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NORTON, MASSACHUSETTS

Norton is a residential community of 19,000 people located in Bristol County, thirty minutes southwest of Boston. Norton is a primarily Caucasian community (92%) with a median household income of \$80k.

NORTON HIGH SCHOOL

A four year public high school with an enrollment of 784 students, including **197 seniors**, Norton High School provides a comprehensive college preparatory curriculum. With a six-day rotating schedule, our school year is divided into two semesters with our core academic courses extending for the full school year. Norton High School is comprised of:

- 12% low income students
- 14 % of students have an Individual Education Program
- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program
- School Choice
- International Student Program
- Professional Faculty: 65
- Advanced degrees: 79%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Total Credits to Graduate: 125 Credits

Students must accumulate 30 credits during their senior year.

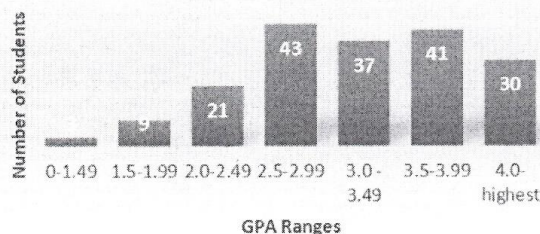
Five credits are awarded for successfully completing a full year course.

English (4) years
Mathematics (4) years
Social Studies (3) years (to include 2 years of US History)
Science (3) years
World Language (2) years
Wellness (4) years (A waiver is permitted Jr. or Sr. year)
Computer-based course (1) year
Fine Arts (1) year
Community Service (50 hours)

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Weighted 4.0 Scale GPA Distribution for Class of 2016

GPA Distribution



POST HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT

4 Year Trend

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Four Year Colleges	64%	69%	73%	66%
Two Year Colleges	23%	16%	16%	16%
Special Colleges	2%	2%	2%	10%
Military Service	1%	4%	3%	1%
Work Force	10%	9%	6%	7%

SAT REASONING MEAN SCORES

Three-Year Trend

	2014	2015	2016
Critical Reading	513	530	560
Mathematics	523	542	520

ACT MEAN SCORES

Three-Year Trend

Class	E	M	R	S	C	% Taking
2016	21	22.2	21.2	22	21.8	9%
2015	20.1	21.7	22.2	21.9	27.1	10%
2014	22.7	23.5	24.9	22.8	23.6	14%

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM

In May 2016, **181** students took **334** AP exams. **72%** of the scores were **3** or better, **44%** achieved **4's & 5's**. Below are the exams taken and the grade distribution from 5 to 1.

Subject	5	4	3	2	1	Total Exams
Totals						
Biology	5	10	8	0	0	23
Drawing Portfolio	1	3	2	0	0	6
Chemistry	1	6	4	4	1	16
English Language	5	7	12	15	1	40
English Literature	2	7	6	2	1	18
Environment	3	1	4	7	7	22
European History	1	4	5	3	1	14
Psychology	18	23	14	14	2	71
Physics C/E&M *	0	1	0	0	0	1
US History	12	14	25	10	9	70
Calculus AB	4	2	7	2	11	26
Calculus BC*	1	0	0	0	0	1
Spanish Lang & Cult*	1	0	0	0	0	1
Statistics	5	10	6	3	1	25

* Taken through independent study (AP course not offered at NHS)

AP COURSES AVAILABLE IN 2016 – 2017

Total: 9

AP Studio Art	AP English Language	AP Psychology
AP Biology	AP English Literature	AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB	AP Physics	AP US History

HONORS COURSES AVAILABLE IN 2016 – 2017

Total: 28

H English I	H Algebra II	H Biology
H English II	H Geometry	H Biotech
H English III	H Pre-Calculus	H Anat & Phys
H English IV	H Engineering Math	H Chemistry
H Creative Writing	H Adv Math Topics	H Physics
H US I Hist	H Spanish II	H French II
H US I Hist (PreAP)	H Spanish III	H French III
H US II Hist	H Spanish IV	H French IV
H Art III	H Spanish V	H French V
H Art IV		

GRADING AND CLASS RANK

The marking system uses numeric grades which are converted to a grade point value. Certain courses are weighted according to difficulty. Calculation of a student's academic standing is based upon grade point average and includes all leveled courses. GPA is calculated by assigning the corresponding quality points to the final course grade. The quality points are then multiplied by the credit value of the course. The total quality points are divided by the total credits to yield the GPA. A weighted GPA accurate to two decimal places is computed at the end of each semester. Rank is determined by putting these weighed averages into a descending sequence. Both GPA and class rank are calculated on a weighted 5.0 scale.

Course Levels	
04	Post-secondary
03	Honors
02	College Preparatory 2 (CP2)
01	College Preparatory 1 (CP1)

COURSE LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS

Level 04 – Postsecondary (Advanced Placement & Dual Enrollment) – courses contain instruction equivalent to a college level course and for which a student may earn college credits. AP Courses are available in English Literature, English Composition, American History, European History, Psychology, Calculus AB, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics, and Art.

Level 03 – Advanced (Honors) – courses contain work that challenges academically talented students. The pace of instruction is advanced, the expectation is high and research work is required.

Level 02 – College Preparatory 2 - courses provide instruction that focuses primarily on college preparation and general concepts for the appropriate grade level. The curriculum content is similar to a L03 course, but the pace and depth of coverage and independent study may differ. Curriculum materials will involve some research work and problem solving skills.

Level 01 – College Preparatory 1 – courses focus primarily on skills development. The course offered may focus on the improvement of a particular deficiency in content previously taught but not learned. The curriculum content is similar to a CP2, but the pace, depth of coverage and independent study may differ.

GRADING SYSTEM

Letter Grade	Numeric Equivalent	Weighted GPA			
		L01/CP1	L02/CP2	L03/H	L04/AP
A+	97 – 100	4.83	5.33	5.83	6.33
A	93 – 96	4.50	5.00	5.50	6.00
A-	90 – 92	4.17	4.67	5.17	5.67
B+	87 – 89	3.83	4.33	4.83	5.33
B	83 – 86	3.50	4.00	4.50	5.00
B-	80 – 82	3.17	3.67	4.17	4.67
C+	77 – 79	2.83	3.33	3.83	4.33
C	73 – 76	2.50	3.00	3.50	4.00
C-	70 – 72	2.17	2.67	3.17	3.67
D+	67 – 69	1.83	2.33	2.83	3.33
D	63 – 66	1.50	2.00	2.50	3.00
D-	60 – 62	1.17	1.67	2.17	2.67
F	0 – 59	0	0	0	0

ADMISSION INTO HONORS AND AP COURSES

Admission to Advanced Placement is open enrollment. Honors courses are determined by the following criteria: superior academic ability, teacher's evaluation and recommendation, counselor's recommendation, and parent's permission. A student and parent can appeal the school's recommendation by signing a waiver.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Below is a list of some of the institutions that accepted our seniors in the past three years:

Assumption College	Mass Maritime Academy
Bates College	Maine Maritime Academy
Bentley University	Merrimack College
Brandeis University	Mount Ida College
Bridgewater State University	New England College
Brown University	Newbury College
Bryant University	Nichols College
Curry College	Northeastern University
Drexel University	Plymouth State University
Endicott College	Purdue University
Fitchburg State University	Quinnipiac University
Framingham State University	Rhode Island College
Franklin Pierce University	Salem State University
Georgia State University	Stonehill College
Hartwick University	University of Alabama
High Point University	University of Connecticut
Hofstra University	University of Delaware
Ithaca College	University of Massachusetts
Johnson & Wales University	UNH
Keene State University	University of Rhode Island
Lasell College	University of South Carolina
Lipscomb University	University of Vermont
Liberty University	Vanderbilt University
Lesley University	Wheelock College
MCLA	WIT
MCPHS	Westfield State University
	Wheaton College
	WPI

