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School Profile 2018-2019

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Our District

Located in Licking County in east central Ohio, Northridge Local School District covers 137 square miles 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 2016 report) is \$60,786. Approximately 28% of students participate in the free/reduced lunch program. Licking County's largest employers include the county hospital (1,773), Park National Bank, State Farm Insurance, and Denison University (860). Many Northridge parents commute to nearby Columbus (pop. ~860,000) or Newark (pop. ~50,000) for work. 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. The district vision "to ensure that every student reaches her/his fullest potential" and the Northridge mission "to empower all students with the knowledge and skills necessary to be college and career ready" reflect the value Northridge's community places on education.

Our School

Northridge High School is a North Central Association accredited public school serving grades 9-12; current enrollment is 389 students with 101 students in the Class of 2019. 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. 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, 66% of whom hold a master's degree or higher. Five teachers hold adjunct instructor status through local community colleges and teach college courses to our students during the school day.

Of the 101 seniors in the Class of 2019, 16 students attend full-time programs at a career/vocational training center. Of the 85 remaining seniors, 65 are enrolled in dual credit college courses. Seven seniors attend college full-time on campus at one of our higher education partner schools (Otterbein, OSU-Newark, Central Ohio Technical College, Columbus State Community College, and Mt. Vernon Nazarene University), and 19 seniors attend college part-time on a college campus and part-time at the high school.

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 AP World History. The Math department provides two years of 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 influences 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

Currently, the top 5% of the Class of 2019 has an average ACT composite score of 29.2, and the top 10% has an average of 28.3.

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 & 2; Honors Geometry
- Spanish IV
- AP 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 is just under 20%. At Northridge, that participation rate is approaching 60%. Moreover, Northridge students participating in CCP coursework have consistently maintained a pass rate of 96-97%. For the past two years, Northridge’s college-going seniors have each graduated from high school with, on average, 15 college credits earned.

College Attendance History

The Northridge High School Class of 2018 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 2018 have gone on to The Ohio State University (Columbus), Ohio University, Kent State University, Marshall University, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, University of Pittsburgh, Miami University, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Princeton University, Ithaca College, and Wittenberg University. Our 2018 graduates also matriculated to University of Akron, Bowling Green State University, the Bradford School, Central Ohio Technical College, University of Charleston (WV), University of Cincinnati, Columbus State Community College, Dakota State University, University of Findlay, Heidelberg University, Hocking College, Liberty University, Muskingum University, OSU (Newark), Otterbein, St. Clair Community College, University of Toledo, Vincennes University, and Walsh University.

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 and Girls State, CampMed, Free Enterprise Academy, and Licking County’s Youth Leadership Council.