

Allen D. Nease High School

2025 COLLEGE ADMISSION PROFILE

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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

Allen D. Nease High School, established in 1981, is one of seven public high schools in St. Johns County, Florida with approximately 2,200 students in grades 9 through 12. Nease High School is consistently an "A" school in the state of Florida.

Nease High School houses five academies of the St. Johns County School District that are available by application to students district-wide, regardless of their zoned school: the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (382 students), the Communications Academy (471 students), the Stellar Academy of Engineering (362 students), the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism (197 students) and the Navy JROTC Program (183 students). Students can participate in more than one academy. We also offer Career and Technical Education courses including Business, Sports Marketing, Computer Science and Robotics.

St. Johns County School District, covering over 600 square miles with approximately 350,000 residents, is located in Northeast Florida, and is accredited by AdvancED. St. Johns County School District is currently the top ranked Florida school district and has been consistently recognized as one of the best school districts in Florida by the State Department of Education.

The racial composition of Nease is 80% Caucasian with the remaining student body made up of African-American (3%), Asian (11%), Multiracial (6%) and Other (1%); 11.4% of the student body claims Hispanic heritage.

TRANSCRIPT AND GRADING SYSTEM

The school year is 180 days with two semesters consisting of two nine-week sessions. The first semester ends in December and the school year ends in late May. Nease uses the State of Florida grading scale where A: 90-100; B: 80-89; C: 70-79; D: 60-69; and F: 0-59.

Each transcript includes a weighted Grade Point Average (GPA) listed both annually and cumulatively, computed by including all high school coursework, using semester grades. Our official unweighted GPA is based on a 4.0 scale, while our weighted GPA includes extra weight (indicated by an "H") given to Honors & Pre-IB courses (+.5) as well as IB, AP & Dual Enrollment courses (+1).

All students are ranked using the weighted GPA. Final rank is calculated at the end of the first semester of senior year.

ACADEMIC RIGOR POLICY

Nease's goal is for students to take the most rigorous courses possible considering prerequisites and placement criteria. Based upon these criteria, students at Nease are placed in honors, dual enrollment and Advanced Placement (AP) classes or pre-IB and International Baccalaureate (IB) classes (upon acceptance to the program).

ADVANCED PLACEMENT CURRICULUM

Nease offers a number of Advanced Placement (AP) courses at Nease including: Art History, Biology, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, English Language, English Literature, Environmental Science, Human Geography, Microeconomics, Physics 1, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, Studio Art, U.S. Government and Politics, U.S. History, World History and AP Seminar. Students are also offered the ability to take virtual school AP classes during the school day for those not available at Nease.

In 2025, 895 Nease students took a total of 2,093 AP exams. A total of (93%) Nease AP students completed exams successfully with scores of 3-5. In addition, 286 students were recognized as AP Scholars with Distinction, 83 students as AP Scholars with Honor & 124 as AP Scholars.

THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM

Nease offers the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program which is chartered by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) in Geneva, Switzerland. IB is a very rigorous, world-class, 2 year program of curriculum and service that meets the needs of highly motivated secondary students during their last two years of high school, providing a comprehensive and integrated approach to learning. The IB curriculum is centered around a persistent curiosity, critical analysis, and creative synthesis in a broad range of subject areas. In addition, students take intensified courses in Grades 9 and 10 in English, World Language, Social Studies, Science, Mathematics, and a series of elective offerings in preparation for the college-level curriculum of the Grades 11-12 IB Diploma Program. Students earn a full IB Diploma by passing internationally set and graded exams, internal assessments, an original research paper (extended essay), Theory of Knowledge course, and the creativity, activity, and service requirements. For more detailed information and course descriptions, please visit www.ibo.org.

The IB program began at Nease in 1998 and since then have had 1,909 IB graduates. Admission to our IB program is open to our entire county and our current enrollment (9-12) is 382, with 78 current seniors. Our IB population is very diverse(9-12): 18% of our students have lived overseas, and 49% have parents originally from foreign countries.

Our IB students performed remarkably on IB exams last year (2024-2025), the average IB score on exam (0-7) was: 4.95, and range of subject averages: 3.67 - 5.5. We had 79 graduating seniors, with a diploma earned rate of 95%. Overall test passed rate was 94%.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Nease currently has over 75 active clubs and honor societies on our campus. Our clubs cater to a variety of interests, career paths, and community service opportunities. We have clubs such as DECA, HOSA, Hi-Q, Mock Trial, and Model UN that compete at national and international levels.

Beyond competitive organizations, we have special interest clubs that range from Anime and Marital Arts to Surfing and Pickleball; such that every student can find a way to get involved on campus. Our clubs are all student run and managed by an interclub council committee that ensures clubs are upholding their mission statements and act as a way for students to come together to discuss student life. Students are given the opportunity for leadership roles, to explore their passions, and to interact with our greater community through clubs.

ATHLETICS

The Nease High School Athletic Department mission is to develop student-athletes into confident, capable leaders within their communities by fostering excellence both on and off the field. We are committed to supporting the academic achievement, athletic success, and personal growth of every student-athlete. Through character development, teamwork, and a culture of integrity, we empower our athletes to reach their full potential and make a lasting impact beyond the game.

Our Athletic Department offers a variety of varsity and sub varsity sports:

Season	Sport	Season	Sport	Season	Sport
Fall	Cross Country, Boys	Winter	Basketball, Boys	Spring	Baseball
	Cross Country, Girls		Basketball, Girls		Flag Football
	Football		Competitive Cheer		Lacrosse, Boys
	Golf, Boys		Soccer, Boys		Lacrosse, Girls
	Golf, Girls		Soccer, Girls		Softball
	Swim/Dive Boys		Weightlifting, Girls		Tennis, Boys
	Swim/Dive Girls		Wrestling, Boys		Tennis, Girls
	Volleyball, G		Wrestling, Girls		Track
					Volleyball, Boys
					Weightlifting, Boys
					Football, Spring

CAREER ACADEMIES

Nease houses three Career Academies: the Communications Academy, the Stellar Academy of Engineering and the St. Johns County Academy of Hospitality and Tourism. Our Career Academies offer a college preparatory curriculum with a career focus, enabling students to see relationships among academic subjects and their application to a broad field of work. They offer a small learning community, comprised of a group of students within the larger high school who take classes together for at least three years. These academies partner with employers, the community and local colleges to bring resources from outside the high school to improve student motivation and achievement.

The Communications Academy at Nease allows students to explore the fields of television production and digital design through project-based learning and unique experiences both in the classroom and in the business world. Students in the Communications Academy work with professional-grade equipment and software to learn the latest skills. The Stellar Academy of Engineering provides students with a foundation of skills, knowledge and experience in multiple engineering disciplines, and exposure to the latest 2D and 3D drafting design technology. The Academy of Hospitality and Tourism prepares our students for one of the fastest-growing industries on a local, and global, level. Students learn the computer, business, and customer service skills needed to build a successful career in the Hospitality and Tourism industries.

Through hands-on experience, field trips, and guest speakers, students gain real-world skills as they prepare for college and careers. These academy students can participate in more than one academy at Nease and are placed in the most appropriate rigorous track of academic courses.

NAVY JUNIOR ROTC PROGRAM

The Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (NJROTC) is a program of choice designed to focus on leadership development, problem solving, strategic planning, and professional ethics. The Nease High School unit was commissioned in 1993 and has continually been recognized as a distinguished unit with honors.

Nease NJROTC students take an elective in this program each year and participate in its service, academic, athletic and skill-based activities. These students can also participate in another academy at Nease and are placed in the most appropriate rigorous track of academic courses. **In 2022, Nease NJROTC was recognized as the most outstanding unit in the Nation.**

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTING

Nease students continue to perform above average on college admission tests. The graduating class of 2025 average score on the SAT was 1198 (EBRW 612, M 586). Their average composite score on the ACT was 25. Nease students have also earned recognitions on their junior PSAT from the National Merit Scholarship Program:

Nat'l Merit Semifinalists: 14, (2025); 7, (2024)

Nat'l Merit Commended: 20, (2025); 19, (2024)

Nat'l Hispanic Recognition: 1, (2021); 4, (2020);

2025: 14 Finalists were awarded National Merit Scholarship Awards

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES ATTENDING

Nease's graduates have been accepted to, are attending and have graduated from many colleges and universities, including:

American University	George Washington Univ.	UNC Chapel Hill
Auburn University	Georgetown University	U.S. Military Academy
Boston College	Georgia Tech	U.S. Naval Academy
Boston University	Harvard University	University of Alabama
Brigham Young Univ.	Jacksonville University	Univ. of Calif.- Berkeley
Brown University	Johns Hopkins Univ.	Univ. of Central Florida
Carnegie Mellon Univ.	MIT	University of Chicago
The Citadel	McGill University	University of Florida
Clemson University	Mercer University	University of Georgia
Colgate University	New College of Florida	University of Miami
College of Charleston	New York University	University of Michigan
Coll. of William & Mary	N. Carolina State Univ.	Univ. of North Florida
Cornell University	Northeastern University	Univ. of Notre Dame
Dartmouth College	Northwestern University	Univ. of Pennsylvania
Davidson College	Nova Southeastern Univ.	Univ. of Pittsburgh
Drexel University	Ohio State University	Univ. of Richmond
Duke University	Pennsylvania State Univ.	Univ. of So. Carolina
Elon University	Princeton University	Univ. of South Florida
Embry-Riddle	Purdue University	Univ. of So. California
Emory University	Rollins College	University of Tampa
Flagler College	Santa Fe College	University of Texas
Florida A&M University	SCAD	University of Virginia
Florida Atlantic Univ.	Sewanee	University of W. Florida
Florida Gulf Coast Univ.	Southeastern University	Valencia College
Florida Institute of Tech.	St. Johns River St. Coll.	Vanderbilt University
Florida Int'l Univ.	Stanford University	Virginia Tech
Florida Southern College	Stetson University	Wake Forest University
Florida State Coll. at Jax	Tallahassee Comm. Coll.	Washington & Lee Univ.
Florida State University	Tufts University	Washington Univ. in SL
Furman University	Tulane University	Yale University