

NEEDHAM

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SCHOOL

STUDENT

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TRADITIONS AND HISTORY

Message from the Principal

Needham High School, like any other organization, has many different activities, rules, and customs. It is difficult for every student and even for every teacher to remember all of this information; therefore, a publication like this Student Handbook becomes important to all of us as a source of information so that we will have the same data with which to work. The compilers have put a great deal of time into assembling the material and publishing the Handbook. I know that they are confident that it will be of use to all members of our school family, and I am sure that we appreciate their work.

Speaking for the faculty, I wish each of you every success in your endeavors in the school. It is our intent that the classes should be small enough so that you really come to know your teachers and learn in an atmosphere best suited to your particular needs and interests in education at this time. The size of the school should be measured by the different opportunities that it can make available, and the smallness of the school should be measured by the extent to which you can feel at home and effective in your class room. Very best wishes to you in your life at Needham High School.

Harry L. Walen, Principal

An Important Note:

These are the rules and descriptions as of June, 1971. It is the intent of various committees to study many of the rules and descriptions during the school year to determine how adequate, necessary or realistic they are. Any changes made in the course of the year will be announced as they go into effect, and printed in the daily notices. The 1972 edition of this handbook will be revised accordingly.

TRADITIONS

School Colors

The official school colors of Needham High School are navy blue and white, as officially adopted by the Student Council of 1961-1962.

School Ring

Previous to the academic year, 1960-1961, each class adopted its own class ring by vote. In that year, however, the motion to have an official school ring was adopted by vote of the student body. This ring may be purchased in the Junior Year.

School Seal

Prior to the school year 1961-1962 no official school seal had been adopted by the student body.

Only an emblem of the Needham Rockets had been placed on bookcovers to represent the school. In that year the Student Council formally adopted a seal which had been used in the past in the yearbook.

History of Needham High School

After the incorporation of the town on November 5, 1711, the townspeople expressed their concern for the education of the children. They selected two men to teach at their own houses or at the houses of willing citizens. By 1719 the enrollment had grown sufficiently to warrant a moving school kept at three places in the town. By 1725 four school houses were built on different parts of the town through tax money and land donations.

The first major change in the school system in many years occurred in 1864 when a committee, considering the costs of maintaining a high school, reported in favor of establishing two high schools. Mr. Silas Rawson, a minister from Maine, had thirty-two pupils in the first class. Because no school building was available at the time, the high school was held in Maugus Hall, Village Hall, the upper part of the Centre School House and over Shattuck's grocery store. However, the outlook for building changed when, on March 9, 1897, John Mosley offered the town the lot next to where St. Joseph's Church now stands. The town decided to build a high school there; and on September 1, 1898, the new school was dedicated.

With an increased enrollment of 271 in 1921, immediate action to alleviate the crowded conditions became absolutely necessary. In 1922 the enrollment of 319 required a two-session school day; encouragement came, however, from plans for a new building close to the first, having a lunchroom and an athletic department.

The opening of the new high school in 1924 brought relief to the crowded situation until 1929 when the high school again needed more space. The town met the crowded conditions quickly by opening the present high school building in 1930, which was equipped with the latest facilities and offered space for 535.

After World War II the high school continued to grow, until in 1953 it was necessary to build an addition to the high school building which, completed in 1955, increased the school's capacity to 1400 pupils.

In the fall of 1967 two additional buildings were completed to meet the needs of the expanding school population. D building included a spacious new library and audio-visual reference center which is over twice the size of the former library, a series of Home Economics rooms and a large, modern kitchen to serve the cafeteria, which was also expanded. E building accommodates the Science Department on the top floor and the Mathematics Department on the bottom

floor. The classrooms are equipped to permit every student to carry out effective laboratory experiments. The building also includes a new Sci-Math Lecture and Movie Auditorium.

Needham High School has changed considerably since its beginning in 1714. It has changed its curriculum to meet the scholastic needs of the pupils, and its extra-curricular activities to meet their social needs. It maintains a constant standard of high scholarship, has instituted the Student Council to teach the students to be self-governing, and has developed a full program of athletics and organizations to utilize the students' recreational time and abilities. The students of this high school have a heritage to cherish and of which they can be well proud.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO NEEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL

In general, any child, who is a legal resident of the Town, is eligible for admission to the high school if he meets the academic requirements. The high school is "kept open for the benefit of all inhabitants of the town."

An academically qualified child who lives in the town of Needham, with a relative, or legal guardian, for reasons other than merely desire to attend Needham schools, is also eligible for admission.

Children temporarily residing within the town "for the special purpose of attending school," may also attend with the special permission of the school committee, as may "children from another town where racial imbalance exists." In these cases, the collection of tuition fees is discretionary with the school committee.

When a student moves from Needham, the new place of residence then becomes his school district. Under certain circumstances, a child whose parents wish him to remain in Needham to complete a year of schooling after the parents' change of residence, may be permitted to do so on the payment of a pro-rated share of the tuition charge for that year.

II ORGANIZATION NEEDHAM HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR 1971-1972

For the convenience of students in Needham High School and their parents, we have prepared the following calendar of major school functions.

MAJOR TESTS*

Saturday, October 23	PSAT/NMSOT	8:15 - 12:00
Saturday, October 30	NEDT	8:15 - 12:00
Saturday, November 6	SAT (only)	8:15 - 12:15
Saturday, December 4	CEEB	8:15 - 5:30
Saturday, January 8	CEEB	8:15 - 5:30
Saturday, March 4	CEEB	8:15 - 5:30
Saturday, April 15	SAT (only)	8:15 - 12:15
Saturday, May 6	ACH (only)	8:15 - 12:15
Saturday, July 8	CEEB	8:15 - 5:30

*SAT Scholastic Aptitude Test (First half of College Board Tests)
PSAT/NMSOT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Tests & National Merit)

NEDT	National Educational Development Tests
CEEB	College Entrance Examination Boards
ACH	Achievement Tests (Second half of College Board Tests)

DATES OF SCHOOL REPORTS TO PARENTS

Wednesday, October 13	1st mid-term reports distributed
Monday, November 22	1st term report cards issued
Tuesday, December 21	2nd mid-term reports distributed
Monday, February 7	2nd term report cards issued
Tuesday, March 7	3rd mid-term reports distributed
Monday, April 24	3rd term report cards issued
Tuesday, May 16	4th mid-term reports distributed
Thursday, June 22	Last day of school

Local scholarship applications must be submitted between April 3 and April 28, 1972. College scholarship applications should be according to the instructions in the individual college catalogues.

MAJOR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Saturday, September 25	First football game 1:30 p.m., Student Council Concert
Tuesday, October 5	Meeting of Parents of Seniors
Tuesday, October 26	NHS Open House for Parents
Friday, December 3	Fall Sports Award Night
Saturday, December 4	Pops Concert 7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 10 & Saturday, December 11	Senior Play 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 25	Parents of Juniors Guidance Night 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, February 16; Thursday, February 17; Friday, February 18; Saturday, February 19	Winter Musical 8:00 p.m.
Friday, March 10	Winter Sports Award Night
Friday, March 17	Faculty-Student Scholarship Basketball Game
Friday, March 24	Student Council Concert
Friday, April 7	Student Council Evening Fashion Show
Friday, June 2	Spring Sports Award Night
Tuesday, June 6	Graduation 6:00 p.m.

VACATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 24	Close at noon. Reopen November 29
Thursday, December 23	Close at noon. Reopen January 3, 1972
Friday, February 18	Close at end of day. Reopen February 28
Friday, April 14	Close at end of day. Reopen April 24

BELL SCHEDULE 1971 - 72

1st	8:00 - 8:46
HR	8:50 - 9:00
2nd	9:04 - 9:50
3rd	9:54 - 10:40
4th	10:44 - 11:30
L	11:30 - 11:58 (1st Lunch: English, Science, Soc. Studies, Home Econ.)
U	
n	11:58 - 12:26 (2nd Lunch: Business and Study Halls)
c	
h	12:26 - 12:54 (All Others)
6th	12:54 - 1:40
7th	1:44 - 2:30

THE FACULTY

ENGLISH

Mr. Allen, Director
 Mr. Goodman, Adm. Asst.
 Miss Achorn—519
 Mrs. Bates—514
 Mrs. Berlew
 Mr. Brightman—513
 Miss Burke—502
 Mr. Curtin—505
 Miss Daniel—507 (part time)
 Mr. Finn—509
 Mr. Fitzgerald—504
 Mr. Hamilton
 Mrs. MacDonald—512
 Miss McCune—515
 Mr. McKay—401
 Miss Neuman—517
 Miss Nichols—506
 Miss Popkoski—503
 Mr. Shugrue—508
 Mr. Stauffer

LANGUAGE

Miss DeGere, Director
 Mrs. Dow, Adm. Asst.
 Miss Athanasoulas—305
 Mr. Burgess—317
 Miss Campbell—101
 Mr. Gerbino
 Mr. Heinrich—107
 Miss Kenney
 Mr. Maletz—314
 Mrs. Mederos—202
 Mr. Morse—109
 Mr. Muir—111
 Mr. Noble
 Mrs. Perry—115
 Miss Venti—307
 Mrs. Winter—105

MATHEMATICS

Mr. West, Director
 Mr. Almqvist, Adm. Asst.
 Mr. Brock—811
 Mr. Chambers—817

Mr. DuRoss—805
 Mrs. Fisher—827
 Mrs. Bellacqua—815
 Mr. Gould—823
 Mrs. Grey
 Mr. Hill—809
 Mr. Little

Miss Mabis—807
 Miss Malen—813
 Mr. Shields—819
 Mr. Siegel—803
 Miss Sline—821
 Mr. Walsh—825

SCIENCE

Mr. Eastman, Director
 Mr. Griffin, Adm. Asst.
 Miss Baroni—903
 Mr. Friend—905
 Mr. Kochanek
 Miss LaFontaine—925
 Mr. Lockhart—921
 Miss Lyons
 Mr. McGuire—923
 Mrs. Moule—907
 Mr. Nelson
 Mr. Nevirauskas
 Mrs. O'Keefe—929
 Mrs. O'Neil
 Mrs. Osterling
 Mr. Rodakis—911

SOCIAL STUDIES

Mr. Hicks, Director
 Mr. Holt, Adm. Asst.
 Mr. Fuchs—414
 Mrs. Henderson—403
 Miss Leonard
 Mr. Lind—413
 Mr. McCarthy—417
 Mr. Olson—415
 Mr. Otis—405
 Mr. Richardson—407
 Mr. Stefanowicz—412
 Mr. Wilkins—419
 Mr. Meyersohn—402

BUSINESS

Mr. Golfini, Director
 Mr. Wallace
 Mr. Barrett—214
 Miss Cooney
 Mrs. Karlin—303
 Miss Knight
 Mrs. Moore—301

MUSIC

Mr. Gilbo
 Mr. Narducci

READING SPECIALIST

Mr. Johnson—919

ART

Mr. Enos
 Mr. Karp
 Miss Keary
 Mrs. Mountain (part time)

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Mr. Irving, Coordinator
 Mr. Gehring-Ghelli
 Mr. Santry
 Mr. Terrenzi

HOME ECONOMICS

Mrs. Kinchla, Coordinator
 Mrs. Gaud—601

PHYSICAL ED., Boys

Mr. Dennett
 Mr. Bamberry
 Mr. Freitas (part time)
 Mr. Walsh

PHYSICAL ED., Girls

Miss Atkinson
 Mrs. Freno
 Miss Ross
 Mrs. Schoonover

ALTERNATE HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Freeman
 Mr. Svendsen
 Mr. Wallas

GUIDANCE

Mr. Ryan, Head Counselor
 Mr. Affannato
 Mrs. Gordon
 Mr. LeVangie
 Mr. Pozzo
 Mrs. Roth

LIBRARY MEDIA

Mr. Porter, Director

LIBRARY

Mrs. Clark
 Mr. McGuire
 Mrs. Rasanen
 Mrs. Tracy

DRIVER EDUCATION

Mr. Gerbino, Coordinator
 Mr. Cosgrove

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Haines

SCHOOL DIETITIAN

Miss Carley

DIRECTORS NOT BASED AT HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Bush, Art
 Miss Callan, Head Nurse
 Mr. Finan, Reading, K—12
 Mr. Harris, Music
 Mr. Maloney, Phy. Ed.
 and Athletics
 Mr. Porter, Library Media

CLASS ADVISORS

Class of 1972
 Mr. Stauffer, Chairman
 Mr. Lind
 Miss Venti
 Mr. Finn

Class of 1973

Mr. Nelson, Chairman

Miss Keary

Miss Achorn

Miss Cooney

Class of 1974

Mr. Lockhart, Chairman

Miss Nichols

Mrs. Bellacqua

Mr. Otis

STUDENT COUNCIL

Preamble to Constitution:

We, the students of the Needham High School, in order to establish a system of partial self-government, to promote a more active interest in the democratic principle of self-government for the purpose of preparing ourselves for the democratic world, and to cooperate in improving the efficiency and general welfare of the High School, do hereby ordain and establish this Constitution for the Student Council of the Needham High School.

Organization:

Each class annually elects representatives to serve during the following school year. Senior and Junior elections are held in May of the preceding year; Sophomore elections are held during the first month of school in the fall. The apportionment is: Senior class, eight representatives; Junior class, seven representatives; Sophomore class, five representatives. All class officers are automatically Student Council representatives (in addition to the above-mentioned apportionments) but cannot serve as officers of the Student Council. The Student Council representatives elect in the spring five officers for the following year: a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer. These five officers are not permitted to run for class office. The Student Council also has two faculty advisors. Meetings are held weekly.

Powers:

The Student Council serves basically to represent the desires of the student body to the administration. The Student Council takes an active role in the school in bringing about changes desired by the students. The Student Council also sponsors student activities, serves as an advisory committee in regard to assembly programs, and acts in an advisory capacity for all student activities.

III REGULATIONS

Alcohol and Drugs:

Because of their harmful effects, the use and possession of alcoholic beverages and drugs are controlled in various ways by state and federal laws and regulations. Students found wrongfully using, or in possession of, or under the effect following use of, any such materials in or about a school building, while attending school or a school-sponsored event, are subject to immediate suspension and possible expulsion from school. In addition State statutes list serious penalties for these acts.

Attendance Policy:

Attendance is important in many ways. There is a relationship between good attendance and a positive school record. Good attendance habits reflect good work and life habits. Many institutions of higher learning and potential employers feel that good attendance is relevant to success in education and occupation.

By law, a student must be in school a certain period of time. The school has a legal obligation for students while they are in school. The school works closely with parents as a part of any attendance procedure.

Authorized absence includes sickness, family emergencies and unusual experiences of an educational nature.

Unauthorized absence includes any absence without a reasonable basis, a request on the part of the parent for some extenuating circumstance unacceptable to the school administration, or an absence without the knowledge of the parent either from the classroom or from the school building.

Dismissals from school will be handled by the student attendance office.

Truancy from School

If a student is truant from school, the office will notify all of his teachers so that no makeup privileges will be available in any subject area and the student will receive a '0' credit for the day's class. The student is ineligible for any extra-curricular activity on the day of the absence. The home will be notified by the attendance administrator. If there is a recurrence of the truancy, the student will be suspended for one day. When the student returns from a suspension, he must be accompanied by one or both of his parents and will be readmitted through an assistant principal. The student's guidance counselor will be present whenever possible. If a third truancy occurs the student may be suspended for up to three days and will return to school with one or both of his parents to be readmitted by the Principal or referred to the Superintendent of Schools

Truancy from Class

When a student is truant from a particular class the following procedure will be followed:

1. The first truancy from class will result in a home contact by phone or letter.
2. The second truancy from class will result in referral to the director and a one-day suspension.
3. The third truancy from class may result in the student's being dropped from the course for the remainder of the year, with no credit received by the student.

Tardiness

Students who are tardy to school will be responsible for making up the work missed in all classes as a result of tardiness. This work is to be made up on the same day whenever possible.

If a student is tardy to school he will report to the office. The office will present him with an admit slip to his class.

Habitual tardiness may require further corrective action.

Book Policy:

During the school year, no new book will be given out by a teacher unless the student pays the charge for the damaged or lost book. Paperback books may be purchased during the school year in the Bookstore, operated by the English Department. All English books may be purchased there as well as books in other subjects. The Bookstore will also purchase any paperback upon a student's order.

Books belonging to a certain department may be borrowed only from the department chairman. For summertime use, such books may be obtained before the last day of school in June. After this time, sources where books may be purchased will be given to the students and their parents.

Cheating:

A person dishonest in an examination or in preparing required work receives, at the discretion of the teacher, zero for the examination or work. The zero will be considered together with other work done in the subject for the marking period in determining the student's mark for the term.

Distribution of Outside Literature:

By ruling of the School Committee, only items approved by the Principal may be sold or distributed in the school or on school property.

Draft Regulations:

Young men must register with the local draft board at 322 Washington Street, Wellesley Hills, within five days after their eighteenth birthday.

Good Order In The School

School is a place to come to work together in the process of learning in many different areas. All students are expected to conduct themselves cooperatively, quietly and with propriety in school.

The State recognizes that schools should not be interrupted or disturbed in any way. General Laws Chap. 272, Section 40, says, "Whoever willfully interrupts or disturbs a school or other assembly of people met for a lawful purpose shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one month or by a fine of not more than fifty dollars." It also provides more serious penalties for repeated offenses.

Library

A complete list of library rules and information may be found in the mimeographed booklet distributed to high school students at the beginning of their sophomore year. The following rules, however, are the most important and are to be respected by all students:

1. Hours: 7:45 — 8:00 A.M. All students admitted without restrictions
and
2:30 — 3:30 P.M.
8:00 A.M. — 2:30 P.M. in the periods before and after school.
2. Students wishing to use the library during study periods register in the library on the registration sheet for the desired period in the column for the appropriate study hall. Students may sign these sheets any time before the close of the previous period but preferably during the before and after-school periods. The register will not be available during school of the previous day. The student reports directly to the library, not to the study hall. Students on special programs must have passes from their subject teacher.
3. Every student who uses the library during study periods is to make use of the library materials during the period. The library is not a general study hall or lounge.
4. Reserves which are not picked up by 2:30 go to any students who are waiting for them, in the order in which they register their desire for the book at the desk.

5. Students are required to use the main entrance to the library. The door leading to the Science-Mathematics wing is not a general exit door, and is reserved for a fire exit only.

Loitering:

The first period classroom will be open at 7:50. Students should go to first period at 7:55; the final bell is at 8:00. Only those who are coming to school at that time should be in the corridors. This procedure is to ensure that the corridors may be free from congestion at that time. All students, unless they have business to attend to, must leave the building immediately after school is dismissed.

Lunchroom Regulations:

1. Students should keep in line and not cut through the service lines.
2. Do not rush when entering the lunchroom.
3. Eat at tables only. Chairs are not to be moved from table to table.
4. Deposit all refuse in waste barrels at the end of the meal and return trays to the proper places. Each student is responsible for the cleanliness of his own place.
5. Put chairs in place when leaving lunchroom.
6. Do not congregate in the aisles.
7. Students may quietly relax in the courtyard of the cafeteria before the end of their lunch period.
8. No one will be allowed to leave the school grounds during the lunch period. All lunches, whether brought from home or purchased at the lunch counter, must be consumed in the lunch room.
9. Take pride in the lunchroom and help to keep it a clean and pleasant place to eat.

Parking Privileges for Students:

Students who wish to use the parking facilities of the school must register their cars with the student office registry at the beginning of the year. All automobile registrations must be presented at this time. A parking permit and parking provisions will then be issued. No student is to park any motor vehicle in the school parking lot without previously registering the vehicle with the school.

Students must be willing to accept the following provisions:

1. Students planning to bring vehicles later in the year must register such vehicles with the student office at that time and secure a parking permit before bringing the vehicle to school.
There is no student parking in the following areas:
 - a. In the south lot.
 - b. Along the west side of boy's gym.

- c. Around the circle in front of the school.
 - d. Along the soccer field.
 - e. In the first four rows of the north parking lot. (Use Memorial Field parking lot if others are filled.)
3. Drive carefully at all times and at a safe speed.
 4. Use only equipment on the vehicle that meets the requirements of the state laws and local ordinances.
 5. When arriving at school, park the vehicle in the parking lot and leave the lot immediately, along with those who are riding with you.
 6. Drivers are responsible for the actions of those persons who ride with them.
 7. In accordance with our smoking regulations, smoking in motor vehicles while on school grounds is absolutely prohibited.
 8. Any change in vehicle registration should be reported to the school office at once.
 9. All accidents on school grounds must be reported to the office immediately.
 10. Student's parking privileges will be dependent upon compliance with the above provisions.

Restricted Driver's Licenses:

All persons under eighteen years of age, if their license is stamped, cannot drive motor vehicles between the hours of one and five A.M. This law is still in effect, contrary to any rumors. If these licensed drivers are attending a prom or other school activity, they must be off the road by one a.m. It is insufficient to be on the way home at that time.

School Dances:

The following rules apply to conduct at school dances:

1. No ticket will be sold at the door for any dances.
2. There is to be no smoking in unauthorized areas.
3. One member of the couple must be a present or former member of the school.
4. Students who leave the building will not be permitted to return.
5. The responsibility of informing guests about the rules rests with the member of the school who brought the guest.

School Dress and Grooming:

In general, the students of Needham Public Schools are expected to be dressed neatly and in good taste. Clothing must be clean and well fitted. All students must be dressed in a fashion appropriate to the business of a school. Parents and students are responsible for the appearance of students.

School Neighbors:

Because we belong to a neighborhood through the presence of our school we also have an obligation to see that we never litter the premises and the neighborhood by throwing paper or other material on the grounds, or out of the windows, and we do all we can to keep the school building and grounds neat and un-littered.

Students should not congregate in front of or on the property of our neighbors' sidewalks and smoke. Continued disregard of this requirement will result in serious disciplinary action for those responsible.

Smoking Rules:

Students are not permitted to smoke in the school building or on the school grounds except in designated areas. At present the areas designated for student smoking are the courtyard between A and C buildings, where proper receptacles are provided, and the area between the cafeteria and A—E building corridor. This area is adjacent to the west side of the cafeteria.

Students are responsible for keeping the area neat and clean and for extinguishing cigarettes and matches in the proper receptacles before leaving the smoking area.

Students smoking in areas other than the above mentioned are subject to suspension from school.

Student Behavior on School Busses:

School buses are an extension of the school and proper conduct thereon is the direct concern of the school. Misbehavior on school buses is dangerous to the welfare of others and cannot be allowed. In cases where a student becomes so totally unruly that the safety of students and/or the driver is seriously endangered, the student will be excluded immediately from the bus. Parents and teachers should insist that students become familiar with the following rules:

1. Students are to take their seats and remain in them until time for discharge.
2. Nothing is to be thrown in the bus or out of the windows.
3. Please refrain from pushing, striking, shoving, etc.
4. Please keep arms inside the bus.
5. Please help to keep the inside of the bus neat, and refrain from vandalism or destructive activities.
6. Please report to the bus loading stations in time and in good order.
7. Smoking is not permitted on school buses.

Suspension:

Students may be suspended from school by the principal for habitual disregard of the rules, opposition to authority, continued truancy, smoking in unauthorized areas, fighting in school, use of obscene language, leaving school grounds without authorization while school is in session, or other good cause.

Vandalism:

Care of School Property

The school building and facilities are provided for your use. Every student is expected to respect the building and facilities. Willful damage to, or destruction of the buildings are criminal acts. A student who damages or destroys such property or who is party to such action is subject to suspension from school and to making financial restitution, as well as to liability for more serious penalties imposed by the State.

Visitors:

Visitors who have a valid reason for their presence are welcome at school. Students who wish to bring visitors are to register them in the Student Reception Center before school in the morning, where they will receive a visitor's pass. Visitors are required to follow the schedule of host as long as they remain at the school. No visitors are permitted without a visitor's pass which must be surrendered at the close of the day. Visitors from another school that is in session must have the permission of both school administrations before such a visitation would be approved.

IV PROCEDURES

Assemblies:

Attendance at most assemblies will be voluntary. A committee composed of faculty members and students will plan these assemblies. Suggestions may be made to this committee for types and variety of assemblies.

Bulletin Boards:

Activities sponsored by youth organizations within the town may be posted outside the Office in A building. Posters 18x24 are acceptable, but due to a limited amount of space, it is recommended that information be on 3x5 cards. All information must be approved by an Assistant Principal. In the hall at the top of the ramp to the cafeteria is the showcase. It lists all the coming events in the school, plus the athletic team standings. In the Boys' Gym is the game board sponsored by the Varsity Club. It lists all the coming sports events, their time and place. In the cafeteria is a bulletin board for school youth activities, under the same regulations.

Bus Passes:

Any student living two or more miles from school is entitled to a bus pass. The bus pass is issued at the beginning of the school year and should be kept throughout the year. Without it, a student may not be permitted to ride the bus. Bus privileges may be retained only by those who abide by the rules stated previously. Any student who does not conform to these rules may be required to surrender his bus pass and lose the privilege of riding the school bus.

Confidentiality of Records:

As a matter of policy, school records and recommendations are considered confidential, to be made available only to authorized officers of educational institutions to which a student is seeking admission and to potential employers on the request of the student or to other persons having legal right to this information. It is on this basis only that the records are transmitted.

Fraternities and Sororities:

Needham High School does not recognize clubs outside the school as a part of school life. For that reason, no form of initiation is permitted in the school, on the school grounds, or at any school event, either at home or away.

Gym Uniforms

In order to create class harmony and performance, and to meet accepted

standards of individual modesty, hygiene and versatility, the Physical Education Department makes uniforms available through the cooperation of local stores. This year boys' and girls' gym uniforms are available at Perlin's and West's stores.

Insurance

Insurance is available at the beginning of each year for a small fee. (All athletes are required to be insured.) It is recommended for all students.

Lockers:

A student upon entering Needham High School for the first time is assigned a locker. Except under unusual situations, the student will use this locker until he graduates from the high school. The combination is given to the student, and it then becomes his responsibility to disclose the combination to no one else.

Each student is to keep his locker neat, clean and locked: since the locker is provided only for the convenience of the student and the safety of his belongings in the building and is in no way to be considered his personal property, he may be required to open his locker for inspection to teachers or administrative staff at any time.

Lost and Found:

Any student who finds an article which has apparently been lost anywhere in the school or school vicinity should take this article immediately to the Student Reception Center. Any student losing an article should inquire at the Student Reception Center.

No School Signal:

School may be cancelled for exceptionally inclement weather or by reason of an emergency. On days of this nature, two short blasts of the fire signal shall be sounded at 7:15 and 7:45 A.M. Radio stations, WBZ, WCOP, WEEI and WHDH also report no school announcements.

Public Telephones:

There are pay phones in the school; one is in the cafeteria and one in the foyer of the gym and one in the foyer of A Building. Only these telephones may be used by students for personal business.

S.A.A.:

The Student Athletic Association entitles to each student member free admission, upon presentation of the S.A.A. card, to all home athletic contests excepting the football and basketball games with Wellesley, our traditional riv-

al. All participants on interscholastic teams must be paid-up members of the S.A.A. The fee is \$3.00; after November 15, \$4.00; and after March 15, \$5.00. An installment plan is available in September and October. S.A.A. cards may be used only by the students to whom they are issued. Any student who cannot afford to pay dues and who desires to enjoy the benefits provided by S.A.A. should confer with the principal.

School Health Policies

1. Aspirin, lozenges, cough medicine or internal medication of any kind are not dispensed by the nurse and should not be requested. Medication kept at school should be with the parents' permission and/or written instructions from the family physician.
2. Students should not leave class for minor complaints such as blisters, splinters, etc., unless these conditions are the result of class activity, in which case the students will be sent to the nurse by the teacher with a slip indicating the time.
3. If a student is ill on days when tests are given, he should remain at home. Attendance only for an exam is not allowed.
4. The school health office is not a treatment center for the frequent common complaints of head colds, fatigue, etc. Students should consult their family physicians on such matters.
5. After recovery from a contagious disease students are required to have a release card from the Board of Health for re-entry to school. This is obtained when either the parent or family physician notifies the Board of Health of the illness and the card is mailed to the home.
6. An injury sustained at home or after school (and not associated with the school program) is a parent's responsibility and should be cared for at home.
7. When a student is automatically excused from gym because of a plaster cast or the use of crutches, he must obtain a note from his doctor when the cast is removed or when the crutches are no longer necessary, so that the physical education instructor and the nurse will be informed of the extent of the activity allowed.
8. If a student becomes ill during school time and requests to be excused from gym, he must report to the instructor first to obtain a pass before coming to the nurse's office.

V SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION AWARDS, PRIZES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Presented at Graduation

Awards and Prizes

Associated Alumni of Brown University Award
Harvard Book Prize
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal
Frederick A. Whetton Memorial Award
Wheaton College Book Award
Wisconsin Alumni Book Prize
Arnold Award
Bausch & Lomb Optical Company Plaque
Best Sport Award - Asa M. Small, Jr. (boy)
Best Sport Award - Varsity Club (girl)
Business Education Prize
Eva Hammond Churchill Memorial Theatre Arts Prize
Peter J. Eloranta Chemistry Award
Faculty Scholarship Prize
Faculty Service Prize
John W. Ferratt Memorial English Prize
Meredith J. McCulloch Business Education Prize
John Goodwin Schirmer Health Award (boy & girl)
Nelson A. Talmadge Track Award
Maribelle Zeise Award

Scholarships

Needham Boosters Club Scholarship (boy & girl)
Lois M. Carley Home Economics Scholarship
Needham Chapter Order of DeWolay Scholarship
Exchange Club of Needham Scholarship (boy & girl)
Glover Memorial Hospital Aid Association Scholarship
Moseley Scholarship
Needham Secondary School Music Scholarship
Junior New Century Club Scholarship
Nursing Scholarship of the Junior New Century Club
New Century Club Scholarship
Rebecca H. Perry Scholarship
Anita M. Reinke Memorial Scholarship
Needham Rotary Club Scholarship
Needham Social Club Scholarship (boy & girl)
Sorrotta Club Scholarship

Syndicate Club Scholarship
Tau Phi Gamma Scholarship (boy & girl)
Myrtle E. Taylor Scholarship
Thirteen Club Scholarship (boy & girl)
David Turner Scholarship
Needham High School Varsity Club Scholarship (boy & girl)
Needham Village Club Scholarship
Needham Village Club Auxiliary Scholarship
Captain Karl Yohn Memorial (Needham Lions Club) Scholarship

College Applications:

Students should allow three weeks for applications to be processed in the main office, and should plan to have applications in the office so that the school may forward them before Christmas.

Guidance:

The purpose of the department is to help develop the student as much as possible during his years at the high school. Each student is assigned to an individual counselor. The guidance counselors will assist students in program planning, the securing of scholarship information, selection of schools and colleges, selection of business and vocational training opportunities, and with problems of scholastic adjustment.

The guidance offices and conference room are available to students, parents, and teachers for assistance with any school problems.

Honor Roll:

Students who obtain an average of B, with no mark lower than a B- in all subjects which carry a credit of 5 points for a full year, and a mark of C or better in all other subjects, shall have their names placed on the Scholastic Honor Roll at the end of each marking period and for the year.

Make-up Work:

School work missed because of excused tardiness or absence must be made up. Students absent for a period of time of less than a week must make up work within a week from the day of return at the time and place indicated by the teacher or teachers concerned. Failure to do so will mean that a student will receive no credit for the work not made up. Students absent for a period of time in excess of a week must make up work at the discretion of the teacher or teachers concerned. Failure to do so within the prescribed time will mean the pupil receives no credit for the work. All teachers remain after school daily for one-

half hour, and one day weekly for one hour. This schedule (provided as follows) gives opportunities for students to receive extra help and make up tests.

Monday: Business and Language departments
Tuesday: English department
Wednesday: Math and Science departments
Thursday: Social Studies department
Friday: Home Economics, Industrial Arts, Reading, Art and Music

Parents' Appointments with Teachers:

Teacher-parent appointments may be arranged by the parents, who may call the department secretary between 9 A.M. and 1 P.M. daily.

Post-Secondary Visitations:

During the senior year students may find it necessary to have appointments during school time at post-secondary schools. These are to be arranged by consultation with guidance counselors and are to be planned at least two days in advance of the appointment. In the spring, after Seniors receive notification from schools, the same privilege is extended to Juniors as needed. We do feel that students should plan carefully so that a minimum of school time is lost.

Standard for Marks:

Students are graded on the alphabetical system with the failing mark being "F". A student must have a total of 63 credits in grades 10, 11, and 12 to graduate. (A credit representing one class period for the academic year). Each major subject gives 5 credits for its successful completion and physical education gives one credit, which total accounts for 21 credits per year.

VI EDUCATIONAL INNOVATIONS

Alternative High School Program:

The Alternative High School is an experimental program which encourages self-direction and motivation through student-developed courses. For 1971-1972 the 90 juniors and seniors in the program will pursue independent studies, interdisciplinary courses, special interest classes and courses in the regular NHS program with an emphasis on utilizing community resources to broaden educational alternatives.

Community Classroom Program:

The Community Classroom Program includes Independent Study, Teacher Cadet Program and the Vocational Study Program.

Under the Community Classroom Program the High School student is provided an opportunity to work closely with Needham community members in independent study, creative projects, areas of personal interest or to fulfill a student's social responsibility by offering services to the community in its hospital, schools or governmental agencies which are at the same time intellectually significant.

The Community Classroom Program will extend for at least one semester with a community sponsor or a cultural, social, business, or governmental organization. Creative projects, study proposals and service may be accomplished off campus.

See the director for details and guidelines for all aspects of the program.
(Credits: 5 or 2½)

Independent Study Program:

A student may enrich his educational program by designing a sound proposal in an area of interest to him. The study proposal or project will be submitted to a screening committee for acceptance. While the student will work independently planning his time and activities, he will nevertheless report to a faculty advisor who will assist the student in clarifying his experience and in the articulation of the problem. A community sponsor or organization may also assist the student in gaining insights to the study. (Credits: 5 or 2½)

Teacher Cadet Program:

This is an opportunity for the individual student to explore possibilities for his own future in teaching at the same time he gives service to the schools of his community. The Teacher Cadet will assist the regular classroom teacher, but he may not assume the complete responsibility of instructing and/or supervising the class. See the director for complete information and application form. (Credits: 5, 2½, or no credit)

Vocational Study Program:

The Vocational Study Program enables students to work, to gain valuable job experiences, explore work areas of interest and earn a salary while attending school.

Participating students will attend school for an academic program during part of the day and will be dismissed early from school to work in an area of their choice for the remainder of the day.

Enrollment is open to students who will have attained 16 years of age as of October 1. See Mr. Golini for full particulars and application form. (Credits: 5)

Home Tutoring:

Home Tutoring is made available when—

1. A physician shall furnish a statement (Form SPED—16) estimating the length of absence, and stating that tutoring will not be physically harmful to the pupil.
2. When the above statement has been filed, the Needham Public Schools will arrange for tutorial aid up to three hours a week for elementary pupils, and five for secondary pupils.

Tutorial service shall not be furnished until ten days have elapsed from the date of last school attendance, unless the physician shall, prior to that time, have stated in writing that the child will suffer no injury from such service, and that the absence will be in excess of one calendar month.

VII
ATHLETICS

Athletic Eligibility Requirements

1. The rules of eligibility shall apply in all interscholastic contests. This applies to all varsity, junior varsity and sophomore teams of specialized weight and age levels, and all girl participants.
2. A student shall have been a member of some secondary school for the three months, exclusive of the summer vacation months, next preceding the contest, unless entering from an elementary or junior high school during the calendar year.
3. A student who transfers from one high school to another high school is ineligible to participate in any interscholastic athletic contest for a period of five school months from the date of his transfer with the following exceptions:

A. Eligible immediately

- (1) **Change of residence:** A student's transfer is necessitated by a change of residence of his parent(s) or guardian(s) to the area serviced by the school to which he transfers.
- (2) **State ward:** A student is a ward of the Court or State and is placed in a school district by court order.
- (3) **Vocational school:** A student transfers from a comprehensive, technical, commercial or academic high school to a vocational school of secondary grade approved and subsidized by the State and whose tuition fees are paid by the city or town.
- (4) **School Committee:** A student transferred by order of a school committee or of the governing body of a non-public school for other than athletic purposes.
- (5) **Junior high school graduate:** A student who enters the ninth grade of a four-year high school and who has not been enrolled previously in the ninth grade.
- (6) **Elementary school graduate:** A student who has completed the last grade available in the school previously attended.
- (7) **Closed school:** If a school no longer exists, a student in attendance may be eligible at the school of his choice immediately after the closing of the school which he had been attending.
- (8) **Study abroad:** A student who has been studying in a foreign country on a visa.
- (9) **Foreign student:** A student from a foreign country who is studying in this State on a visa under the auspices of a recognized organization.
- (10) **Racial imbalance:** A student who is assigned or transferred to a different school district through the action of a school committee for the purpose of alleviating racial imbalance.

(11) **Broken home:** In case of a broken home or other extenuating circumstances, the Eligibility Review Board may declare a student immediately eligible.

(12) **Veteran:** A student who returns from service in the armed forces to the school where he was enrolled may be eligible immediately provided he was eligible in every respect at the time he left school to go into the service and provided he meets the age requirement and has not earned enough credits while in the service to be graduated from high school.

(13) **Return from school outside district:** A student who has been attending a school outside his home municipality and returns to the first high school within his home municipality; or if he has not attended a high school in his home municipality and enters a high school in his home municipality directly from a school outside his home municipality; provided, in either case, that the principal of each of the two schools involved approves and certifies that no undue influence was exerted for athletic purposes and provided the transfer takes place before the season for a sport has opened. In the case of fall season sports, a transfer shall be considered to have taken place if the student enrolls before the Monday before Labor Day or on the first day the school office is open for registration of transfer students and the student attends classes on the first day the school opens. (Principals may obtain affidavits from parents and others to substantiate statements.)

(14) **Transfer from school within district:** A student who has been attending a non-public high school or a vocational school within his home municipality may return to the first high school within his home municipality; or if he has not attended a public high school within his home municipality and enters another high school within his home municipality for the first time, provided, in either case, that the principal of each of the two schools involved approves and certifies that no undue influence was exerted for athletic purposes and provided the transfer takes place before the season for a sport has opened.

B. Eligible after three months

(1) A student in a municipality where the school committee has an open enrollment policy for high schools and who transfers from one high school to another high school in that municipality shall be ineligible for three school months for participation in interscholastic competition between public high schools in that municipality only. (For competition between any public high school in that municipality and a high school outside the municipality, the regular five-month waiting period applies.)

- (2) A student who transfers from the ninth grade in a six-year high school in a municipality having an open enrollment policy to the tenth grade in a four-year high school in the same municipality shall be ineligible for interscity competition for a period of three school months.
4. A student must secure, for the period from the beginning of the school year up to the end of the regular marking period next preceding the contest, a passing grade in at least fifteen periods of prepared work or its equivalent. A student cannot at any time represent the school unless taking fifteen periods of prepared work. The scholastic eligibility of all students shall be considered as official and determining only on the date when the report cards of the ranking period have been issued to the parents of all students.
5. Semester year: The school year is understood to be composed of two semesters, one beginning in September and ending January 31 of the following calendar year, and the other beginning on February 1 and ending with the close of the school year. Within a semester as defined above, any student who had 10 days of membership in a school shall be considered as having been in attendance.
6. No student shall be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition for more than 6 semesters beyond the ninth grade.
7. A student shall be under nineteen years of age. However, he may compete during the remainder of the school year, provided that his nineteenth birthday occurs on or after September 1 of that year.
8. a. A student shall be eligible for interscholastic competition for no more than six consecutive semesters beyond the ninth grade
 "Grandfather clause: Rule 8a shall apply only to students who enter grade 10 on or after September 1, 1971. All students who entered grade 10 prior to September 1, 1971, are subject to the following: No student shall be eligible for interscholastic athletic competition for more than eight (8) semesters beyond the 8th grade in a 4-year high school, or six (6) semesters beyond the 9th grade in a 3-year high school. A student may not participate for more than four seasons of any sport after the completion of Grade 8.
 b. In special cases where a pupil has been absent from school because of an accident or illness which would prevent school attendance, the Standing Committee on Athletics shall have the authority to waive one or more of the periods of eligibility as defined below, for said pupil, upon presentation of a doctor's certificate in his behalf and the approval of the school principal, attesting to the inability of the pupil to attend school during the period of his absence because of an accident to him or his illness.
- c. Periods of eligibility shall coincide with season limits for each sport.

- d. A student who has participated in at least one interscholastic contest shall be deemed to have participated for a season in that sport.
9. A student who repeats work upon which he has once received credit cannot count that subject a second time for eligibility.
10. A student cannot count for eligibility points obtained in a subject taken during the summer vacation, unless that subject had previously been pursued.
11. Secondary students who have been identified as "special students," (mentally retarded, perceptually handicapped, etc.) shall be eligible for all interscholastic athletic competition. The scholastic eligibility of these students shall be ascertained by the principal of their school.
12. A competitor may not be a member of any interscholastic high school team and also represent a non-high school team at the same time. No exceptions are to be made for football. Any player who violates this rule shall be declared ineligible for the remainder of that season. Any game in which such a player shall have participated on or after the date of the violation of this rule shall be forfeited.
 This rule becomes effective for any team in any sport on the date of the first scheduled game of the season for that team.
 A player under Exceptions c and d which follow who subsequently plays in a varsity game shall be deemed to become a varsity player on the date he plays in the varsity game.
 Exception a. Students who participate in golf, gymnastics, riflery, skiing, swimming and tennis.
 Exception b. Students may compete in a non-school track meet if they do so unattached, do not wear their school uniform, and such participation does not exceed the total of two meets allowed per week.
 Exception c. Students on freshmen and/or junior varsity teams in basketball or wrestling may participate on non-high school teams approved by the principal provided the junior varsity and/or freshman teams play schedules that are less than 75% of that of the varsity team.
 Exception d. Students in freshman and/or varsity teams in baseball, hockey, and soccer may participate on non-high school teams which are approved by the principal provided they:
 (1) Do not play in more than one game a day.
 (2) Do not participate in more than one practice in one day.
 (3) Do not participate in a game and a practice in one day.
 (4) Do not pitch on more than one team. (Baseball)

Exception e. Students who participate in varsity baseball, basketball, hockey, lacrosse, soccer, track or wrestling in season may participate on a non-school team in one of the following sports: golf, gymnastics, riflery, skiing, swimming, or tennis if approved by the principal.

Exception f. Between the end of the last game a team plays including tournament play in a season of a sport and the first scheduled game of a team of the succeeding season, a player is not under MSSPA rules which regulate season limits in any sport provided he uses no school equipment.

Interscholastic Athletics

Needham High School is a member of the Bay State League which is comprised of ten high schools. An all-sports trophy is awarded each year to the school which amasses the largest number of points in the boys' interscholastic competition. Since the establishment of this trophy, our school has won it more times than any other school in the league — indicative of the well-balanced athletic program. No student shall play on any other organized team during a particular season if he is a member of the school's interscholastic team.

Boys' Sports

Fall	Winter	Spring
Cross Country	Basketball	Baseball
Football	Ice Hockey	Golf
Soccer	Gymnastics	Tennis
	Indoor Track	Lacrosse
	Wrestling	Track
	Swimming	

Girls' Sports

Fall	Winter	Spring
Field Hockey	Basketball	Softball
Swimming	Gymnastics	Tennis
Cheerleading	Cheerleading	Track

Boys' Leaders Club

The Boys' Leaders Club is open to all interested boys who are in the upper P.F.I. groups. The purpose of the club is to train boys to become effective leaders in the physical education classes. These boys must be dependable and capable of assuming responsibility of organizing groups in their own classes. The members of the club assist the physical education instructors so that more varied programs may be conducted.

Girls' Leaders Club

The purpose of the club is to provide an opportunity for girls to further their leadership ability. The members are expected to aid the physical education instructors in leading classes, officiating at sports and in maintaining the gym area. Members are chosen by the instructors from all interested Juniors, Seniors, and Sophomores. Sports offered are badminton, tennis, archery, gymnastics, basketball, lacrosse, track, and volleyball.

Varsity Club

Varsity Club is open to all varsity letter winners. The club has officers and a council, which is composed of the captains of all the varsity teams. Open meetings are held regularly throughout the year. The club sponsors such activities as a candy sale, sock hops, basketball games, and the annual Student-Faculty basketball game. Advisors: Mr. Walsh and Mrs. Freno.

VIII CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Musical Organizations

Band:

Needham High School has always been proud of its band for the spirit it gives to athletic contests and its fine representation of the school. Members benefit by participation in school functions as well as by continuation of their musical education. Serious compositions in the concert repertoire are studied as well as march music and marching itself. Band meets every day. Our band participates in an exchange with another school band each year.

Majorettes:

Needham High Majorettes consist of nine girls who lead the marching band and perform at concerts. They are a part of the band, participating in the exchange concerts and other activities. They meet regularly during the year. Selection of the majorettes is made during the spring.

Orchestra:

The orchestra is open to any string student who takes regular music instruction and expresses a desire to take advantage of the opportunities provided by the orchestra. The purpose of the orchestra is to further a student's musical experience and to acquaint the student with orchestral literature. Each member must take lessons, attend rehearsals, and be an active participant in the group. The strings rehearse every day during fifth period, and are augmented by winds and percussion from the fifth period band when full instrumentation is desired.

Stage Band:

The Needham High Stage Band is composed of accomplished musicians belonging to the band. The Stage Band practices Wednesday evenings from seven to nine. Because of their size and amount of practice, they are able to play an unlimited amount of music. The Stage Band plays for school functions as well as outside organizations.

Mixed Choral Ensemble:

This is a group of boys and girls who perform choral literature of all periods and a large choral work with the orchestra at least once a year. An Uncommon Common Concert is held annually in the spring. A class of chorus meets various periods during the day to conform with student study halls.

Musical Production:

Each year the custom has been to produce a Broadway show. The cast is selected from students in the high school, who do not necessarily have to be in choral or musical programs. The full orchestra is used as accompaniment and the experience is as closely related to a professional theatre experience as possible. The students are in charge of the sets, scenery, props, costuming and other such parts of putting on a theatrical production.

Publications

Advocate:

Advocate is the school year book published at the end of each year by a staff composed of five boards: general, art, layout, photography and business. Sophomores and Juniors are chosen for a desired position in their English class at the end of the year for the forthcoming year. Members of the staff choose the incoming members and the advisors choose the editors. Advisor: Miss Burke.

The Hilltopper:

The Hilltopper is the school newspaper published eight times a year. All students are eligible to become staff members of the paper. Editorial positions are open to upperclassmen who have served on the staff. The purpose of the organization in a general sense is to acquaint the students with the problems and procedures involved in publishing a newspaper; in a specific sense to involve the students in an activity which blankets all aspects of school life. The Hilltopper acts as a sounding board for student opinions and interests, functions as a calendar for school activities; and to the public reflects the variety, depth, and direction of different areas of school life.

Even a Rag Like This:

Even A Rag Like This, the literary magazine, is a collection of the highest quality writing from all groups of students. The Rag is edited by members of the English Faculty. In addition, each year a number of highly qualified students are appointed by the faculty as assistants. The purpose of this group is to publish for the students of the school the best writing done by the students to acquaint the school with the acceptable standards of performance, and to recognize those students who have distinguished themselves by high achievement. The Rag usually goes on sale in the latter part of May and is priced at \$2.00. Head of The Rag staff: Mr. Brightman.

Personal Interest

Art Activities Club:

The Art Activities Club has the responsibility of keeping the bulletin boards and display cases throughout the school artistically arranged, and changing them frequently. Its members will help with many other projects during the school year which require the cooperation of the Art Department in making posters, decorations, scenery, etc. Some members will work with the library staff to help catalogue and later mount the large collection of art prints. The group meets regularly and is limited to the first twenty students who sign up.

Audio Visual Club:

The A. V. Club is a technical and service arm of the Instructional Communications Department. The students are the basis of the department's service to the school. They are responsible for all the equipment requisitions to the students and faculty alike, ranging from film and slide projectors to video tape facilities and public address systems. The A. V. staff also prepares transparency masters and projectuals for the faculty. Students staff the teacher preparation room and screening room throughout the day, as well as serving community functions calling for equipment nights and week-ends. The amateur radio division caters to "Hams" and "CBers" and maintains transmitters in the Communications suite. Field trips are an integral part of the club's operation and education.

Bookstore Assistants:

Those eligible are any interested students who can work one morning or afternoon or more a week. The profits made are used to support school publications. Clerks must report regularly and promptly for counter sales. Their responsibilities are to take orders, unpack orders, make change correctly, etc. The store enables students and teachers to order tests and special paperback books which they may need. One organizational meeting is held in September, and a progress meeting is held at the half year. Supervisor: Miss Nichols.

Caduceus Club:

This club is a health careers club for students interested in pursuing a career in some phase of health careers, and club activities include trips to hospitals and colleges to obtain first-hand information on specific careers. Some members work as aides in the nurse's office and assist the nurses with immunization clinics. The club provides a scholarship to a graduating student who has been accepted at a school for a career in health. The money is raised each year by selling refreshments at the annual High School Musical. Advisor: Mrs. Haines.

Computer Club:

The Computer Club was organized with three basic thoughts in mind; 1. to learn more about the computer, 2. to be a preventative maintenance group for the computer, and 3. to take field trips. In this club, members are taught to work out more complex problems, share ideas with other members, become involved in the internal structure of the computer, see large installations in operation, see computers manufactured and have a personal association with the members of Project Local.

East Coast Model UN Group:

The East Coast Model UN Group in Needham is organized to send a delegation of some five to fifteen students to the annual assembly of the East Coast Model United Nations that is held in April on the campus of some eastern high school or college. The delegates meet together at times set by themselves to prepare to represent a member nation of the United Nations and to familiarize themselves with such things as parliamentary procedure, the operation of the United Nations, and the problems proposed before the General Assembly and the special commissions. This is a student-directed and led group. The principal fund-raising activity is the selling of refreshments at the annual Needham Town Meetings.

French Club:

The purpose of the French Club is to stimulate interest in the French language, culture and civilization through conversation, lectures, entertainment and trips to museums, restaurants and French-speaking areas. All present and former students of French in the high school are invited to become members. Advisors: Miss Campbell, Mrs. Mederos.

Future Teachers Club:

This club is open to any student planning or thinking of teaching as a career. The purpose is to acquaint members with the profession. Members are expected to attend meetings regularly, pay dues, participate on panels, and supply refreshments occasionally. During the year the club exchanges panels with college groups. Meetings are held twice a month on Wednesdays after school. Advisor: Mr. Curtin.

Junior Classical League:

The purpose of the Junior Classical League is to encourage among the students an interest in and appreciation of the civilization, literature, and art of ancient Greece and Rome and to increase the understanding of the debt of our own culture to that of classical antiquity. The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month. Any member who continues Latin in college is eligible for the J.C.L. scholarship. Advisor: Mr. Muir

The Latin Banquet:

This is the climax of the year for the Latin Classes and is held on the third Thursday in May. The banquet begins with the traditional chariot races and foot races, and dinner is served by the members of the Latin Classes. Entertainment follows.

Library Club:

Library Club members perform a definite service for Needham High School. All students are eligible to join and those who do spend one or more study periods a week working in the library processing books, helping at the charge-out desk, etc. Membership in the club serves as an excellent way to meet other members of the student body. Proof that working in the library is pleasant lies in the fact that most students who join Library Club in their sophomore year continue their membership through senior year. Senior club members are traditionally presented awards, both at school and at an informal party given every spring.

The Mardi Gras:

Is the project of the foreign language classes. The evening is one of entertainment in different languages with food from various countries. The Language Department's intention is that all language students participate in some way.

Mathematics Club:

The Math Club was founded with the idea of a group getting together to discuss ideas in math and to hear lectures on enrichment topics of interest to the group. These talks would extend beyond the opportunities afforded the students in the everyday classroom experience and would broaden their views and appreciation of Mathematics.

Modern Dance Club:

Modern Dance Club provides girls with an opportunity to express themselves and communicate through movement, which is the substance of dance. The program includes experience in exploring axial and locomotor movements, different rhythms, space, and creativity.

Photography Club:

The Camera Club photographs school activities and teaches the members the fine points of picture taking and development. The members learn darkroom techniques and experiment with color. Advisor: Mr. Heinrich

Russian Club:

The purpose of the Russian Club is to provide the student of Russian with the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities related to the study of Russian. These activities include lectures, films, informal discussions, Russian singing and dancing, and at least one excursion to a Russian restaurant. One of the most important activities of the Russian Club is the preparation of its part in the annual Mardi Gras. The Russian Club, as a group, may pursue any area of interest with regard to Russian life and culture that any member may desire. Advisor: Mr. Morse.

The Senior Play:

The play is performed annually by Seniors, who are cast for the various parts by the appointed director of the play. The play is chosen by the class advisors as well as the director, and is subject to the approval of the principal.

Ski Club:

The Ski Club offers the students an opportunity to reach the ski resorts of New England and to master the fundamentals and safety measures of skiing.

Spanish Club:

The Spanish Club provides opportunities for any student in Needham High School to understand, appreciate, and enjoy the culture of the Spanish-speaking people. Meetings are held immediately after school on the second Wednesday of each month of the school year. Advisors: Miss Athanasoulas, Mr. Noble.

Youth in Government:

The program is sponsored by the Needham Exchange Club and the school each year. Seniors may take out nomination papers for elective offices, and they are required to give speeches during Friday assembly period. Voting takes place during study periods by the Seniors and Juniors. Those elected appoint others to the appointive offices and those elected and appointed write essays by a designated day concerning their day in office. The writers of the three best essays win a trip to Washington, D.C. Chairman of advisors: Mr. Holt.

