



NMSS PROFILE 2012-2013

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Community and School Information:

New Millennium Secondary School is a public charter high school, currently located in Carson, California – 30 minutes south of Downtown Los Angeles serving students from Compton, Carson, Gardena, Torrance and Long Beach. NMSS was founded in 2008 serving 150 ninth grade students and has since grown to nearly 500 students spanning grades 9 – 12. NMSS graduated its first class in June 2012.

NMSS is a partnership school with California State University, Dominguez Hills (CSUDH). NMSS Students have the opportunity to take college courses helping them to prepare for a successful collegiate career. NMSS provides students access to laptops and interactive SMARTboards in each classroom. As of 2011, NMSS had the highest Academic Performance Index (API) score in the local area of open admission schools.

New Millennium Secondary School has a 4 x 4 block schedule. Students are scheduled for four 90-minute periods, plus an Advisory period each quarter. There are four 10-week quarters during the school year. Each quarter is the equivalent of a traditional semester allowing students to acquire 85 credits each year, as opposed to the 60 credits earned at a school with a traditional schedule.

NMSS Quick Facts:

480 students
 Class of 2013 = 116 students First Graduating Class of 2012 = 120 students
 70% socioeconomically disadvantaged
 10% students with disabilities
 65% of students reside in Carson
 30% of the students reside in Compton
 50+% students are first-generation college students

City of Carson: Founded: 1968; youngest city in South Bay Region of Los Angeles County
 City known for: Large manufacturing plants and bedroom communities
 Surrounding cities: Compton, Gardena, Long Beach, Torrance, Wilmington

Student Body:	74% African American	Staff:	26 teachers
	15% Hispanic/Latino		100% NCLB Highly Qualified
	6% Filipino		Student Teacher ratio: 20.6
	2% White		Average class size: 29

Curriculum: College preparatory curriculum designed to meet the rigors of the University of California/California State University systems, aka the A – G Requirements. To graduate, students must complete, at a minimum, the general diploma requirements including a C- or better in all A-G coursework.

A-G Coursework

2 years Social Science - World History, US History
4 years English - English 9A/B/Honors, English 10 A/B/Honors, English 11A/B, English 12A/B, College English 110/111 (CSUDH)
3 years Math - Algebra 1A/B, Geometry A/B, Algebra IIA/B, Math Analysis A/B, Trigonometry A/B
2 years Foreign Language - Spanish 1A/B, Spanish 2A/B, Spanish 3A/B, Native Spanish Speakers 1A/B
2 years Science - Biology, Chemistry
1 year Visual or Performing Art - Visual Arts, Digital Media Arts
1 year College Prep Elective - Anatomy/Physiology, Classic Literature A/B/Honors, World Literature A/B/Honors, American Literature A/B, Spanish 3A/B, World Geography

College Preparatory Electives:

World Geography
 Classic Literature
 World Literature
 American Literature
 Spanish 3A/B

Non-College Preparatory Support Classes:

Algebra Topics
 CAHSEE Math
 Geometry Topics
 English Support
 Grade level Advisory Course



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Graduation Requirements

General Diploma Requirements

- Earn 230 credits
- Pass CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam)
- Complete A-G courses
- Take and pass one college-level course
- Complete 75 hours of community service

Millennium Scholar Diploma *

- Earn 250+ credits
- Have cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above
- Complete A-G courses
- Pass CAHSEE
- Take and pass one college-level course
- Take and pass one on-line college-level course
- Complete 75 hours of community service
- Complete a community service project
- Complete a digital media portfolio

* Completing the Millennium Scholar Diploma guarantees admissions to California State University, Dominguez Hills

Grading System

NMSS has adopted a Standards-Based grading model meaning all grades are based on student mastery of standards. All assignments will be graded using a rubric score for the level of mastery demonstrated on the assigned standards.

Rubric Score	Mastery Rating	Grade Value
4	Advanced	A
3	Proficient	B
2	Basic	C
1	Below basic	F
0	Student has not turned in assignment	0

GPA – Grade Point Average calculations:

A+ = 4.33	B = 3.00	C- = 1.67
A = 4.00	B- = 2.67	F = 0.00
A- = 3.67	C+ = 2.33	
B+ = 3.33	C = 2.00	

Ranking System

Class rank is calculated on a 4.0+ scale based on all grades earned in the 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grades. If classes are repeated, both grades are used. College level course grades are weighted by one grade point. Final rank is calculated on 9th, 10th, 11th and the first three quarters of 12th grade. Certain college level courses are included on student transcripts but are also documented on transcripts from the college that the students attended.

Test Scores

PSAT 1 student earned NMSQT Commendation from class of 2012
 SAT Over 57% of Class of 2012 took the SAT; score statistics not available
 ACT Over 20% of Class of 2012 took the ACT; score statistics not available

College Coursework Completed Before Graduation

100% of seniors have taken or are planning to take at least one college course before graduation

College Admissions

43% of current senior class of 2013 (116 students) have a 3.0 GPA or above
 66% of first graduating class of 2012 are attending 4-year colleges and universities
 26% of first graduating class of 2012 are attending 2-year colleges
 3% of first graduating class of 2012 are attending visual and performing arts schools
 9% of first graduating class of 2012 are attending trade/technical/career colleges
 >1% of first graduating class of 2012 enrolled in the military