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School Profile 2019-2020

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Our District

Northridge Local School District covers 137 square miles in Licking County in east central Ohio and serves the villages of Alexandria (pop. 518), Homer (1,252), and Hartford (400). The district is identified as having a "small town typology," defined as "*low student poverty and small student population.*" Average income for households in the district (per 2018 Cupp Report) is \$62,280. Approximately 28% of students participate in the free/reduced lunch program. Licking County's largest employers include the county hospital, Park National Bank, State Farm Insurance, and Denison University. Many Northridge parents commute to nearby Columbus (pop. ~860,000) or Newark (pop. ~50,000) for work. The district mission is "to empower all students to reach their fullest potential."

Our School

Northridge High School is an NCA-accredited public school serving grades 9-12; current enrollment is 396 students with 104 students in the Class of 2020. In 2019, the *Columbus Dispatch* ranked central Ohio public high schools using data from the state report card, and Northridge was ranked 8th of 33 area public high schools—2nd among the 10 Licking County high schools. Approximately 5% of Northridge students identify as Hispanic, Black/African-American, or multi-racial; 95% identify as Caucasian. Students experience diversity through organizations (e.g. scouts; leadership and youth groups; community service/missions; 4-H and other clubs) that partner and/or connect with others in the greater Columbus metropolitan area. The Northridge Academic Boosters volunteer support and supervision for academic endeavors such as Ohio Model United Nations, Mock Trial, and Quiz Bowl, to name a few. Northridge High School is located within 50 miles of 24 public or private colleges/universities, which afford students many additional educational opportunities, including a vast array of dual credit courses under Ohio's College Credit Plus program.

Curriculum

Northridge High School offers a challenging and comprehensive curriculum taught by 26 certified teachers, most holding a master's degree or higher. Six adjunct instructors teach college courses at the high school; three of those adjuncts are Northridge faculty.

Of the 104 seniors in the Class of 2020, 17 students attend full-time programs at a career/vocational training center. Of the 87 remaining seniors, 61 are enrolled in dual credit college courses. Six attend college full-time on campus at OSU-Newark, Central Ohio Technical College, Columbus State Community College, or Mt. Vernon Nazarene University, and 55 seniors have a "blended" schedule of college and high school courses.

Northridge High School Diploma requirements include 21 credits, as follows:

- 4 English
- 4 Math (through Algebra 2)
- 3 Science (including physical and life sciences)
- 3 Social Studies
 - (including US History and US Government)
- ½ Health
- ½ Physical Education
- ½ Digital Literacy
- 5½ Electives (including financial literacy and fine arts)
- Additionally, Ohio students are required to earn a minimum of 18 total points on seven end-of-course assessments in Algebra 1, Geometry, English/Language Arts 1 & 2, Biology, US History, and US Government. Tests are each scored 1-5 with 3 being considered "proficient."

Northridge’s English department offers college writing, communication, and literature courses to students at their earliest point of readiness. The Social Studies department features college level US History, Psychology, and Sociology courses, along with Advanced World History. The Math department provides Calculus instruction for high-achieving students, as well as College Algebra. Top science courses include Honors Biology, Chemistry II, Advanced Biology, and Anatomy & Physiology. Spanish is offered from beginning level through Spanish IV, and Chinese (I-III) is taught by a native speaker/teacher hosted locally through an exchange program with China. Northridge’s Music department has both curricular and co-curricular options, including instrumental, voice, and theatrical performances and competitions. The Northridge Art department regularly sends students on to reputable post-secondary studio art programs. Students can earn dual credit and industry credentials through an on-site Computer Information Systems program. Northridge’s rural location ensures the popularity of animal and food science courses offered by the Agricultural Education department.

Grade	%	Unwtd	Wtd*
A+	97-100	4.0	5.0
A	93-96	4.0	5.0
A-	90-92	3.66	4.66
B+	87-89	3.33	4.33
B	83-86	3.0	4.0
B-	80-82	2.66	3.66
C+	77-79	2.33	3.33
C	73-76	2.0	3.0
C-	70-72	1.66	2.66
D+	67-69	1.33	1.33
D	63-66	1.0	1.0
D-	60-62	.66	.66
F	0-59	0	0

Grading/Ranking Procedures

Student transcripts indicate both weighted and unweighted GPA on a 4.0 scale. Northridge course grades are valued as indicated in the table at the top right of this page. Class rank is cumulative and is computed at the end of each semester.

Performance Data

The top 10 students of the Class of 2020 have an average ACT composite score of 25.5. Eighteen students have a weighted GPA in excess of 4.0.

Honors (weighted) courses include:

- All college courses in the subjects of English, math, science, history, foreign language, social & behavioral science, classics
- Honors Biology; Advanced Biology; Anatomy & Physiology; Chemistry II
- Calculus 1; Honors Geometry
- Spanish IV
- Honors US History; Advanced World History

Ohio’s College Credit Plus (CCP) program funds student participation in college courses on both high school and college campuses. Statewide, CCP participation by high school seniors is around 24%. At Northridge, that participation rate is 64%. Moreover, Northridge students taking college coursework have consistently maintained a pass rate of 96-97%. Northridge’s 2019 college-going seniors graduated from high school with, on average, 20 college credits earned targeting mainly college “General Education” requirements.

College Attendance History

The Northridge High School Class of 2019 chose the following post-secondary pathways: 50% four-year college, 22% two-year college, 6% military enlistment, 22% workforce. Top students in the Class of 2019 have gone on to The Ohio State University (Columbus), Capital University, University of Cincinnati, Ohio Northern University, Ohio University, Otterbein University, University of Toledo, College of Wooster, Lake Erie College, Wilmington College, and Wright State University. Our 2019 graduates also matriculated to Bowling Green State University, Central Ohio Technical College, University of Arkansas, Columbus State Community College, Liberty University, OSU (Newark), Zane State College, Tiffin University, University of Northwest Ohio, Bluffton College, and Mt. Carmel College of Nursing. Twelve of these students have arrangements to play a college sport.

Extracurricular/Co-curricular/Community Opportunities

Northridge is an OHSAA, Class AA school and offers varsity athletics in 10 boys’ and 10 girls’ sports. Students can participate in marching and concert band, two show choirs, and a spring musical production. Northridge students enjoy a variety of clubs, National Honor Society, Student Council, Fellowship of Christian Students, Color Guard/Winter Guard, Newspaper, Yearbook, Quiz Bowl, Ohio Model United Nations, Future Farmers of America, Buckeye Boys State, Buckeye Girls State, CampMed, Free Enterprise Academy, and Licking County’s Youth Leadership Council.