



NORTH  
YARMOUTH  
ACADEMY

# SCHOOL PROFILE 2011-2012



**BRAD CHOYT**

Head of School

**KATHERINE THOMAS**

Director of College Counseling

College Counseling Office

phone: 207.847.5445

fax: 207.846.8829 kthomas@nya.org

CEEB Code: 201140

## THE SCHOOL

North Yarmouth Academy, founded in 1814, is an *independent, co-educational college preparatory day school serving students in the Greater Portland area in grades 5-12 with an enrollment of 265* and a faculty of 40. The Academy offers a structured program; students normally take five year-long academic courses each year and also participate in athletics, or an approved alternative, during each of the three seasons. Students are also encouraged to take part in one or more extracurricular activities. The Academy is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges and holds a Certificate of Approval from the state of Maine. Memberships include the National Association of Independent Schools, the Independent School Association of Northern New England, and the Maine Association of Independent Schools.

## ACADEMIC SCHEDULE AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

*NYA operates on a trimester schedule.* Full credit courses meet 200 minutes per week. Nineteen credits are required for graduation, including 4 in English, 3 in mathematics, 2 in foreign language, 3 in history, 3 in laboratory science, and 1 in the arts. Seniors must also complete a social service requirement and a senior speech.

*All courses are taught at the college preparatory level. Although NYA offers 16 Advanced Placement courses, **THE GREATEST NUMBER STUDENTS TAKE IN THEIR HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS RARELY EXCEEDS 7.** Entrance into all AP Courses occurs based on departmental recommendation and an AP 'prompt.' Students carry five academic courses plus electives and must seek permission to take more than 3 AP courses in any one year. Permission is granted in exceptional cases.*

## NYA CURRICULUM

### English

**AP English Literature** (12)

English IV (12)

**AP English Language** (11)

English III (11)

English II (10)

English I (9)

### History

**AP Art History** (12)

History Electives (11,12)

- Contemporary Issues

- 20th Century Power

& Oppression

- Origins of Today's World

**AP US History** (11)

US History (11)

**AP European History** 10

Modern World History (10)

Great Questions:World History (9)

### Math

**AP Calculus AB** (11,12)

**AP Statistics** (11,12)

Pre-Calculus AB (11,12)

Pre-Calculus (11,12)

Probability/Statistics (12)

Algebra II (11)

Geometry (10)

Algebra I (9)

### Science

Advanced Physics (12)

**AP Environmental Science** (12)

Environmental Science (12)

Genetics, Oncology

and Forensics (12)

**AP Chemistry** (11)

Advanced

Chemistry (11)

Chemistry (11)

**AP Biology** (12)

Biology (10)

Physics (9)

### Modern & Classical Languages

Latin: Levels 1-3 and

**AP Latin Vergil**

**Advanced Latin Literature**

French: Levels 1-4 and

**AP French Language**

Spanish: Levels 1-4 and

**AP Spanish Language**

### Visual & Performing Arts

**AP Art History**

**AP Studio Art**

**AP Music Theory**

Design I, II, III and

Advanced Design

Drawing I, II, III and

Advanced Drawing

Painting I, II, III

Photography I, II, III and

Advanced Photography

Chorus, Wind Ensemble,

Jazz Band and Steel Band

## NORTH YARMOUTH ACADEMY MISSION STATEMENT

North Yarmouth Academy is an independent, college preparatory, coeducational day school serving students in grades five through twelve. The school offers a structured program that sets clear standards and high expectations in an environment that emphasizes values of mutual respect, trust and community. North Yarmouth Academy is dedicated to fostering integrity, character and intellect in young adults.

Our program encourages students to develop:

Problem-solving skills based on sound analytical and creative thought; sophistication in writing, speaking and artistic expression; appreciation for the importance of athletic activity, teamwork and cooperation; self-confidence and self-respect through a breadth of experiences that extend beyond the classroom; concern for the larger community and an appreciation for the natural environment; and desire to continue the process of lifelong learning.

### CLASS OF 2011 POPULATION

52 students - 23 girls, 29 boys  
There are six international students.

In 2011, 85 students took 146 AP Exams in 15 subjects;  
82% scored 3 or higher; 56% scored 4 or 5.

In 2011, NYA had 27 AP Scholars:  
10 AP Scholars, 6 AP Scholars with Honor, 11 AP Scholars  
with Distinction, and 1 National AP Scholar

### CLASS OF 2012 G.P.A. DISTRIBUTION SEPTEMBER 2008 to JUNE 2011

3.7 to 4.0 (or higher)	27%
3.3 to 3.68	31%
3.0 to 3.27	18%
2.52 to 2.94	11%
1.3 to 2.4	13%

### GRADING SYSTEM

(North Yarmouth Academy does not rank its students)

A	90 – 100
B	80 – 89
C	70 – 79
D	60 – 69
F	59 and below

Each North Yarmouth Academy GPA is weighted, calculated on a 4.0 scale and includes all courses taken. 0.3 is added for each AP course & Advanced Latin Literature and 0.3 is added for each grade of an A+.

### CLASS OF 2012 TEST SCORES

The middle 50% of the class scored in the following ranges:

#### SAT Reasoning Test (Spring 2011\*)

SAT Critical Reading:	510 - 670
SAT Math:	520 - 650
SAT Writing:	500 - 660

\*scores include non-native English speakers

#### ACT College Entrance Exam (Spring 2011)

English:	22 - 29	Math:	22 - 28
Reading:	21 - 32	Science:	21 - 26
<b>Composite:</b>	<b>21 - 28</b>		

### AFTER NYA

**Virtually 100 percent of our graduates go on immediately to a four-year college or university.**

Some of the colleges that accepted 2011 grads: Barnard, Bates, Beloit, Clemson, Colorado College, Connecticut College, Denison, Drexel, Eckerd, Elon, Franklin & Marshall, Georgetown, Hampshire, Kalamazoo, Lawrence, Macalester, Merrimack, Middlebury, NYU, Penn State, Reed, RPI, Rollins, Sarah Lawrence, Skidmore, St. Olaf, Stonehill, Tufts, University of Colorado-Boulder, University of Notre Dame, Warren Wilson, Washington University-St. Louis, Wheelock, Williams, Boston University, Champlain, Emmanuel, Franklin Pierce, Hamilton, Oberlin, Quinnipiac, University of Maine – Orono, University of Puget Sound, Wheaton, WPI

### MORE ABOUT NYA

➤ NYA believes that valuable life lessons are learned through team sports: dedication, hard work, establishing and reaching personal and team goals, celebrating victory and accepting defeat with equal grace. All NYA students in grades 6-12 participate in team sports or approved performing arts alternatives 3 seasons per year.

➤ NYA develops each student's sense of accountability, responsibility, and citizenship through ongoing campus jobs and community service. During the 2010-2011 school year, NYA students gave more than 4,500 hours to community service, assisting more than 55 community and civic organizations in the Greater Portland, Maine area.