



# NEW ALBANY-PLAIN LOCAL SCHOOLS

## Learning Community Profile 2013-2014

### 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 life-long learning and cultural opportunities for all.



### OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

New Albany Plain Local Schools has earned an “Excellent with Distinction” rating from the State of Ohio in 2012 and a rating of “Excellent” for ten consecutive years prior to 2012. The district reached its highest Performance Index score in its history this year. 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 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 is building for the future with a 150,000 square foot innovative learning facility to accommodate students from a variety of grade levels slated for completion in 2014. The District has also launched a Research and Development process designed to address curriculum and instruction campus-wide focused on STEM, Arts, International and other innovations.

There are more than 4,800 students in the district, served by some 350 faculty and 220 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. New Albany High School is designated as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the US Department of Education, is one of six high schools nationally to receive the 21st Century Award of Distinction, and is a National Lighthouse School. Our school has achieved one of the highest Performance Index Scores in the State of Ohio this year and was selected by Columbus Monthly Magazine as the top school district in Franklin County.

Nearly all of our 1,300 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 new 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; self-directed learning opportunities in Cisco Programming and Robotics and blended learning course opportunities combining 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.



April Domine, Ed.D, *Superintendent*

Mr. Mark White, *Principal*

Dr. Adonis Bolden, *Assistant Principal*

Mr. Steve Gehlert, *Assistant Principal*

Mr. Jeff Stahlman, *College Counselor*

Mrs. Jill Cuthbert, *School Counselor*

Mrs. Julie Horning, *School Counselor*

Mrs. Margie Thompson, *School Counselor*

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

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

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

### Honors Course Offerings

- English 10, 11, and 12
- Western Humanities
- Geometry
- Algebra 2
- Pre-Calculus
- History of Art
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Cisco Computer Programming
- French 4
- German 4
- French 5
- German 5
- Spanish 5
- Wind Ensemble
- Chamber Orchestra
- A Cappella Choir
- Actor's Studio

Most students in Honors History of Art will also take the AP Art History exam.

### KAP Course Offerings

- KAP American Humanities
- KAP Law
- KAP Art History
- KAP Ethics

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.

### OSUP Course Offering

- OSUP Spanish 4

OSUP courses are taught at New Albany High School via a live video feed with a class at Ohio State University. These courses receive Ohio State credit and are weighted by NAHS 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)

OSUP = Ohio State course (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

OSUP: 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
4.32-4.00	44	13%
3.99-3.50	85	25%
3.49-3.00	81	24%
2.99-2.50	66	20%
2.49-2.00	31	9%
1.99 and below	24	7%
New students with no GPA	6	2%

## GRADE SCALE

A+	(98 – 100)	4.00 pts.
A	(95 – 97)	4.00 pts.
A-	(92 – 94)	3.67 pts.
B+	(89 – 91)	3.33 pts.
B	(86 – 88)	3.00 pts.
B-	(83 – 85)	2.67 pts.
C+	(80 – 82)	2.33 pts.
C	(77 – 79)	2.00 pts.
C-	(74 – 76)	1.67 pts.
D+	(71 – 73)	1.33 pts.
D	(68 – 70)	1.00 pt.
D-	(65 – 67)	0.67 pt.
F	(00 – 64)	0 pts.
T	Transfer Credit	



## TESTING RESULTS: CLASS OF 2013

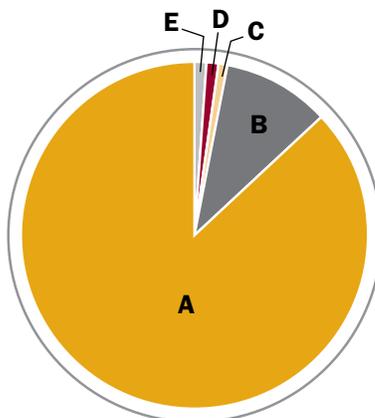
Test	NAHS Middle 50%	Ohio Avg.	Nat. Avg.
ACT:	22-29	21.8	20.9
SAT-Critical Reading:	490-630	543	496
SAT-Math	490-630	552	514
SAT-Writing	470-610	525	488

*93% of the 256 graduating 2013 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.*

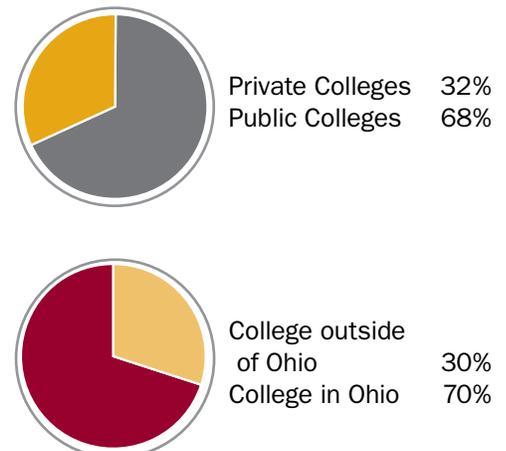
## POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

The Class of 2012 elected to do the following upon graduation:

- A.** Attend 4-year college 88%
- B.** Attend 2-year colleges 8%
- C.** Direct Employment 2%
- D.** Military 1%
- E.** Undecided 1%



Students attending four-year schools:



## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

	2013	2012	2011	2010
Semi-Finalist	4	7	1	6
Commended	10	9	3	3
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, Hispanic Heritage Month, "Spread the Word to End the Word" and others.



### 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 principles 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 will also feature 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.

*Members of the senior class of 2013 were accepted into 235 colleges and universities. To view more detailed information about New Albany High School, please visit [www.napls.us](http://www.napls.us).*



## 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  
Wrestling  
Boys Swimming  
Girls Swimming  
Cheerleading

### Spring

Boys Track  
Girls Track  
Boys Lacrosse  
Girls Lacrosse  
Baseball

## CLUBS

American Music  
AP European History Club  
Bridge  
Chess  
Comic Book/Anime  
Cooking Club  
Eagle Ambassadors  
EPL (English Premiere League)  
Future Educators  
German  
Habitat for Humanity  
History Documentary Film Club  
International Thespian Society  
Key Club  
Law Enforcement  
Military Service Exploration  
Model United Nations  
National Honor Art  
Newspaper Club  
Peer Buddies  
Science Olympiad  
Spanish  
Walk and Talk Fitness Club  
Weight Training  
Youth to Youth

## HIGH SCHOOL VISITS

College admission representatives are always welcome to visit New Albany High School. Please direct all requests for visits to Jeff Stahlman at (614) 413-8306.

## 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.

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