS)
AP Music (CHS)	AP Biology (CHS)
AP Chemistry (CHS)	AP Physics 1 & 2 (CHS)
AP European History (CHS)	AP Psychology (CHS)
AP United States History (CHS)	Honors American Foreign Policy: (CHS)
Honors US History (CHS)	Honors History of East Asia: (CHS)
Honors History of Euro & Russia (CHS)	Multicultural Experience (CHS)
Sociology (CHS)	AP Art History (CHS)
AP Studio Art (CHS)	Honors Art (CHS)
Photography 2 (CHS)	AP French (CHS)
AP German (CHS)	AP Latin (CHS)
AP Spanish (CHS)	Honors French IV (CHS)
Honors German IV (CHS)	Honors Latin IV (CHS)
Honors Spanish IV (CHS)	Honors French V (CHS)
Honors German V (CHS)	Honors Latin V (CHS)
Honors Spanish V (CHS)	Honors Argument (CHS)

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
2017	30	19
2018	25	29
2019	31	26
2020	39	23



SAT SUMMARY

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

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.

ACT SUMMARY

<u>Class</u>	<u>North Allegheny</u>	<u>National</u>
2017	26	21.0
2018	26.6	20.8
2019	26.5	20.7
2020	26.9	20.8