

NEWTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

We Tower Above the Rest!



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ADMINISTRATION

Principal Mr. Ficalora Room 145 (718) 595-8510

Assistant Principals:

Organization	Mr. Levitan	Room 149	595-8500
Guidance	Mr. Montalvo	Room 132A	595-8480
Security	Mr. Medrano	Room 134	595-8520
Art & ESL	Ms. Nieves	Room 255	595-8550
Business, Tech Studies & Music	Mr. Paolino	Room 105A	595-8420
English	Ms. Kumar-Rajah	Room 319	595-8450
Foreign Language	Ms. Altomarino	Room 219	595-8445
Instructional Support Services	Mr. Clifford	Room 273A	595-8535
Mathematics	Ms. Thompson	Room 341	595-8470
Physical Education and Health	Mr. Montalvo	Room 244	595-8572
Science	Ms. Buchanan	Room 307	595-8440
Social Studies	Ms. Tsouristakis	Room 365	595-8530

SMALL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Newtown High School is organized into six learning communities:

9th Grade Success Academy	International Pioneers
Engineering Aces	Math, Science and Forensics
Academy for Business Careers	Visual Media and Performing Arts Academy

Each SLC has its own theme and a dedicated Assistant Principal, Guidance Counselor, and team of teachers. We believe SLC's afford more individual attention for students and make students more well-known by staff and fellow students in a more personal atmosphere. After a year in the Ninth Grade Success Academy, non-ELL students select their SLC for their remaining three years.

WHERE TO GO FOR HELP...

WHAT	WHEN	WHEN
Attendance Face to face letter	Attendance Office Room 117	Any period Parent required for face to face letter
Books- loss or return	General Office Room 147	8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
Club information	Student Organization Room 249	
College information	College Office Room 136	8:00 A.M.- 2:45 P.M.
Confiscated items	AP Security Office Room 134	Fridays 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM with parent
Feel ill	Health Clinic 366	All periods
Guidance questions	Guidance Counselor Room 137 AP Guidance Room 132A	Any period. Write your name, section and question on paper beforehand.
Health Records	Room B71	
I.D. cards/photos	Room B16	Periods as posted on the door of the room
Library	Room 131	Open all periods
Lost and found	Room 207	
Parent Coordinator	Room 137	
Problems with students	Dean's Office Room 169	Any period
Program Cards	Program Office Room 232	First two weeks only: Room 169 pd. 1-8 Afterwards: Room 232
Program problems	Guidance Counselor Room 137	Give a written note to your period 2 teacher
Questions about courses	Teacher or Department AP	
Team information	Gym	Speak with Phys Ed teacher
Transportation passes	Room 165	10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.
Working Papers	General Office Room 147	10:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M.
Youth Development, SPARK	Room 218	Periods as posted on the door of the room or leave a note

BELL SCHEDULE

PERIOD 1	8:00 A.M. – 8:47 A.M.
PERIOD 2	8:50 A.M. – 9:40 A.M.
PERIOD 3	9:43 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.
PERIOD 4	10:33 A.M. – 11:20 A.M.
PERIOD 5	11:23 A.M. – 12:10 P.M.
PERIOD 6	12:13 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.
PERIOD 7	1:03 P.M. – 1:50 P.M.
PERIOD 8	1:53 P.M. – 2:40 P.M.
PERIOD 9	2:43 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

ATTENDANCE

- If you move or change phone numbers, please contact the attendance office (Room 117) so that our records are kept up to date.
- Total absence over nine days in a school year is considered excessive and could lower your grade. Keep track of your absences from school using this handbook.
- Upon returning to school after an absence, you are required to bring a note signed by your parent or guardian explaining the reason for the absence and have it signed by your teachers.
- If you are absent for 3 or more consecutive days, a doctor's note is required.
- Extended vacations are not considered acceptable absences.
- Unexcused absence from any class is considered a cut.
- Cuts and lateness to school can adversely affect your grades and will be noted on your record.
- If you believe that your attendance record is incorrect, please have your parent or guardian call the cutting and lateness office at 718 595 8413 or the attendance office at 718 595 8414.
- Work missed because of absence or trips must be made up in a timely fashion.

SCHOOL BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

- No hats or do-rags
- Students should dress appropriately for school: no halter or backless tops, tank tops, midriff tops, short shorts and sagging pants.
- Use of cell phones, MP3 players and wireless earphones is permitted only in the student cafeteria. Unless explicit permission is given by your teacher, these items may not be used during class and are subject to confiscation.
- Students should always enter school through the cafeteria entrance on 50th avenue
- I.D. and program cards must be carried by students when in the building
- Students are not allowed to eat and drink outside the cafeteria
- Students should not leave the building during the school day for any reason including during their lunch period
- Students in the hallways during class time should always have an official pass from the teacher
- Students should not loiter around the school before or after their school day
- Newtown is a drug-free and weapon-free zone, including box-cutters and screwdrivers

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED CREDITS

ENGLISH	8	MATH (8 are recommended)	6
SOCIAL STUDIES:		SCIENCE (4 must be in a lab science)	6
GLOBAL HISTORY	4	PHYSICAL EDUCATION (7 terms)	4
US HISTORY	2	HEALTH	1
ECONOMICS	1	LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH	2
PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT	1	(6 are recommended)	
ART OR MUSIC	2	ELECTIVES	7

MINIMUM TOTAL CREDITS 44

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

FOR A REGENTS DIPLOMA: 5 REGENTS EXAMS REQUIRED WITH SCORE OF 65 OR HIGHER

English Global History US History Math Science

FOR AN ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA: 9 EXAMS REQUIRED

English Global History US History 2 Science (1 Life, 1 Physical)
 Algebra 1 Geometry Algebra 2 Language Other than English (LOTE)*
(Must also have 6 credits in the language)

* Students completing an approved 10 credit sequence in the Arts or CTE are only required to complete 2 credits of a second language and are not required to take a LOTE Exam

TO BE CONSIDERED COLLEGE AND CAREER READY, YOU NEED:

75 or higher on the English Language Arts Regents 70 or higher on a Common Core Math Regents

2019 REGENTS EXAMINATION DATES

JANUARY	Tuesday, January 22 through Friday, January 25
JUNE	First administration of the new Framework Regents Examination in Global History and Geography II – Grade 10: Monday, June 3 Other Regents Examinations: Tuesday, June 18 through Tuesday June 25
AUGUST	Tuesday, August 13 and Friday, August 14

ATHLETICS

Baseball (JV)	Baseball (Varsity)	Basketball (Boys JV)
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Bowling (Boys Varsity)	Cricket (Boys)	Cross Country (Boys)
Cross Country (Girls)	Handball (Girls)	Indoor Track (Girls)
Outdoor Track (Boys)	Outdoor Track (Girls)	Soccer (Boys Varsity)
Soccer Girls (Varsity)	Softball (Girls JV)	Tennis (Boys Varsity)
Tennis (Girls Varsity)	Volleyball (Boys Varsity)	Volleyball (Girls JV)
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CLUBS

Art Portfolio	Bengali	Book Club
Chess	Chinese Culture/Literary	Debate
Drama	Filipino	Film
Freshman Council	Hiking Club	Indian
Key Club	Leadership	Martial Arts
Multilingual e-magazine	National Honor Society	Play Production
Robotics	Science Club	Senior Council
Short Story	Spanish Drama	Student Organization (S.O.)
Tibet//Nepal	Yearbook	Yoga

Leadership is open to students who want to develop practical leadership skills within the school and school government.

Membership in of the **National Honor Society (Arista)** is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors that have an average of 85% or above, have no failures on their transcript, and have performed at least one term of service for the school. In addition to performing service at Newtown, members must complete 20 hours of community service. If you would like to join, contact Ms. Tsouristakis in room 365.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND COURSE OFFERINGS

ART INSTITUTE

This program leads to the NYS Art Regents Exam and the creation of a multimedia portfolio suitable for college applications. Courses include: Drawing, Print-making, Graphic Design and Computer Art.

BUSINESS INSTITUTE

This program prepares students for entry into the work place or further business study at the college level. Most of our graduates are college-bound. Course include: Internet and Computers, MOS-Word and Power Point certification, Connect 2 College (dual enrollment), E-Commerce (Virtual Enterprise Classroom) and Web Page Design. There are opportunities for paid internships for qualified students - Work-based learning (Work Study). Tech Prep courses are available for ELL students and offer college credit through Queensborough Community College.

PRE-ENGINEERING

This program prepares students for Architecture, Engineering and Computer Technology related areas of study. Courses include: Drafting for Production, Principles of Engineering, Solid works, Architecture, Landscaping, A+ Certification (Computer repair) and Telecommunications (network cabling). There are opportunities for internships for qualified students.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

College credit is earned by scoring a 3 or higher on AP Exams given in May. Course offerings include: United States Government and Politics, Human Geography, United States History, World History, Studio Art, Calculus BC, Statistics, Biology, English Language and Composition, Environmental Science, English Literature and Composition, Spanish Language and Culture, Spanish Literature and Culture, Chinese Language and Culture.

COLLEGE NOW COURSES

These courses, offered in conjunction with LaGuardia Community College, are available to qualified juniors and seniors who are interested in earning college credits while still at high school. Courses offered have included: Basic Writing, English 101, Reading the Biography, Literature and Propaganda, Critical Thinking, Math Concepts, College Algebra, Introduction to Business, Principles of Marketing, Drawing, Painting, Architecture, and Music.

TECH PREP STUDIES

These are dual enrollment courses taken for college credit that are offered in collaboration with Queensborough Community College.

QUEENS COMMUNITY HOUSE

Instruction offered in Business and Computers, Kickboxing and Music (Guitar).

CREDIT RECOVERY AND INDEPENDENT STUDY

These are credit accumulation opportunities are available with you counselor's permission.

OFFERED AFTER SCHOOL OR ON SATURDAY

EXTENDED DAY classes for high school credit **SATURDAY ACADEMY** tutoring and credited classes
S.A.T. prep courses and tutoring