NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY HIGH SCHOOL

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2026-2027 School Profile

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MISSION

The New Hope-Solebury School District takes pride in its commitment to excellence. We strive to inspire and empower our students to become passionate, confident, life-long learners with the skills and strength of character to contribute to a diverse and ever-changing world.

COMMUNITY

New Hope-Solebury High School is a 4-year public high school enrolling approximately 452 students annually in grades 9 through 12. The district draws students from Solebury Township and the Borough of New Hope, located in historic Bucks County. The combined population of these two communities is approximately 10,000 persons. The high school environment is marked by strong interpersonal relationships at every level.

CURRICULUM

- The academic program is comprehensive and offers advanced courses in many subject areas. In the '23-'24 school year, NHSD transitioned to a block schedule in which students have four 80 minute class periods each day on a rotating A/B schedule. Please see the chart on the following page for our weighted 4.0 grading scale.

DISTINCTIONS

Districtwide Recognition

- Named an AASA Learning 2025 Lighthouse System, one of only six districts nationwide.
- Among the first in Pennsylvania recognized as a Great Pennsylvania School by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association.
- Became a Duke of Edinburgh Award Partner School in 2026

Arts and Music

- Honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for 12 consecutive years.

Academics and STEM

- #4 in Pennsylvania and #308 nationally in the *U.S. News & World Report 2025–2026 Best High Schools Rankings*. Also ranked in the top 16% of STEM high schools nationwide.
- Achieved Gold Status on the College Board's Advanced Placement Honor Roll.
- Earned an A+ rating on Niche and noted in Philadelphia Magazine as a Top Public High School in the Pennsylvania Suburbs.

Athletics

- Received both the PIAA Sportsmanship Award and the SOL Freedom Division Sportsmanship Award.

HONORS

We offer courses in English, Mathematics, Science, Spanish, and French for students meeting eligibility criteria. This criterion includes a final grade of 92 in a non-honors course or an 83 in an honors course. All honors courses require development and consistent application of critical thinking skills.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

The following Advanced Placement courses are offered:

- Biology
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Computer Science A
- Economics
- English Composition
- English Literature
- Environmental Science
- European History
- Seminar (began '23-'24)
- French Language and Culture
- Music Theory
- Physics C
- Spanish Language & Culture
- Statistics
- Studio Art
- U.S. Government & Politics
- U.S. History
- Psychology
- Research (began '24-'25)

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MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The New Hope-Solebury School District offers an array of career, technical and pre-professional courses at the Middle Bucks campus. Located 15 minutes from the high school, this career development and technology center offers a half-day, credited program for high school students in grades 10-12.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

New-Hope Solebury High School requires 26 credits for graduation, as outlined below:

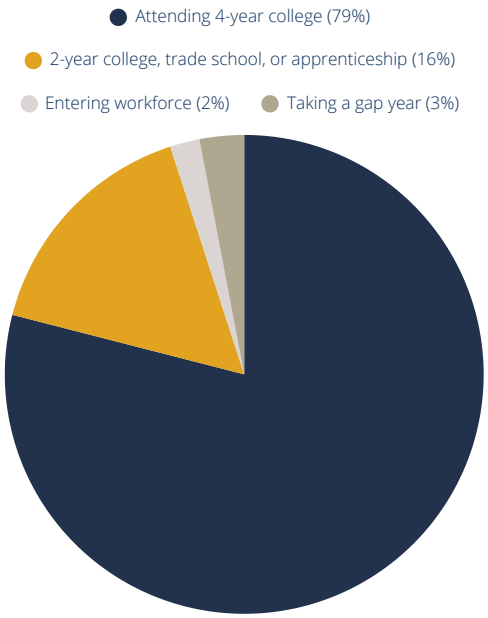
English	**4.0 credits**
Social Studies	4.0 credits
Mathematics	3.0 credits
Science	3.0 credits
Health/P.E.	2.0 credits
Electives	9.0 credits
College & Career Preparation	.5 credits
APEX Senior Project	.5 credits
Total	**26 credits**

Class of 2026 Cumulative GPA Distribution

New Hope-Solebury High School does not provide class rank.

75th percentile:	4.275
50th percentile	3.832
25th percentile	3.117

Class of 2026 Post-Secondary Plans



APEX PROJECT & RISE JOB SHADOW

All 12th grade students participate in an Active Personal Educational eXperience (APEX) project, in which they complete a 60-hour internship in the field of their choice with the support of an experienced facilitator. Upon completion, students present their reflections to our school's underclassmen. In addition, students may apply to participate in RISE, a 20-hour job shadow, after their junior year for credit.

PROFILE OF A GRADUATE

The Profile of a Graduate identifies the critical skills which we hope to foster in our students beyond the scope of their curricular learning. The ten components of our Profile are Civically minded/Globally responsible, Collaborative, Communicative, Confident, Creative, Critical Thinker, Inquisitive, Ethical, Resilient, and Socially/Emotionally Intelligent.

GRADING

Grades are issued on a 100-point scale ; the passing grade is 65. Students may qualify for two levels of Honor Roll:

- Honor Roll requires an average of 88, with no grade lower than 83.
- High Honors requires an average of 95, with no grade lower than 93.

GPA is calculated twice yearly; all completed courses with a final grade are included in this calculation.

WEIGHTING SCALE

		Academic Scale	**Honors Scale**	**AP Scale**
A	93-100	4	4.5	5
A-	90-92	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	3.8	4.3
B	83-86	3	3.5	4
B-	80-82	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	2.8	3.3
C	73-76	2	2.5	3
C-	70-72	1.7	2.2	2.7
D	65-69	1.3	1.8	2.3

MEAN SCORES:

	NHSD	**STATE**
ACT COMPOSITE	24.8	24.3
SAT ERW	618	559
SAT MATH	619	543
SAT COMPOSITE	1237	1102

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CLASS OF 2026 NHSD COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENTS INCLUDE:

- Bucks County Community College
- Cairn University
- Columbia University/Trinity College Dublin Dual Degree Program
- Commonwealth University of PA
- Community College of Philadelphia
- Cornell University
- Delaware Valley University
- Drexel University
- Duke Kunshan University
- Franklin & Marshall College
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Gettysburg College
- Gwynedd Mercy University
- Indiana University-Bloomington
- Ithaca College
- Kutztown University
- Liberty University
- Millersville University
- Muhlenberg College
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- The Pennsylvania State University
- Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Rice University
- Rider University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Saint Joseph's University
- Santa Fe College
- Savannah College of Art & Design
- Temple University
- The University of Tampa
- University of Texas - San Antonio
- Tulane University
- United States Military Academy West Point
- University of Colorado Boulder
- University of Dayton
- University of Delaware
- University of Georgia
- University of Maryland
- University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Scranton
- The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- University of Toronto
- University of Vermont
- University of Virginia
- University of Wisconsin - Madison
- Virginia Tech
- West Chester University