



# Profile

## The Community

The Norwin School District is composed of the municipalities of North Huntingdon Township, Irwin Borough and North Irwin Borough in the southwest corner of Westmoreland County. Approximately ten (10) miles from Greensburg, the county seat, and twenty (20) miles from downtown Pittsburgh, off exit 67 (old exit 7) of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, the community covers thirty-six (36) square miles while serving as home to approximately 30,000 residents. The Norwin School District is the result of the 1958 jointure between the North Huntingdon Township Schools and the Irwin Borough Schools - reuniting what was in the 1930's one system. The present Norwin school system consists of four (4) elementary schools, an intermediate school, a middle school and a high school as well as a central administration building. Approximately 1,900 students are presently entered in the K-4 elementary program, 800 in the 5-6 intermediate program, 830 attend middle school covering grades 7-8 and 1,700 are enrolled in the high school which encompasses grades 9-12.

## The School

According to *The Pittsburgh Business Times 2009 School Rankings* Norwin High School is ranked 17<sup>th</sup> out of 123 high schools and ranked third in Westmoreland County.

### NHS requires 25.5 credits to Graduate

Course	Credits
English	4.5
Mathematics	3.0
Science (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)	3.0
Social Studies	4.0
Arts & Humanities or both	2.0
Health & Physical Education	2.5
Graduation Project	0.5
PSSA (Reading, Writing, Math)	1.0
Electives	5.0

### Enrollment (Fall 2009)

Grade 9	389
Grade 10	426
Grade 11	448
Grade 12	440
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,703</b>

### AP classes:

Studio Art	Statistics
Music Theory	Psychology
English Language	U.S. History
English Literature	Calculus I
Government & Politics	Chemistry
World History	Biology

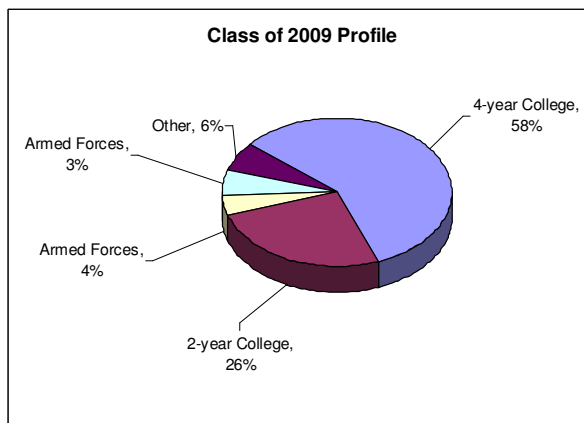
### World Languages:

Each is available for four (4) years.

Spanish	German
French	Japanese

### Honors Courses

- Algebra II
- Biology 9
- Calculus II
- Chemistry 10
- Physics 11
- Physics II
- Pre-Calculus/Trig.
- Science Research
- World Language/Level IV



### Grading Scale

A	92% and above	Excellent
B	82% - below 92%	Above Average
C	70% - below 82%	Average
D	60% - below 70%	Below Average
F	below 60%	Failure/No Credit
I	Incomplete	
P	Passing	
X	Conditional*	

\*Credit awarded but must repeat class to enroll in next level subject

# Norwin High School

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**Dr. Edward J. Federinko**  
Principal

**Mr. Timothy Kotch**  
Assistant Principal

**Mr. Joseph Shigle**  
Assistant Principal

## Career and College Planning

Norwin High School offers a variety of resources for career and college preparation.

### College Credits

College in High School Courses through the University of Pittsburgh Main Campus and Seton Hill University and Dual Enrollment Agreements with University of Pittsburgh Greensburg Campus, Seton Hill University, Penn State Greater Allegheny, and Westmoreland County Community College.

University of Pittsburgh College in High School Courses:

- Argument Rhetoric & Communication (3 credits)
- Basic Applied Statistics (4 credits)
- Computer Science Intermediate Programming Using Java (4 Credits)
- Intermediate College French I (3 credits)
- Web Site Design and Development (3 credits)

Seton Hill University College in High School Courses

- General Biology & Lab (4 credits)
- General Chemistry & Lab (4 credits)
- Calculus with Analytic Geometry (4 Credits)
- Pre-Calculus (3 credits)
- Basic Composition (3 credits)
- Elementary Spanish & Culture (3 credits)

Available online Career & College planning resources include:

*(login and password required)*

- C.O.I.N. Career Guidance System
- My College Options
- The Official SAT Online Course

## Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center

The Norwin School District cooperatively participates in the Central Westmoreland Career and Technology Center (CWCTC) located in New Stanton. Norwin students receive instruction at Norwin High School for half of the day and instruction at CWCTC for half of the day. Because of the large numbers of students desirous of attending CWCTC, Norwin students, like all others, must meet the necessary selection requirements established by CWCTC in order to be admitted to any of the numerous programs available.

### Programs offered:

- Auto Collision Technology (Automobile Body)
- Automotive Technology (Automobile Mechanics)
- Carpentry
- Commercial Art & Illustration
- Computer Aided Drafting Technology
- Computer & Information Science
- Construction Trades Technology (Building Maintenance)
- Cosmetology
- Culinary Arts
- Electrical Technology Occupations
- Electronics Technology
- Graphic Arts
- Health Professionals/Occupations
- Heating & Air Conditioning
- Horticulture
- Industrial/Residential Painting, Wall Covering and Design (Painting and Decorating)
- Machine Trades Technology
- Masonry
- Materials Handling/Distribution Operations
- Plumbing
- Power Line/TEC 2000+
- Protective Services
- Welding/Metal Fabrication

## 2009 College and University Acceptances

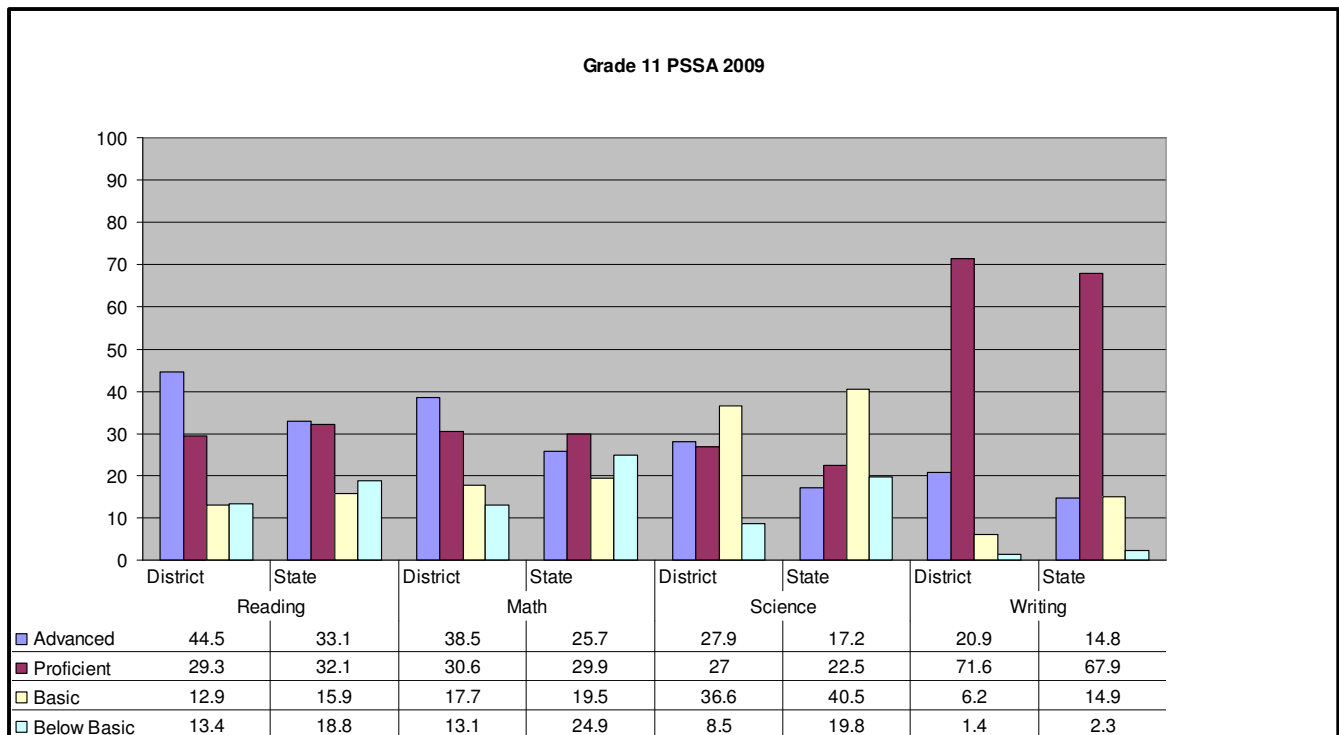
Allegheny College	Kent State	United States Naval Academy
Art Institute of Pittsburgh	La Roche College	University at Buffalo
Boston University	Le Cordon Bleu Culinary School of Pittsburgh	University of Kentucky
Bowling Green State University	Lock Haven University	University of North Carolina-Pembroke
Bradford School	Marymount-Manhattan College	University of Pennsylvania
California University of Pa	Miami University of Ohio	University of Pittsburgh-Bradford
Capital University	Oberlin College	University of Pittsburgh-Greensburg
Carlow College	Penn State University-Altoona	University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown
Carnegie Mellon University	Penn State University-Greater Allegheny	University of Pittsburgh-Oakland
Chatham University	Penn State University-University Park	University of Pittsburgh Medical Center-Mercy
Clarion University	Pennsylvania Culinary Institute	University of Pittsburgh Medical Center-Shadyside School of Nursing
Colgate University	Philadelphia University	University of Southern Mississippi
College of the Atlantic	Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics	University of Toledo
Community College of Allegheny County	Point Park University	Vet Tech
Douglas School of Education	Princeton University	Washington And Jefferson College
Drexel University	Robert Morris University	Waynesburg College
Duquesne University	Rochester Institute of Technology	West Penn Hospital School of Nursing
Edinboro University	Saint Francis University	West Virginia University
Elon University	Seton Hill University	Western School of Health and Business (Sanford Brown Institute)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Slippery Rock University	Westmoreland County Community College
Full Sail Real World Education	South University	Wyotech
Gannon University	Thiel College	
Georgetown University	Toledo University	
Grove City College	Triangle Tech-Greensburg	
Indiana University of Pennsylvania		

## Standardized Testing Program

A comprehensive standardized testing program exists at the secondary level in coordination with the overall curriculum. In addition, such national tests as PSAT, SAT and ACT are offered for those students who wish to take them. Individual tests may be administered by the school district psychologist as needed. All these tests help the district professionals better understand each student's individual abilities and needs.

### 2009 PSSA Results

The results of the 2009 administration of the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) demonstrates that 11th grade students in the District scored well above the state average in reading, mathematics, science and writing.



## Academic Opportunities

### Tutoring

Content area tutoring in core academic subjects is available daily before and after school.

The school also uses a variety of web-based technology and software to help students who may be struggling academically.

### e-Academy Online Courses

Norwin High School offers a variety of online summer school courses for students who received a failing grade or for students who want additional review of course material.

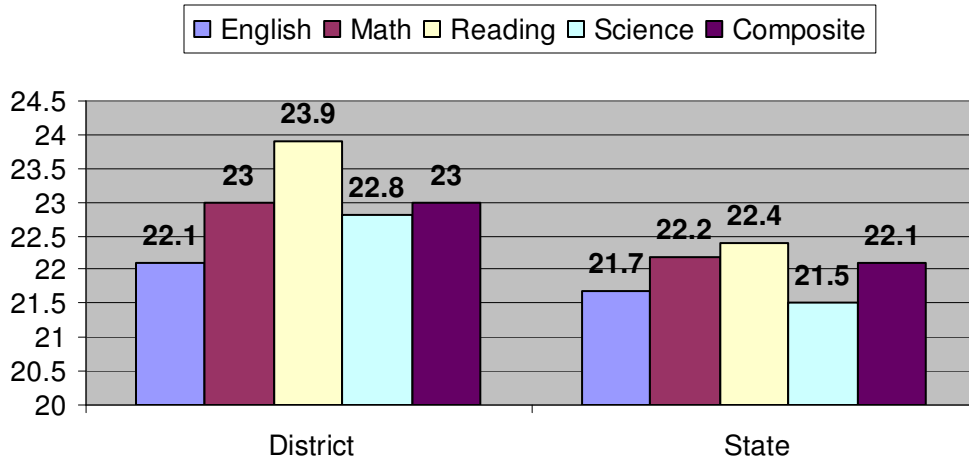
### Special Services

The high school promotes numerous special programs and services. Included among these are programs for gifted support students, for students with extended illness who are unable to attend school and for students who have shown themselves in need of special academic and disciplinary help.

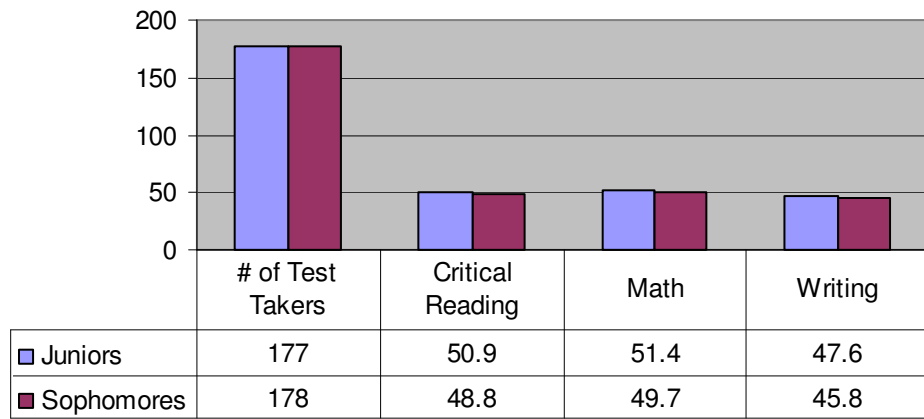
## MISSION STATEMENT

Through quality educational experiences, the Norwin School District prepares students to become productive and responsible citizens in an ever-changing global society.

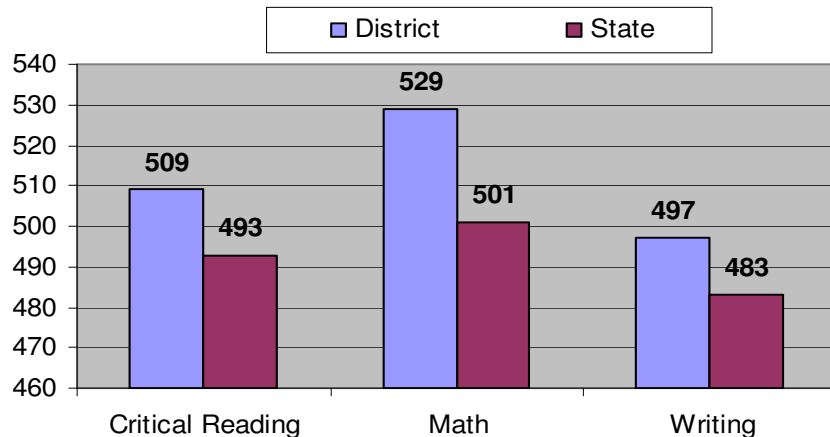
### ACT Mean Scores 2008-2009



### PSAT Mean Scores 2008-2009



### SAT Mean Scores 2008-2009



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### ***Family Access***

Family Access is a secure web-based information and communication center designed by Skyward, Inc. for use by parents/guardians and students.

#### ***For Parent/Guardian:***

Allows parents/guardians to easily view their child's attendance, grades, schedule, food service balance, assignments, and emergency contact information. Family Access is a free service and will be available to all parents with children enrolled in the district.

***To use Family Access you must fill out and submit a Registration form that is available on the District website to receive login information.***

Each parent/guardian, regardless of which household the child resides, can have their own account for Family Access. Parents may "share" one account or may choose to use separate logins.

Only the primary guardian will have the ability to receive automated e-mail notifications of low food service balances. Both parents/guardians will be able to choose to have progress reports and low score notifications.

#### ***For Students:***

Allows students to view assignments and grades in each subject, message center, attendance, schedule, graduation requirements, login history, and course request pages.

Students can access the site from school by clicking on the Skyward icon on any computer or from a home computer or another computer outside of the school by using an assigned username and password.

<b><i>Guidance Department</i></b>			
724-861-3002		Fax 724-515-0006	
Mr. Conwell, ext. 1246	(Last Names A-E)	Ms. Venderlic, ext. 1247	(Last Names F-K)
Mrs. Marazza, ext. 1242	(Last Names L-R)	Mrs. Thorsen, ext. 1248	(Last Names S-Z)

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### ***Extracurricular Activities***

#### ***Clubs***

Art  
AFS  
DECA  
FBLA  
Interact  
Language:  
    French  
    Spanish  
    German  
    Japanese  
Science Challenge Squad  
Ski  
S.A.D.D.  
Students Caring About Families  
Theatre

#### ***Interscholastic Athletics/Boys***

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Football  
Golf  
Soccer  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Track  
Volleyball  
Wrestling

***Club Sport***  
Bowling  
Ice Hockey  
Lacrosse – Boys

#### ***Interscholastic Athletics/Girls***

Basketball  
Cross Country  
Field Hockey  
Soccer  
Softball  
Swimming  
Tennis  
Track  
Volleyball

***Organizations***  
Literary Magazine  
Music (Choral, Strings and Instrumental)  
National Honor Society  
School Newspaper and Yearbook  
Student Council

<b>Mr. Randy Rovesti</b> <i>Director of Student Activities &amp; Transportation</i>	<b>724-861-3006</b>
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### **NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The Norwin School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age or handicap in the administration of any of its educational programs, activities, or with respect to employment. Inquiries should be directed to Mr. Thomas H. Wroblewski, Director of Human Resources, 281 McMahon Drive, North Huntingdon, PA 15642, (724-861-3029).