

# ENDURING EXCELLENCE



2016-2017 Learning Community Profile



## OUR LEARNING COMMUNITY

New Albany, Ohio is approximately 20 miles northeast of Columbus, and our schools are located on a central Learning Campus in the heart of the Village. The school district serves an area of 26 square miles. New Albany is both one of the oldest and one of the newest communities in Central Ohio. It was founded in 1837 and remained primarily a rural village for nearly 150 years before significant residential and commercial growth arrived.

Unlike some suburban communities that are sprawling with unregulated growth, New Albany is seeking to develop as a “balanced” community, a 21st Century village in which its 10,000 residents, business enterprises, developers, government entities, and schools share a common vision. Partnerships are key elements in community growth.

New Albany is home to a diverse group of people, traveling here from around the country and around the globe. New Albany is an evolving and developing business environment, and many families have chosen to live in the community because of the commitment to education. Our unique Learning Community values and embraces lifelong learning and cultural opportunities for all.



## OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

New Albany - Plain Local Schools is a consistent performer earning the maximum of indicators on the state report card issued by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). Even though our district is in the top 10% of districts in the State of Ohio, we continue to pursue even higher levels of excellence. The district’s Index score has steadily risen every year, demonstrating our constant pursuit of raising student achievement.

The district’s buildings are designed in a Georgian Architectural, campus-style complex on 120 acres, connected by tree-lined walkways, and surrounded by an 80 acre nature preserve. From our “Jeffersonian” Library-Information and student center on the high school campus green, to the adjoining Environmental Land Lab, the Learning Community Campus is as unique as it is functional, creating outstanding educational opportunities.

The District opened its newest facility in 2015, completing the campus as it accommodates district growth until the year 2021. The 150,000 square foot innovative learning facility houses students’ grades 2-8, but also provides opportunities for student learning K-12 through STEM and other various labs. Two recent grant-funded additions to the campus are the MIT Fabrication Lab opened in the 2014-15 school year, featuring college-level coursework through the College Credit Plus initiative and the Easton-OSU Engineering, Environmental and Energy Land Lab which will be available and ready for students late fall 2016.

There are more than 4,800 students in the district, served by some 300 faculty and 200 staff members. Parent involvement and community support are integral to the success of our nationally recognized, award-winning school district. We strive to promote strong connections between the school and community, and — most importantly — establish education as our top priority, today and for the future.

## OUR HIGH SCHOOL

New Albany High School (NAHS) is a four-year comprehensive high school accredited by the Ohio Department of Education and is recognized as one of the top 500 High Schools in the country by *Newsweek Magazine* and *U.S. News & World Report*. Our school has achieved one of the highest Performance Indexes in the State of Ohio last year.

Nearly all of our 1,600 high school students belong to a club or organization, and 67% of our students are also involved in athletics or a music program. NAHS provides numerous leadership opportunities including those within our house system. We are proud of our innovative scheduling components and educational opportunities that include Senior Seminar – an in-depth capstone learning project that must be completed to graduate – and opportunities that combine online and face-to-face instruction. Collaboration with our local Government and businesses provides students with authentic learning experiences and internship opportunities as we grow our vision of a Professional Learning Community.



**Mr. Michael Sawyers**, *Superintendent*  
**Mr. Dwight Carter**, *Principal*  
**Mrs. Amy Warren**, *Assistant Principal*  
**Mr. Michael Carr**, *Interim Assistant Principal*

**Mrs. Stefanie Drugan**, *College Counselor*  
**Mrs. Jill Cuthbert**, *School Counselor*  
**Mrs. Julie Horning**, *School Counselor*  
**Ms. Audra Wheeler**, *School Counselor*  
**Mrs. Kim Kirtland**, *College Center Secretary*

**School Code: 363630**  
**New Albany High School**  
**web site: [www.napls.us/high/](http://www.napls.us/high/)**

## OUR CURRICULUM

### Graduation Requirements

Each student is required to complete twenty-one (21) credits in order to graduate. Seventeen (17) are required courses while the remaining are student chosen electives. All required courses are rigorous college preparatory coursework taught by a dedicated, dynamic staff. Required units include:

- English 4 units
- Math 4 units
- Social Studies 4 units
- Science 3 units
- Wellness / PE 1 unit
- Business/Arts 1 unit
- Senior Seminar 1 unit

### The Humanities at New Albany High School

The Humanities are alive and well at New Albany High School. All New Albany students complete a rigorous Introduction to the Humanities course in their freshman year. This course combines one (1) English credit and one (1) World History credit in one class which meets for two class periods each day. Honors Western Humanities is offered at the tenth grade level and KAP American Humanities (Kenyon Academic Partnership) is offered at the eleventh grade. The importance of writing, critical thinking, and developing an appreciation for ideas from the past are ingrained into our Humanities, English, and Social Studies curricula. We are committed to an education based in the Humanities.

### AP Course Offerings

- American History
- English Language (AP English 11)
- Physics 1
- Art Portfolio
- English Literature (AP English 12)
- Psychology
- Biology
- Environmental Science
- Spanish
- Calculus AB
- European History
- Statistics
- Calculus BC
- French
- Chemistry
- Government
- Computer Science A
- Music Theory
- Economics

All students who select an AP course are expected to take the AP exam.

### Honors Course Offerings

- A Cappella Choir
- Chemistry
- Pre-Calculus
- Actor's Studio
- English 10, 11, and 12
- Spanish 4
- Algebra 2
- French 4
- Western Humanities
- Biology
- Geometry
- Wind Ensemble
- Chamber Orchestra
- German 4

### KAP Course Offerings

- KAP American Humanities
- KAP English 12
- KAP Art History
- KAP Law
- KAP Drawing
- KAP Theatre

KAP courses (Kenyon Academic Partnership courses) are concurrent enrollment classes with Kenyon College. These courses are considered college level courses and receive both high school and college credit. KAP courses are weighted by a factor of 1.2, similar to AP level coursework and provide equal rigor.

### Course Designations

AP = Advanced Placement  
(weighted by a multiplication factor of 1.2)

KAP = Kenyon Academic Partnership concurrent enrollment courses  
(weighted by a multiplication factor of 1.2)

HON = Honors (weighted by a multiplication factor of 1.1)

## GRADING

New Albany High School has a rigorous curriculum. Grade Point Averages are calculated on a 4.0 Scale. AP and Honors courses receive additional weighting as listed below. **Class Rank is not reported.**

## WEIGHTED GRADES

Grades earned in Honors and AP classes are weighted as follows:

AP: Weighting Factor = GPA pts. x 1.2

KAP: Weighting Factor = GPA pts. x 1.2

Honors: Weighting Factor = GPA pts. x 1.1

All Summa Cum Laude graduates (4.0 and above) are considered Class Valedictorians.

## CUMULATIVE WEIGHTED GPAs

(through end of junior year)

GPA	Number	% of class
4.47-4.00	82	22%
3.99-3.50	108	29%
3.49-3.00	76	20%
2.99-2.50	62	16%
2.49-2.00	26	7%
1.99 and below	23	6%

## GRADE SCALE

	2015-2016 & beyond	2014-2015 & prior years	
A+	(97 – 100)	(98 – 100)	4.00 pts.
A	(93 – 96)	(95 – 97)	4.00 pts.
A-	(90 – 92)	(92 – 94)	3.67 pts.
B+	(87 – 89)	(89 – 91)	3.33 pts.
B	(83 – 86)	(86 – 88)	3.00 pts.
B-	(80 – 82)	(83 – 85)	2.67 pts.
C+	(77 – 79)	(80 – 82)	2.33 pts.
C	(73 – 76)	(77 – 79)	2.00 pts.
C-	(70 – 72)	(74 – 76)	1.67 pts.
D+	(67 – 69)	(74 – 76)	1.33 pts.
D	(63 – 66)	(68 – 70)	1.00 pt.
D-	(60 – 62)	(65 – 67)	0.67 pt.
F	(00 – 59)	(00 – 64)	0 pts.
T	Transfer Credit		



## TESTING RESULTS: CLASS OF 2016

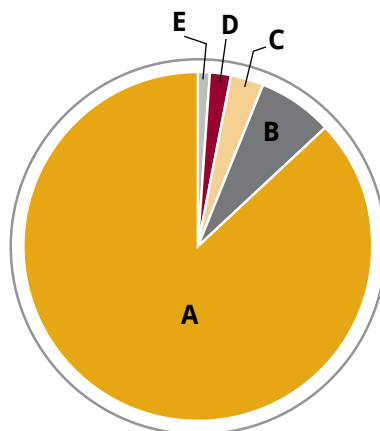
Test	NAHS Middle 50%	Ohio Avg.	Nat. Avg.
ACT	22-30	22.0	20.8
SAT-Critical Reading	500-650	556	494
SAT-Math	530-660	563	508
SAT-Writing	490-610	534	482

*88% of the 316 graduating 2016 seniors at New Albany High School took one or more college entrance tests. Our scores have increased over the past ten years and are well above state and national averages.*

## POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

The Class of 2016 elected to do the following upon graduation:

- A. Attend 4-year college 87%
- B. Attend 2-year colleges 7%
- C. Direct Employment 3%
- D. Military 2%
- E. Undecided 1%



Students attending four-year schools:



## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

	2016	2015	2014	2013
Semi-Finalist	7	4	3	4
Commended	10	5	9	10
Achievement			1	1

## EDUCATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

### Arts Programming



Arts Education is a growing component of the school district's curriculum, beginning in kindergarten and continuing through high school. New Albany Middle School is enjoying a blossoming band, orchestra, and choir program. NAHS has a theatre program utilizing the Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts. Students are provided many opportunities in the visual arts to celebrate their work through contests and community art shows. Celebrations are also held throughout

the year featuring student performances for diversity celebrations, such as Black History Month, "Spread the Word to End the Word" and the Cultures of the World Festival, a component of the NAHS Peace Week Celebration.

### Technology



The Learning Campus computer network is as large as many mid-sized Columbus businesses. Many resources are available to students and teachers, from collaborative learning environments to curriculum specific software and adaptive services for our special needs students. The district also launched the Bring Your Learning Technology (BYLT) initiative in 2012, enabling students to bring devices from home or utilize school provided devices for classroom work while learning

the principals of digital citizenship. All district students meet state technology proficiency guidelines by 8th grade. Our classroom instruction is supported by anytime, anyplace, on-line digital resources, including teacher portals and ProjectRISE, our new technology blended learning grant which was successfully implemented with 10 high school offerings.

### Woodland Nature Preserve



There are 80 acres of woodlands, wetlands, ponds, streams, and meadows on and adjacent to the K-12 Learning Campus. The nature preserve is the cornerstone of New Albany's award winning Environmental Science Program. This nature preserve is also an extension of every classroom and a key component of our curricular goals in such areas as environmental stewardship, local history, interpretive writing, weather, geology, biology, math, and art. Recycled materials and solar

lighting have been used on nature trails utilized by students as well as the community. In addition to the nature preserve opportunities, the new learning facility features green roofs and outdoor environmental laboratories for student use.

### Senior Seminar and Internships



Senior Seminar is a graduation requirement for all New Albany High School students. It is a performance-based course that provides an arena in which students demonstrate K-12 cumulative learning and skills. Students are encouraged to go beyond the traditional school setting for this experience, and an exhibition of their work is presented to an audience. Some examples have been constructing a wildlife observatory, writing

and performing original music, and creating an event that raises money for childhood cancer research. Each senior also has the opportunity to participate in an internship as a culminating activity before graduation.



## SPORTS

### Fall

Football  
Boys Soccer  
Girls Soccer  
Boys Cross Country  
Girls Cross Country  
Boys Golf  
Girls Golf  
Girls Field Hockey  
Girls Tennis  
Girls Volleyball  
Cheerleading

### Winter

Boys Basketball  
Girls Basketball  
Ice Hockey  
Wrestling  
Boys Swimming  
Girls Swimming  
Cheerleading

### Spring

Boys Track  
Girls Track  
Boys Lacrosse  
Girls Lacrosse  
Baseball  
Softball  
Boys Tennis

## CLUBS

American Music Club  
Amnesty International  
Badminton  
Crooked Hands Creative  
Literary Magazine  
Drama Club/International  
Thespian Society  
Fellowship of Christian  
Athletes Huddle  
FIONA - Future Innovators  
of New Albany  
Gay Straight Alliance  
German Club  
Girls Up Club  
HOPE Club  
In The Know  
Junior Statesmen  
Key Club  
New Albany Eagle Yearbook  
New Albany Investing Club  
(Stock Club)  
New Albany Young Business  
Leaders Club  
Ohio Model United Nations  
Printz Club  
Robotics Club  
Science Olympiad  
Ski Club  
Stock Club  
Student Council  
TEDx New Albany  
The National Honor Society  
Unchained

## HIGH SCHOOL VISITS

College admission representatives are always welcome to visit New Albany High School. Please direct all requests for visits to Kim Kirtland kirtland.1@napls.us or (614) 413-8316.

## ADMISSIONS STATEMENT

New Albany High School is a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling and of the College Board. We fully endorse the Statement of Good Practices as adopted by NACAC and Ohio ACAC.

*Members of the Class of 2016 were accepted to 221 colleges and universities. To view more detailed information about New Albany High School, please visit [www.napls.us](http://www.napls.us).*

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES and MATRICULATIONS 2016

Allegheny College  
**Alma College**  
 American University  
**Arizona State University**  
 Art Academy of Cincinnati  
**Ashland University**  
 Auburn University  
**Baldwin Wallace University**  
 Ball State University  
 Baylor University  
**Belmont Abbey College**  
**Belmont University**  
 Boston College  
 Boston University  
**Bowling Green State University**  
 Bradford School  
 Brandeis University  
 Brown University  
**Bucknell University**  
 Butler University  
**California State Polytechnic University, Pomona**  
**Capital University**  
**Carnegie Mellon University**  
**Case Western Reserve University**  
 Catholic University of America  
 Cedarville University  
 Central Michigan University  
**Chapman University**  
 Christopher Newport University  
 Cincinnati Christian University  
**Clemson University**  
 Cleveland State University  
**Colgate University**  
**College of Charleston**  
 College of Wooster  
 Colorado State University  
**Columbia College Chicago**  
**Columbia University**  
**Columbus State Community College**  
 Connecticut College  
 Davidson College  
**Denison University**  
**DePaul University**  
**DePauw University**  
 Drexel University  
 Duke University  
 Duquesne University  
 East Carolina University  
 Eastern Michigan University  
 Elmhurst College  
 Elon University  
**Emerson College**  
**Emory University**  
 Florida Atlantic University  
**Florida Southern College**  
 Florida State College at Jacksonville  
 Florida State University

Fordham University  
**Furman University**  
**Gardner-Webb University**  
 George Washington University  
**Georgia Institute of Technology**  
 Gettysburg College  
 Grand Valley State University  
**Greenville Technical College**  
**Hanover College**  
 High Point University  
 Hillsborough Community College  
 Hillsdale College  
**Hocking College**  
**Horry-Georgetown Technical College**  
**Indiana University at Bloomington**  
 Indiana Wesleyan University  
 Iona College  
 John Carroll University  
 Johns Hopkins University  
 Kalamazoo College  
 Kean University  
**Kent State University**  
**Kenyon College**  
**Lindenwood University**  
 Long Island University  
 Louisiana State University  
 Loyola Marymount University  
**Loyola University Chicago**  
**Marietta College**  
 Marist College  
 Marquette University  
 Marshall University  
 Marymount Manhattan College  
**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
 Mercyhurst University  
**Miami University, Oxford**  
**Michigan State University**  
**Middle Tennessee State University**  
 Montclair State University  
**Morehead State University**  
 Mount St. Joseph University  
 Muskingum University  
**New York University**  
 North Carolina State University  
 Northeast Ohio Medical University  
 Northeastern University  
 Northern Arizona University  
**Northland College**  
**Northwestern University**  
**Notre Dame College of Ohio**  
 Oberlin College  
**Ohio Dominican University**  
**Ohio Northern University**  
**Ohio State University**  
**Ohio State University, Newark**  
**Ohio University**  
 Ohio University, Lancaster

Ohio Wesleyan University  
**Otterbein University**  
**Pace University**  
**Pennsylvania State University**  
 Point Loma Nazarene University  
 Point Park University  
**Purdue University**  
**Quincy University**  
 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
 Rhodes College  
 Rice University  
 Robert Morris University  
 Rochester Institute of Technology  
**Rollins College**  
**Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology**  
 Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
 Saint Louis University  
**San Diego State University**  
 Sarah Lawrence College  
 School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
 Sewanee: The University of the South  
**Southern Methodist University**  
**Stanford University**  
 Stetson University  
 SUNY at Buffalo  
 Swarthmore College  
 Syracuse University  
 Temple University  
 Texas Christian University  
 The New School  
 Tiffin University  
**Tulane University**  
**University of Akron**  
**University of Alabama**  
 University of Alabama at Birmingham  
 University of Arizona  
 University of Arkansas  
 University of California, Berkeley  
**University of California, Davis**  
 University of California, Irvine  
 University of California, Los Angeles  
 University of California, Merced  
 University of California, Riverside  
 University of California, San Diego  
 University of California, Santa Cruz  
 University of Chicago  
**University of Cincinnati**  
**University of Cincinnati, Blue Ash/ Clermont College**  
 University of Colorado at Boulder  
 University of Connecticut  
**University of Dayton**  
 University of Denver  
**University of Findlay**  
 University of Florida  
 University of Georgia  
 University of Hawaii at Manoa  
**University of Illinois at Chicago**  
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**University of Iowa**  
 University of Kansas  
**University of Kentucky**  
**University of Louisville**  
 University of Maryland, College Park  
 University of Miami  
**6t7University of Michigan**  
 University of Mississippi  
**University of Missouri Columbia**  
 University of Mount Union  
**University of New Mexico**  
 University of North Carolina at Wilmington  
**University of Notre Dame**  
 University of Oregon  
**University of Pennsylvania**  
 University of Pittsburgh  
 University of Rhode Island  
 University of Rochester  
 University of San Diego  
 University of San Francisco  
 University of South Carolina  
 University of Southern California  
 University of Texas, Austin  
**University of the Arts**  
 University of the Pacific  
**University of Toledo**  
 University of Utah  
**University of Vermont**  
 University of Virginia  
 University of Wisconsin, Madison  
 Urbana University  
**Valparaiso University**  
**Vanderbilt University**  
 Virginia Tech  
 Wake Forest University  
 Washington and Jefferson College  
**Washington College**  
**Washington University in St. Louis**  
**Webster University**  
 West Virginia University  
**Westminster College**  
**Westmont College**  
 Wilmington College  
**Wittenberg University**  
 Wofford College  
**Wright State University**  
**Xavier University**  
 Yale University  
 Youngstown State University

TOTAL Admitted 221 Colleges

TOTAL Colleges that students will attend - 93

## OUR MISSION

To ensure the development of high-achieving, ethical, self-directed, and intellectually curious citizens of the world.



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