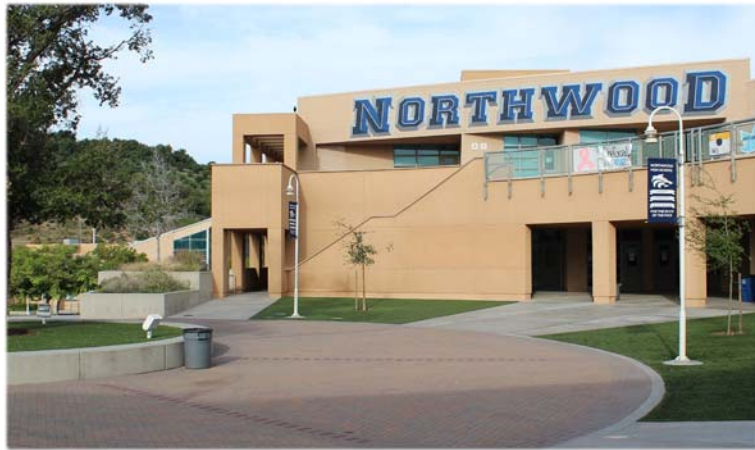


# Northwood High School

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Northwood High School (NHS) is one of five comprehensive high schools in Irvine, CA. Located in the upper-middle class suburban neighborhood of Northwood, NHS is a WASC accredited, California Distinguished School and US Department of Education Blue Ribbon School. NHS currently serves over 2,150 students in grades 9 through 12. NHS addresses a range of needs, from the gifted to the developmentally impaired, with a student-centered focus. While our profile touts the skills and abilities of our university bound students, we take great pride in our entire community of NHS learners whose talents, though varied, are limitless.



## Administration

### Principal

Leslie Roach

### Assistant Principals

Eric Keith

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## Counseling Staff

### Counselors

Jessica Calbreath

Amanda Feest

Mi Jin Kim

Sam Lane

Allison Singer

### College and Career Center

Kathi Smith

### Registrar

Peggy Loveless

## SCHEDULING

NHS operates on an alternating block schedule where courses meet for 90 minutes every other day.

Semester classes are 18 weeks and yearlong classes are 36 weeks. Students are limited to 6 classes per semester with the exception of those students participating in Performing Arts, Athletics, Leadership, MUN, Newspaper, Speech and Debate, or Yearbook.

## CORE CURRICULUM

Students in grades 9 and 10 are expected to complete a curricular core including Humanities: World Literature and World History (grade 9), Humanities: American Literature and US History (grade 10), Mathematics, Integrated Science 1 (grade 9) and Integrated Science 2 (grade 10), and either a World Language or a Visual and Performing Arts course. In addition, freshmen must complete two semesters of physical education.

## FORENSICS CORE

The Forensics Core is a distinct, yearlong cross-curricular honors program that sets out to investigate criminal behavior through scientific, psychological, and philosophical lenses. This inquiry-based program consists of three courses: Forensic Science, Forensic Psychology, and Critical Theory and Literature and immerses students in a transdisciplinary experience devoted to developing a well-rounded understanding of human behavior.

## RANKING

The Irvine Unified School District prohibits the numerical ranking of students. NHS will provide percentile range rankings when requested by universities and scholarship organizations.

### Highest Grade Point Average (GPA):

Class of 2017...4.51

Class of 2018...4.51

## GRADING SCALE

Students are awarded 5 credits for a passing grade in each semester course. The minimum passing grade for each course is a D-.

Grade points are awarded as follows: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0  
Weighted grade points are awarded as follows: A=5, B=4, C=3, D= 1, F=0

## COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Over 81% of graduating seniors will complete a minimum college preparatory course of studies. In addition, over 75% of NHS graduates will complete an additional year of advanced mathematics, laboratory science, and world language.

### HONORS AND ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

NHS offers a rich array of Honors courses in the 9th and 10th grades leading to weighted Honors and Advanced Placement opportunities primarily in grades 11 and 12. Teacher recommendations are required for Honors and AP course placement.

#### Honors

Honors World Literature, Honors American Literature, Honors European Literature\*, H Theory and Literature\*, Honors World History, Honors United States History, Honors Political Economy, Honors Integrated Science 1, Honors Integrated Science 2, H Forensic Science\*, Enhanced Math 2, Enhanced Math 3\*, Honors Pre-Calculus\*, Honors Spanish 4\*, Honors French 4\*, H Forensic Science\*

#### Advanced Placement

AP English Literature\*, AP US History\*, AP World History\*, AP American Government\*, AP Art History\*, AP Music Theory\*, AP Statistics\*, AP Biology\*, AP Chemistry\*, AP Physics 1\*, AP Environmental Science\*, AP Spanish Language\*, AP Computer Science\*, AP Studio Art: Drawing\*, AP Studio Art: 2D Design\*

\*Denotes courses receiving a weighted grade point and are noted on the transcript with a "+" preceding the course title

### CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT

NHS is centrally located between UC Irvine and multiple community colleges. Some students augment their course loads with transferable college level courses. We believe that concurrent college course work expands and enriches a college-bound student's opportunity to explore areas of personal interest. In addition, under a new agreement with Chapman University students can complete Math 110 (Single Variable Calculus I) and Math 111 (Single Variable Calculus II) on the NHS campus while earning units at Chapman University. Prior to the 2017-18 school year, NHS partnered with CSU Fullerton and students could complete Math 150 A and 150 B: Analytic Geometry and Calculus. As with any concurrent coursework, students are advised to list courses on their application and forward an official college transcript.

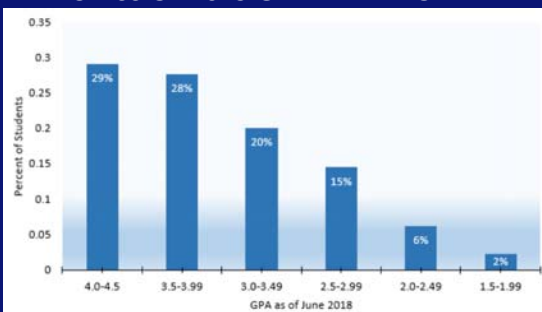
### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT DATA

#### GRADUATION DATA

72% of our 2018 graduates chose to attend a four-year university, while 26% elected to attend community colleges or technical schools.

The Class of 2018 had a 99.9% graduation rate with 607 students meeting graduation requirements.

#### CLASS OF 2019 GPA BREAKDOWN



#### SAT 2017-2018

Reading/Writing 643  
Math 690  
**Total 1334**

#### ACT 2016-2017

English 28.3  
Math 28.7  
Reading 27.6  
Science 26.8  
**Total 28.0**

#### NATIONAL MERIT

Commended Scholars - Class of 2019 114  
Semi-Finalists - Class of 2019 29  
Finalists - Class of 2018 26

#### AP EXAMS – MAY 2018

Exam	# Taken	# Passed	% Passed
<b>All Exams</b>	<b>1455</b>	<b>1314</b>	<b>90%</b>
Art History	50	45	90%
Music Theory	22	22	100%
Studio Art: 2-D Design	22	22	100%
Studio Art: Drawing	13	13	100%
English Language & Composition	5	5	100%
English Literature & Composition	107	103	96%
Human Geography	1	1	100%
Macroeconomics	6	4	67%
Microeconomics	6	4	67%
Psychology	8	6	75%
United States Government & Politics	114	98	86%
United States History	72	69	96%
World History	107	104	97%
Calculus AB	8	8	100%
Calculus BC	72	64	89%
Computer Science A	91	79	87%
Statistics	155	130	84%
Biology	71	69	97%
Chemistry	152	135	89%
Environmental Science	114	99	87%
Physics 1	147	121	82%
Physics 2	6	6	100%
Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism	1	1	100%
Physics C: Mechanics	7	7	100%
Chinese Language & Culture	48	48	100%
Japanese Language & Culture	1	1	100%
Spanish Language & Culture	47	47	100%