New Canaan High School

2026–27 SCHOOL PROFILE

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SCHOOL

Description: Grades 9–12
Enrollment: 1,257
Accreditation: New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

FACULTY

5 – JD/Doctorates
126 – Master's Degree or Master's +
3 – Bachelor's Degrees

COMMUNITY

New Canaan, with a population of 20,870, 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 2024-2025 was $27,869. Our population is multinational, representing 38 different languages spoken in students' homes.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

25 CREDITS TOTAL

- 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
- 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

Please see the Program of Studies on our website for more information. 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

GRADING SCALE	LOWEST PASSING GRADE	HONORS / HIGH HONORS	HIGHEST WEIGHTED GPA
50–100	60	85 / 90	104.54

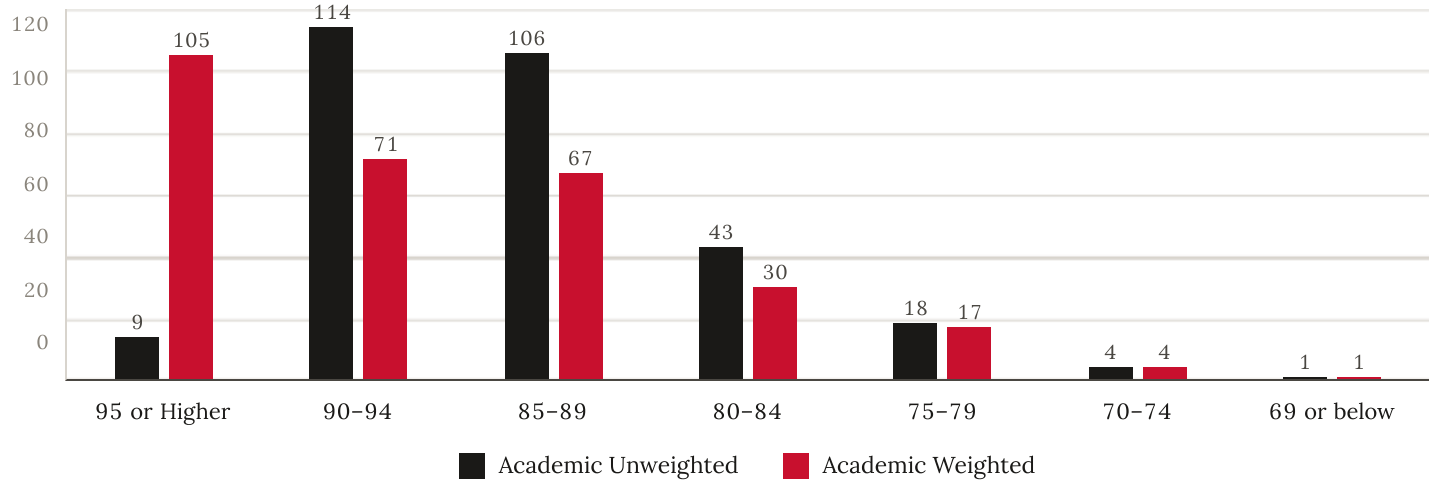
A factor of 1.075 is applied to Honors (H), High Honors (HH) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses to compute the weighted GPA. Individual course grades on the transcript are not weighted.

For the class of 2026, 97% enrolled in four-year colleges; 1% chose two-year colleges.
*New Canaan High School does not rank students.

Academic Performance

ACADEMIC GPA — 6 SEMESTERS — CLASS OF 2027

CLASS SIZE = 297



SAT / ACT INFORMATION — CLASS OF 2026

SAT MEAN SCORES* (287 students)		
EBRW	Math	Total
626	623	1249

ACT MEAN SCORES* (60 students)				
English	Reading	Math	Science	Composite
32	31	30	31	31

SAT participation is required by the State of CT. *As reported in Naviance

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Admission to Advanced Placement (AP) courses is selective. Students must meet enrollment requirements based on their performance in prerequisite courses. For sophomores, AP course offerings are strictly limited to AP World History: Modern and AP Computer Science (or AP Chemistry in rare circumstances).

95.2% of students taking exams in 2026 received grades of 3 or better

79.2% received scores of 4 or 5

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATION

For a list of institutions that admitted and subsequently enrolled New Canaan High School students for the class of 2026, please visit NCHS College Matriculation

Summary of 2026 AP Scores

1,354 Exam grades reported

38.0% Scores of 5

41.2% Scores of 4

16.0% Scores of 3

95.2% Scores of 3 or better

EXAM	5	4	3	2	1	All
2D Art & Design	1	3	2	–	–	**6**
3D Art & Design	1	–	1	–	–	**2**
Biology	21	9	2	1	–	**33**
Calculus AB	32	19	3	4	–	**58**
Calculus BC	20	2	2	1	–	**25**
Chemistry	19	15	1	1	–	**36**
Chinese Lang. & Culture	4	–	1	–	1	**6**
Comparative Gov. & Politics	1	6	14	10	1	**32**
Computer Science A	6	7	7	1	–	**21**
Computer Science Principles	17	30	27	5	1	**80**
Drawing	–	5	2	–	–	**7**
English Language & Comp.	60	64	34	3	–	**161**
English Literature & Comp.	25	31	12	1	–	**69**
Environmental Science	15	31	8	–	2	**56**
European History	4	3	3	–	1	**11**

EXAM	5	4	3	2	1	All
French Lang. & Culture	2	5	7	–	–	**14**
German Lang. & Culture	1	–	–	–	–	**1**
Macroeconomics	18	23	15	3	–	**59**
Microeconomics	22	27	11	9	1	**70**
Music Theory	–	2	1	–	1	**4**
Physics 1	40	30	10	–	–	**80**
Physics C: E & M	9	7	6	6	–	**28**
Physics C: Mechanics	15	13	4	1	–	**33**
Precalculus	4	25	8	2	–	**39**
Psychology	32	39	6	2	–	**79**
Spanish Lang. & Culture	7	8	1	–	–	**16**
Statistics	17	21	4	1	–	**43**
U.S. Gov. & Politics	12	13	7	2	–	**34**
U.S. History	44	73	12	2	1	**132**
World History: Modern	65	47	6	1	–	**119**

	5	4	3	2	1	All
ALL EXAMS	**514**	**558**	**217**	**56**	**9**	**1354**
SHARE OF TOTALS	38.0%	41.2%	16.0%	4.1%	0.7%	100%

79.2% of exams earned a score of 4 or 5. Admission to AP courses is selective; sophomore offerings are limited to AP World History: Modern and AP Computer Science.

Honors and Advanced Placement Courses

English

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

Mathematics

AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Statistics–UConn*
H Algebra I
H Algebra II
H Calculus
H Geometry
H Precalculus
HH Algebra II
HH Multivariable Calculus
HH Precalculus

Science

AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics 1
AP Physics C E & M
AP Physics C–UConn*
H Biology
H Chemistry
H Geo-Physical Science
H Human Anatomy and Physiology–CSCC*
H Physics Science

History & Social Sciences

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

World Language

AP Chinese Language & Culture
AP French Language & Culture
AP Spanish Language & Culture
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*

Career & Tech Ed

AP Business with Personal Finance
H Intro to Engineering Design
H Civil Engineering & Architecture
H Digital Electronics
H Individual & Family Development–UConn*
H Journalism & Digital Media III & IV
H TV Broadcasting II–CSCC*
H TV Broadcasting III & IV
H Yearbook Design III & IV

Art

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

Music

AP Music Theory
H Band
H Bella Voce Treble Ensemble
H Chamber Music Lab
H Concert Choir
H Jazz Band
H Madrigal Ensemble
H Orchestra
H Wind Ensemble

Computer Science

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.

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

Senior Internship Program (SIP) — a senior capstone experience to explore career interests, develop professional skills, build connections and gain real-world experience that shapes future academic and career paths. More than 300 internships are offered each year through partnerships with businesses across New Canaan and Fairfield County.

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.

ATHLETICS

60.7% of NCHS students compete in one varsity sport, 20.1% of athletes participate in two sports and 3.4% participate in three sports.

2025–2026 CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

FALL	
Football	FCIAC Champion; CIAC Class L State Champion
Girls Cross Country	FCIAC Champion; CIAC Class L State Champion
WINTER	
Girls Ice Hockey	FCIAC Runners Up
Boys Ice Hockey	FCIAC Champions; CIAC Division 1 Champion
SPRING	
Girls Lacrosse	FCIAC Runners Up; CIAC Class LL Runners Up
Boys Lacrosse	FCIAC Runners Up; CIAC Class LL Runners Up
Girls Golf	FCIAC Champion
Boys Tennis	FCIAC Runners Up; CIAC Class L Champion
Boys Volleyball	FCIAC Champions; CIAC Class M Champion

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, an engineering lab equipped with a Bambu H2C multi-color 3D printer, X-Tool F1 Ultra and P2S laser engravers and an Omax Proto-Max waterjet, and a library with access to 99+ databases as well as a podcast room, green screen and a Maker Space.

ADDITIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Art — In 2025, 13 NCHS students earned 7 Gold Keys, including one Gold Key recipient who advanced to win a National Silver Medal in Experimental Photography. Students also earned 6 Silver Keys and 1 Honorable Mention in the CT Regional Scholastic Arts & Writing Awards.

Music — New Canaan Public Schools was named a District Award Winner in The NAMM Foundation's 2026 Best Communities for Music Education. More than 30 students have participated in CMEA Music Festivals, including Regionals and All-State, and the department travels as part of its learning — most recently to Nashville, TN and Boston, MA.

Theatre — NCHS Theatre brought home multiple top honors at the 2026 Halo Awards, including Best Overall Contemporary Musical for *Legally Blonde*, along with awards for Best Hair and Makeup Design and Best Specialty Ensemble. (NCPS, 2026)

STEM — NCHS students participate in the annual TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science) competition and routinely score as a top team in the state, taking home many state titles in recent years.

Physics Bowl — NCHS routinely has over 100 students participate 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 — Last year, 46 students competed at the state conference, 12 placed at the state event, and 9 qualified for nationals.

FCCLA — In 2025 the chapter had 42 active members, with one student serving as President of the Connecticut State FCCLA Leadership Board. Of the 18 students who competed at the State STAR Competitions, 11 earned gold medals and one earned silver.

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.