

ENDURING EXCELLENCE

2014-2015 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 life-long learning and cultural opportunities for all.

OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT

New Albany Plain Local Schools earned 26 out of 26 indicators on the state report card issued by the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) which will transition to a letter grade rating for districts in 2015. 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 student’s grades 1-8 slated for completion in January 2015. The District launched a Research and Development process in 2013 designed to address curriculum and instruction campus-wide focused on STEM, Arts, International and the Power of One (community-based problem solving).

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 Indexes in the State of Ohio this year.

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.



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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/

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
- Art Portfolio
- Biology
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Chemistry
- Computer Science A
- Economics
- English Language (AP English 11)
- English Literature (AP English 12)
- Environmental Science
- European History
- French (new for 2014-2015)
- German (new for 2014-2015)
- Government
- Physics
- Physics 1 (new for 2014-2015)
- Physics 1 and 2 (new for 2014-2015)
- Psychology
- Spanish (new for 2014-2015)
- Statistics

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

Honors Course Offerings

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

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

KAP Course Offerings

- KAP American Humanities
- KAP Art History
- KAP Law
- 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.

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	

CUMULATIVE WEIGHTED GPAs

(through end of junior year)

GPA	Number	% of class
4.46-4.00	46	14%
3.99-3.50	93	29%
3.49-3.00	83	26%
2.99-2.50	45	14%
2.49-2.00	33	10%
1.99 and below	22	7%



TESTING RESULTS: CLASS OF 2014

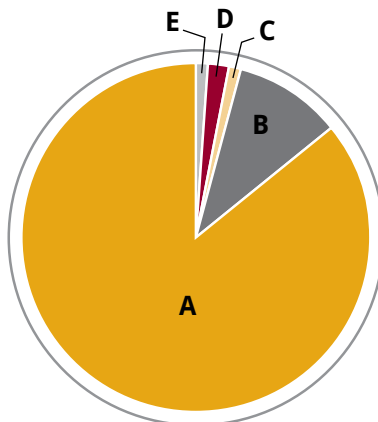
Test	NAHS Middle 50%	Ohio Avg.	Nat. Avg.
ACT	22-28	22.0	21.0
SAT-Critical Reading	490-620	543	496
SAT-Math	480-630	552	514
SAT-Writing	470-610	525	488

91% of the 314 graduating 2014 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.

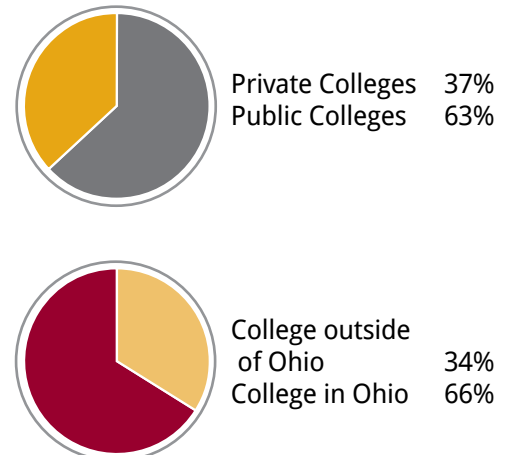
POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

The Class of 2014 elected to do the following upon graduation:

- A. Attend 4-year college 86%
- B. Attend 2-year colleges 10%
- C. Direct Employment 1%
- D. Military 2%
- E. Undecided 1%



Students attending four-year schools:



NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

	2014	2013	2012	2011
Semi-Finalist	3	4	7	1
Commended	9	10	9	3
Achievement	2	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 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 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.



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
Softball
Boys Tennis

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.

Members of the Class of 2014 were accepted to 252 colleges and universities. To view more detailed information about New Albany High School, please visit www.napls.us.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES and MATRICULATIONS (bold) 2014

Adelphi University (NY)
 Adrian College (MI)
The University of Akron (OH)
The University of Alabama (AL)
 Allegheny College (PA)
 American Academy of Dramatic Arts (CA)
American University (DC)
 Appalachian State University (NC)
Arcadia University (PA)
 Arizona State University (AZ)
 The University of Arizona (AZ)
 University of Arkansas (AR)
Asbury College (KY)
Ashland University (OH)
 Auburn University (AL)
 Augustana College (IL)
 Babson College (MA)
Baldwin-Wallace College (OH)
 Ball State University (IN)
 Baptist Bible College (PA)
 Bates College (ME)
 Baylor University (TX)
 Belmont University (TN)
 Berklee College of Music (MA)
 Berry College (GA)
 Boston College (MA)
Boston University (MA)
Bowdoin College (ME)
Bowling Green State Univ. (OH)
 Bradford School (OH)
 Bradley University (IL)
 Bucknell University (PA)
 Butler Community College (KS)
Butler University (IN)
 U of California at Berkeley (CA)
U of California at Los Angeles (CA)
 U of California at Santa Barbara (CA)
 U of California at Santa Cruz (CA)
 U of California at San Diego (CA)
 California College of the Arts (CA)
Capital University (OH)
Carnegie Mellon University (PA)
Case Western Univ. (OH)
University of Central Florida (FL)
Central Ohio Technical Coll. (OH)
 Centre College (KY)
 Champlain College (VT)
 Chapman University (CA)
College of Charleston (SC)
University of Charleston (WV)
University of Chicago (IL)
University of Cincinnati (OH)
 The Citadel (SC)
 Clemson University (SC)
Cleveland State University (OH)
 Coastal Carolina University (SC)
 Colgate University (NY)
University of Colorado (CO)
Colorado School of Mines (CO)
Columbia College (IL)
Columbus College of Art and Design (OH)
Columbus State Comm. College (OH)
 Concordia University (OR)
Connecticut College (CT)
Cornell University (NY)
 Creighton University (NE)
Davidson College (NC)
University of Dayton (OH)
University of Delaware (DE)
Denison University (OH)
University of Denver (CO)
DePaul University (IL)
DePauw University (IN)
 DeVry University (OH)
 Drake University (IA)
Drexel University (PA)
 Duquesne University (PA)
East Tennessee State Univ. (TN)
Eastern Kentucky University (KY)
 Eastern Michigan University (MI)
Eckerd College (FL)
Elon University (NC)
Emory University (GA)
Endicott College (MA)
University of Evansville (IN)
 Fashion Institute of Technology (NY)
 The University of Findlay (OH)
 Flagler College (FL)
 Florida Atlantic University (FL)
 Florida Institute of Technology (FL)
 Florida International Univ. (FL)
Florida Southern College (FL)
 Fordham University (NY)
Furman University (SC)
 George Mason University (VA)
The George Washington U (DC)
 Georgia Inst. Of Tech. (GA)
Grace College (IN)
 Hampden-Sydney College (VA)
 Hanover College (IN)
 Heidelberg University (OH)
 High Point University (NC)
 Hobart and Wm. Smith Coll. (NY)
Hocking College (OH)
 College of Holy Cross (MA)
 Illinois College (IL)
 Illinois Institute of Technology (IL)
Indiana Univ. at Bloomington (IN)
 Iona College (NY)
John Carroll University (OH)
Johns Hopkins University (MD)
 University of Kansas (KS)
Kent State University (OH)
University of Kentucky (KY)
Kenyon College (OH)
Lafayette College (PA)
 Lebanon Valley College (PA)
Lehigh University (PA)
 LIM College (NY)
Louisiana State University (LA)
 University of Louisville (KY)
Loyola University Chicago (IL)
 Loyola University Maryland (MD)
 Lynn University (FL)
Malone University (OH)
 Marietta College (OH)
 Marian University (IN)
 Marshall University (WV)
U of Maryland, College Park (MD)
 Marymount Manhattan College (NY)
Massachusetts Inst. Of Tech. (MA)
McGill University (Canada)
Miami University, Oxford (OH)
University of Miami (FL)
Michigan State University (MI)
University of Michigan (MI)
 Univ. of Minnesota, TC (MN)
University of Mississippi (MS)
 Montana State University (MT)
University of Mount Union (OH)
 Neumont University (UT)
 University of New England (ME)
New York University (NY)
 U of North Carolina at Ashland (NC)
 U of North Carolina at Charlotte (NC)
U of North Carolina at Wilm. (NC)
Northeast Ohio Medical U (OH)
 Northeastern University (MA)
 Northern Kentucky University (KY)
Northwestern University (IL)
 Notre Dame College of Ohio (OH)
University of Notre Dame (IN)
 Oberlin College (OH)
 Ohio Dominican University (OH)
Ohio Northern University (OH)
The Ohio State University (OH)
The Ohio State U, Newark (OH)
Ohio University (OH)
Ohio Wesleyan University (OH)
 Oklahoma State University (OK)
Orange Coast CC (CA)
 University of Oregon (OR)
Otterbein University (OH)
 Pace University (NY)
 Pennsylvania State University (PA)
University of Pittsburgh (PA)
 Pratt Institute of Art (NY)
 Pratt MWP (NY)
 Princeton University (NJ)
 Providence College (RI)
Purdue University (IN)
 Queen's U of Charlotte (NC)
 Randolph-Macon College (VA)
 University of Rhode Island (RI)
 Rhodes College (TN)
University of Richmond (VA)
 Rider University (NJ)
 University of Rio Grande (OH)
 Rochester Inst. of Technology (NY)
University of Rochester (NY)
 Rollins College (FL)
 Roosevelt University (IL)
 Rose Hulman Inst. Of Tech (IN)
Saddleback College (CA)
Saginaw Valley State Univ. (MI)
 University of San Diego (CA)
 San Francisco Art Inst. (CA)
Santa Barbara City College (CA)
 Santa Clara University (CA)
Savannah Coll. of Art and Des. (GA)
 School of the Art Inst. Chicago (IL)
 School of Visual Arts (NY)
 Seminole State College (FL)
Seton Hall College (NJ)
Sewanee: U of South (TN)
Shawnee State University (OH)
Sinclair Community College (OH)
 Skidmore College (NY)
 University of South Alabama (AL)
University of South Carolina (SC)
 University of South Florida (FL)
 U of Southern California (CA)
Southern Methodist University (TX)
Stetson University (FL)
Sullivan University (KY)
 SUNY Cortland (NY)
 SUNY Potsdam (NY)
 Syracuse University (NY)
 The University of Tampa (FL)
Taylor University (IN)
 Temple University (PA)
 University of Tennessee (TN)
Texas Christian University (TX)
University of Toledo (OH)
University of Toronto (CA)
 Tulane University (LA)
 Union College (NY)
United States Air Force Academy (CO)
 Utica College (NY)
Valparaiso University (IN)
Vanderbilt University (TN)
 University of Vermont (VT)
 Villanova University (PA)
 Virginia Military Inst (VA)
 University of Virginia (VA)
 Wake Forest University (NC)
 Walsh University (OH)
 Washington and Jefferson C. (PA)
 Washington College (MD)
 Washington State Univ. (WA)
 Washington Univ. in St. Louis (MO)
 Univ. of West Florida (FL)
 West Virginia University (WV)
 Westminster College (PA)
 Wheaton College (MA)
 Wheaton College (IL)
 Whitworth University (WA)
 Wichita State University (KS)
Williams College (MA)
 Wilmington College (OH)
University of Wisconsin (WI)
Wittenberg University (OH)
 The College of Wooster (OH)
Wright State University (OH)
Xavier University (OH)
 Yale University (CT)

TOTAL Admitted 252 Colleges

TOTAL Colleges that students will attend - 110

OUR MISSION

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



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