

# High School Profile

**2012-13 North Tahoe High School**

**CEEB code: 053537**

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Principal: Joanna Mitchell

School counselor: Jeff Ream

## Community:

North Tahoe High School is one of two comprehensive high schools within the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District. The district is comprised of eleven schools divided in two regional areas: the Truckee region and the Lakeside. The NTHS campus is shared with North Tahoe School, which changed from a grade 6-8 middle school to a grade 5-8 school. The school is impacted by the resort nature of the area and the high cost of living. North Tahoe continues to experience a decrease in enrollment as families move to areas that offer more affordable housing and greater employment opportunities. However, despite decreasing numbers and a faltering economy, North Tahoe High School enjoys the support of an involved community. Multiple academic and extracurricular programs are enhanced through the support of Excellence in Education, local bond Measure A, North Tahoe Boosters, FAN Club (fine arts), as well as committed parents who serve on Site Council, VIPS (Parent Organization), and are always willing to assist as needed.

North Tahoe High was named a California Distinguished School in the spring of 2009. In 2012, the Tahoe-Truckee Area, which includes Tahoe City and NTHS, was named an All-American City.

**Description:** North Tahoe High School serves the students who are within in the northern regions of Lake Tahoe from Emerald Bay north, including Tahoe City, to stateline on the north shore. We also encompass students from within Squaw Valley and back into Tahoe City. Highway 267 is included up to the Kingswood area.

**Location:** North Tahoe High School is located on Polaris Drive in the Highlands area of Tahoe City.

**Population:** North Lake Tahoe has a population of approximately 15,000.

## School:

North Tahoe High School serves a student population of 310 students; the student demographic is primarily white and Hispanic. Over the last several years, the Hispanic population has grown to 42%, increasing the number of EL students, and thereby impacting the curricular program. This trend is expected to continue. The students of North Tahoe High School come from all levels of socio-economic backgrounds; however, the free and reduced lunch student population has risen from 31% in 2008 to 54% in 2011. As a result, North Tahoe High School is in the Title 1 Schoolwide Program.

**Description:** One of three four-year comprehensive high schools in the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District.

**Enrollment:** There are approximately 310 students enrolled at North Tahoe High School.

**Accreditation:** Western Association of Schools and Colleges – 6 Year with 3 Year Review.

**Grading System:** Colleges recommending grades in most courses of “B” or better. For high school graduation a “D” is passing. Students at North Tahoe High School are graded on an A-B-C-D-F scale.

## Curriculum:

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Prior to the 2012-2013 school year, NTHS was **running on a 4 period accelerated block schedule** – completing 1 year of coursework in two quarters. In 2012-2013, the schedule was **changed to a modified block**. Students are in 6 standard year long courses and attend all 6 period during three days of the week and alternating even/odd 3 period blocks on two days of the week. During the two block days, a **46 minute RTI period begins the school day**. Students receive additional help in courses if needed and **have opportunities for enrichment classes and clubs**.

We currently offer the following **AP courses**: AP English Literature and Comp, AP English Language and Comp, AP US History, AP US Government (semester), AP Microeconomics (semester), AP Calculus AB, and AP Spanish Language. Also offered based on student interest are AP Music Theory, AP Biology, AP Spanish Literature, and AP Chemistry courses. **AP is open-enrollment**.

Some students also elect to take further courses via independent study at the district's alternative school, online schools, or at Sierra College (our local community college). We also have many students who elect to participate in Ski Academy, which is an independent study program for our students who are competitive skiers.

Advanced Placement courses receive a weighted GPA of 1 point with a grade of C or better. We also offer Honors English courses for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade levels. These courses are not weighted.

## Grading:

Grading is based on a standard A-F scale with a 4 point system: A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, and F = 0.

**Any student earning a weighted GPA of 4.0 or higher is a valedictorian.** The first student under that GPA receives Salutatorian honor.

## Other Notes:

The students have had a high turnover of counselors in the last year, as two came and went. This year is Jeff Ream's first year at NTHS. Please consider this when reviewing required counselor letters of recommendation.