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# 2021-2022 School Profile

North Shore Country Day is a coeducational, college preparatory school of 540 students in junior kindergarten through grade 12, located in the Chicago suburb of Winnetka, IL. Since its founding in 1919, NSCD has been an exceptional environment for teaching and learning. With rigorous academic pursuit as the cornerstone, North Shore provides a wealth of opportunities for all our students to excel—in the classroom and the lab, on the stage and the playing field, and in their communities and beyond. The unique fellowship established across divisions and between faculty and students builds a strong learning environment.

Classes are small and provide a stimulating environment for learning and exchanging ideas. Teachers engage students in critical thinking and writing exercises and provide regular feedback on their work. The upper school fosters intellectual engagement, academic performance and personal growth. Students learn how to solve problems and analyze. They learn how to think for themselves and communicate effectively. Our students describe our school environment as demanding, accepting, engaging, dedicated, caring, intellectual, hardworking, athletic, artistic, compassionate and rigorous. The school is a member of and accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS).

**STUDENTS:** 540; lower school—190; middle school—135; upper school—215. Students of a variety of backgrounds come from 27 suburban communities and the City of Chicago. Students of color make up 35% of the total population.

**FACULTY:** 85; 63% with advanced degrees; 8:1 student to faculty ratio. Average class size: 14. Average teaching experience of 15 years.

FACILITIES: Set on 16 acres, North Shore's academic buildings include a state-of-the-art library featuring several types of collaborative and quiet study spaces. It is also home to the new Live and Serve Laboratory—the hub of our service-learning and community-partnership programs. A stairway, which also serves as a gathering and presentation space, connects the new library to the 20,000-square-foot Conant Science Center above. Our upper school building provides flexible and modern room arrangements including learning studios, seminar rooms, a digital media lab, commu-

nity gathering and study areas. The Arts Center and Auditorium provide 2-D and 3-D art studios, music labs, multifunction learning spaces and a 500-seat theater.

**TECHNOLOGY:** All students and faculty are part of a 1:1 iPad program that works to empower student intellectual and creative growth, and skill development through the integration of technology into their educational life.

CLASS RANK AND GPA: In accordance with its mission and policies, North Shore Country Day does not rank its students nor does it offer any internal academic distinctions or awards. Individual cumulative GPAs are provided on both the transcript and secondary school report accompanying each application. GPAs are based on a 4 point system which factors in pluses and minuses (A=4.0, A-=3.67, B+=3.33, etc.). AP course grades receive a weight of .5. Only courses taken at North Shore are included on the NSCD transcript and in each student's cumulative grade point average.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM: In order to maintain a balanced courseload, students are encouraged to take no more than two AP courses in 11th grade and three in 12th grade.

### **HUMANITIES**

## AP English Literature AP Calculus AB and Composition AP U.S. History AP Art and Design AP Drawing AP Music Theory AP U.S. Government and Politics AP Human Geography

### SCIENCE / MATH

Al Odicolos Ab
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics
AP Computer Science
Principles
AP Computer Science A
AP Chemistry
AP Biology
AP Physics I

## WORLD LANGUAGES

AP French Language
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AP Spanish Language and Culture
AP Spanish Literature and Culture
AP Chinese Language and Culture

CLASS OF 2022 JUNIOR YEAR GRADES												
	A	A-	B+	В	B-	C+	С	c-	D+	D	D-	NS
English	12	13	11	9	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
History	9	7	7	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP History	12	8	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
World Languages	23	19	5	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mathematics	20	9	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AP Mathematics	11	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Science	21	15	7	11	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
AP Science	1	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## **UPPER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

A rigorous curriculum with a broad emphasis on liberal arts prepares students well for college. Each of our courses is taught at the highest level or what would be considered the honors level at many high schools; as such there are no separate designations for honors courses on our transcript. In addition to classes in English, mathematics, science and history, we offer language instruction in Spanish, French and Mandarin Chinese. An average class size of 14 students fosters extensive classroom interaction and discussion that will serve students well as they enter college. Our long history of innovation in academic programs earned North Shore an appointment to the Independent School Consortium on Innovation.

SUBJECT	YEAR COURSES	SEMESTER COURSE	S	ADVANCED/AP COURSES			
ENGLISH Four credits required	English: Ninth Grade English: 10th Grade English: 11th Grade English: 12th Grade			AP English Literature Advanced Open Creative Writing Independent Study			
SOCIAL STUDIES Three credits required, including one year of U.S. History	World History I World History II U.S. History	African American Studies Economics Open Entreprenuership La Comparative World Religio Food: Science, Systems & S Holocaust & Human Behav Latinx Studies Gender & Women's Studies	ns Society ior	AP U.S. History AP U.S. Government & Politics AP Human Geography Advanced Open Entreprenuership Lab Independent Study			
MATHEMATICS Three credits required	Algebra I Geometry 10 Algebra II 10 Advanced Functional Analysis Pre-Calculus 10	Intro to Computer Science Intro to Computer Science		Geometry 15 Algebra II 15 Pre-Calculus 15 Calculus Advanced Open Computer Science AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Computer Science Principles AP Computer Science A AP Statistics Independent Study			
SCIENCE Three credits required, including one year each of Physics, Chemistry and Biology	Physics: Conceptual Chemistry 10 Biology 10	Essentials of Psychology I Essentials of Psychology II Chemistry of Food Essentials of Human Anato Essentials of Human Anato Food: Science, Systems & S Science & Public Policy Engineering Basics Applied Physics & Engineer Contemporary Issues in En	omy & Physiology II Society ring	Physics: Quantitative Chemistry 15 Biology 15 AP Physics I AP Chemistry AP Biology Advanced Open Research Independent Study			
WORLD LANGUAGES Three credits required	Chinese I-V French I-V Spanish I-V			AP Chinese Language & Culture AP French Language & Culture AP Spanish Language & Culture AP Spanish Literature & Culture French: Special Topics Spanish: Special Topics Independent Study			
FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS Two credits required	Chorus Instrumental Ensemble Studio Art Foundations Theater Arts Technical Theater Intro to Piano & Music Theory	Darkroom Photography Digital Design & Design Thinking Functional Clay Forms Intro to Sculptural Forms Markmaking Acting	Directing Painting Projects Art & Society Printmaking Sculptural Clay Forms Text & Time: Multi- media Sculpture	Advanced Open Studio: Theater Advanced Open Studio: Theater Technology Advanced Open Studio: Music Advanced Open Studio: Visual Art AP Art & Design AP Drawing AP Music Theory			

**ALSO REQUIRED:** THEATER—During the four years of upper school, students are required to perform onstage in at least one production and participate on or offstage in a second. **INTERIM WEEK**—Students must participate in Interim Week each year, and at least one must have a community service component. **SENIOR SERVICE**—All 12th graders must complete a two-week Senior Service project in May. **ATHLETICS/PHYSICAL EDUCATION**—All ninth graders must participate in a fall sport and all 10th and 11th graders must participate in one season of athletics. All students must also complete four credits of PE/wellness.

### **CURRICULUM FEATURES**

**DAILY SCHEDULE** The daily schedule includes four 75-minute academic blocks per day. These longer class periods allow students to practice and develop skills and strive to understand and analyze material on a deeper level. They also provide teachers with more flexibility to design a range of learning experiences. Each block meets four times in a seven-day rotation, at a different time throughout the cycle. This provides structured variety and evenly distributes class time lost to early dismissals throughout an athletic season. The schedule also includes a 45-minute block each day dedicated to community time, wellness and performing arts, which incorporates Morning Ex, advisory, community gathering, P.E., health and a performing arts time once per rotation for additional rehearsal opportunities.

INTERIM WEEK One week each year is set aside from regularly scheduled classes for students to participate in an in-depth experience of educational value outside the traditional classroom environment. Teachers seek to establish a learning experience that will challenge students to expand their horizons. Interim Week participation must be planned so that at least one of each student's four experiences is a social/community service program. Recent Interim offerings include: Nature, Writing and Solitude; The Trout Bum Experience; Oak Terrace Bilingual Tutoring; The Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright; Arabic Souqs and Service; The Actors Gymnasium; and Creative Design with a Laser Cutter.

**SENIOR SERVICE PROJECTS** The Senior Service project is an opportunity for students to apply their interests, talents and skills away from NSCD classrooms. Each senior conceives and designs their own project. Students are expected to make this opportunity one that is personal, worthwhile and representative of their total North Shore experience. It is our hope that students will learn more about serving a larger community and learn something about themselves. Students commit at least 60 hours over a two-week period.

**SERVICE LEARNING** Service is an integral part of life in the upper school, as we strive to be true to the school's motto, "Live and Serve." All students are encouraged to perform service throughout their time at NSCD in addition to the required Interim and Senior Service projects. The new Live+-Serve Laboratory in the library is the hub of our service learning and community-partnership programs. It is a creative, collaborative project space for teachers to bring their classes and for students to pursue individual passion projects, providing students with the tools to prototype ideas—such as a laser cutter and 3-D printer—and a space for multimedia production. The Live+Serve Lab also re-emphasizes the importance of project-based and service learning in our JK-12 curriculum.

#### **ADVANCED OPEN/INDEPENDENT STUDY**

Advanced Open courses and independent studies are opportunities for juniors and seniors to design and pursue investigation in an area of specific interest that goes beyond the curricular options. Advanced Open courses are available in science, computer science, music, theater and visual art. They challenge students to work with faculty mentors and peers to generate research questions, investigate them and present their own original work. Independent Study is available in every discipline and is designed to support students who have fulfilled the graduation requirements within a department. Recent topics and courses include: quorum sensing, creative writing, history and performance of musical theater, impact of SnapChat on teenagers and bee behavior.

MORNING EX Throughout the course of the year, students, faculty, alumni and visitors appear on stage to share academic work, present life experiences and give artistic performances to the three divisions of the school. Recent Morning Ex presentations include: a Susan Marshall '76 Memorial Concert performance by the Neave Trio, a cutting edge chamber ensemble; "Your Eyes are a Mirror of the World," a presentation on a faculty member's recent sabbatical; and "Belonging: In Silence and Outloud," a collaboration of students and faculty in all three school divisions.

**OFF-CAMPUS STUDY PROGRAMS** NSCD is a participating school of School Year Abroad, providing homestay programs in China, France, Italy and Spain. North Shore is also a sending school with The Mountain School, Oxbow, High Mountain Institute, School for Ethics and Global Leadership and the Island School.

ACTIVITIES/CLUBS By participating in activities of interest outside the classroom, students gain poise and confidence, as well as forge lifelong friendships. Upper school activities at NSCD include: Athletic Council, Community Service Club, Diller Street Journal, Environmental Club, GSA, Mirror (yearbook), P.I.L.L.O.W.S. (Poetry in the Literary Lives of Worldly Students), Prosody (literary magazine), Student Council, Model United Nations, SOAR (Students Organized Against Racism), Feminist Book Club and Film Club.

**ATHLETICS** Approximately 85% of the upper school students participate in at least one of the 15 sports offered in interscholastic athletic competition: baseball, basketball (M/W), cross country (M/W), field hockey, golf (M/W), soccer (M/W), tennis (M/W), track and field (M/W), and volleyball.

**PERFORMING ARTS** At NSCD, fine and performing arts are an integral part of the curriculum. Opportunities include: a capella, chorus, string ensemble, fall play, winter play, spring musical, standards cabaret and the Take 10 playwriting showcase.

### **COLLEGE ADMISSION: 2017-2021**

The following colleges and universities offered admission to the 2017-2021 graduates of North Shore Country Day. Institutions listed in bold matriculated one graduate during this time; institutions listed in bold and followed by an asterisk enrolled two or more graduates. Typically, 100% of NSCD seniors are offered admission to four-year colleges and universities.

Agnes Scott College
Albion College
Allegheny College
American University
Amherst College
Antioch College
Arizona State University (Main Campus)
Auburn University\*
Bard College
Barnard College
Bates College\*
Beloit College
Boston College

Boston University\*
Bowdoin College
Bradley University\*
Brandeis University
Brown University
Brunel University London

**Bryn Mawr College** 

Bucknell University
Butler University
California Polytechnic State

California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo) Carleton College

Carnegie Mellon University

Carthage College

Case Western Reserve University

Champlain College Chapman University City University of London Clark University Clemson University

Colby College\*
Colgate University\*
College of Charleston

Coe College

College of Lake County
College of the Atlantic
College of the Holy Cross

College of the Holy Cross
College of William and Mary\*
Colorado College\*

Colorado School of Mines Columbia College (Chicago)

**Columbia University** Concordia University (Chicago)

Connecticut College
Cornell College
Cornell University

Dalhousie University
Davidson College\*
Denison University\*
DePaul University

DePauw University

Dickinson College\*

Dillard University Dominican University Drake University

Drexel University\*
Duke University

Earlham College
Eckerd College
Elmhurst University
Elon University\*

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical

University (Daytona Beach)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical

University (Prescott)
Emerson College
Emory University
Ferris State University

Fisher College Flagler College **Fordham University** 

Franklin & Marshall College Furman University

George Washington University\*
Georgetown University\*
Georgia Institute of Technology
(Main Campus)

Gettysburg College Goldsmiths, University of London Gonzaga University Grinnell College Hamilton College Hampshire College Hampton University

Harvard University\*
Haverford College
Hellenic College

Hellenic College High Point University Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Howard University\*

Hult International Business School (Boston) Illinois College

Illinois State University\*
Illinois Wesleyan University
Indiana State University

Indiana University (Bloomington)\*

Indiana University-Purdue University (Fort Wayne) Ithaca College

Johns Hopkins University
Johnson C Smith University

Juniata College
Kenyon College\*
Knox College\*
Lafayette College
Lake Forest College\*
Lawrence University\*
Lehigh University

Lewis & Clark College\* Long Island University (Post) Loyola Marymount University Loyola University Chicago\*

Loyola University New Orleans

Macalester College

Marlboro College (Merged with Emerson College)

Marquette University\*
Maryland Institute College of Art
Massachusetts Institute of

**Technology**McDaniel College
McGill University

McMaster University

Miami University (Oxford)\*

Michigan State University

Michigan State Universit

Middlebury College\*

Millikin University

Mount Holyoke College

Muhlenberg College

New York University\*

New York University\*
North Park University
Northeastern University\*
Northern Illinois University
Northern Michigan University

Northwestern University\*
Oberlin College
Occidental College\*

**Ohio Wesleyan University** Oklahoma State University (Main

Campus) Pace University (New York City) Pennsylvania State University

(Main Campus)
Pitzer College
Princeton University
Providence College

Purdue University (Main Campus)

Queen's University

Quincy University Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Rhode Island School of Design

Rhodes College Rice University

Ripon College Rockford University Rollins College Roosevelt University

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology\*

Royal Conservatoire of Scotland **Saint Louis University\*** San Diego State University

Santa Clara University\*
Sarah Lawrence College

Sarah Lawrence College Savannah College of Art and Design

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Scripps College Seattle University **Skidmore College\*** 

Southern Illinois University (Carbondale)

Southern Methodist University\* St. John's College (Annapolis)

St. Lawrence University
St. Olaf College
Stanford University

Suffolk University
Syracuse University

Temple University
Texas Christian University
The College of Wooster

The Evergreen State College
The New School

The Ohio State University (Main Campus)

The University of Alabama
The University of Edinburgh

The University of Tampa
The University of Tennessee
(Knoxville)

The University of Texas at Austin Trinity College

Trinity College Dublin
Tufts University\*

Tulane University of Louisiana\* Union College\*

University of Arizona
University of California

(Berkeley)
University of California (Davis)
University of California (Los

Angeles) University of California (Santa Barbara)

University of California (Santa Cruz)

University of Chicago\* University of Colorado Boulder\*

University of Connecticut University of Dayton University of Delaware

University of Denver\*
University of Glasgow
University of Houston

University of Illinois at Chicago University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign\*

University of Iowa\*

University of Kansas University of Kentucky University of Louisville

University of Maryland (College Park)

University of Massachusetts (Amherst)

University of Massachusetts (Boston)

University of Miami\*
University of Michigan\*

University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)

University of Mississippi University of Missouri (Columbia)

University of Notre Dame\*

University of Oregon
University of Pennsylvania\*

University of Pittsburgh (Main Campus)

University of Puget Sound University of Redlands

University of Richmond University of Rochester University of Roehampton

University of San Diego
University of San Francisco

University of San Francisco University of South Carolina

University of Southern California\*

University of St Andrews

University of St Francis University of Surrey University of Toronto University of Utah

University of Vermont University of Virginia (Main Campus)

University of Washington (Seattle Campus)

University of Wisconsin (Madison)\* Valparaiso University

Vanderbilt University\*
Vassar College

Villanova University

Wake Forest University\*
Washington and Lee University
Washington University in St
Louis\*

Wesleyan University

Wheaton College
Whitman College
Whittier College
Wichita State University
Willamette University
Williams College\*
Woodbury University
Xavier University

**Yale University**