



# North Creek High School

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## STUDENT EXPECTATIONS CONTRACT

At North Creek High School, we pride ourselves on being respectful, responsible, and safe. Students are expected to uphold these guidelines every day. Jaguar pride is important and we appreciate what you bring to our community!

### STUDENT ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

Daily attendance and active participation in each class is a critical part of the learning process. The following policies and procedures are designed to help students learn responsibility and increase their potential for success. As part of recognizing the importance of this issue, parents and student are responsible for both being aware of student's attendance and correcting any error in a timely manner.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW

- State law requires children from age 8 to 17 to attend school
- Youth who are 16 or older may be excused from attending school if they meet certain requirements  
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/default.aspx?cite=28A.225>

### SCHOOL'S DUTIES UPON A STUDENT'S ABSENCES

- If any student has three unexcused absences in one month, state law (RCW 28A.225.020) requires we schedule a conference with both the parent/guardian and student
- If the student has seven unexcused absences in any month or ten unexcused absences within the school year, we are required to file a Petition with the Juvenile Court, alleging a violation of RCW 28A.225.010, the mandatory attendance laws. The parent/guardian and student may need to appear in Juvenile Court.

We recognize there are many reasons for a student missing school, but students can only maximize their educational experience by being in attendance. Please avoid family trips, vacations, appointments, etc., while school is in session as we are trying to reinforce the importance of regular and consistent attendance.

Excusing absences: Excuse must include reason student was not in school. All written and called in absences are kept on file.

1. Absences must be cleared **within two school days** by a parent or guardian in one of the following ways:
  - a. Phone call to the attendance office 425-408-8810. The machine is on 24 hours a day.
  - b. Written excuse signed by the parent/guardian or by email to [mrousoffmesaros@nsd.org](mailto:mrousoffmesaros@nsd.org).
2. Absences not excused within two school days will remain unexcused absences.
3. Verification from a medical professional may be required for excessive absences.

Additionally, you must sign-in at the Attendance Office if you are more than 15 minutes late to school and sign-out at the Attendance Office if you must leave school early. Failure to do so will result in unexcused absences recorded on the student's attendance record. For further information, please see the NCHS Student Handbook.

**NCHS ID CARDS** – Students are required to have their NCHS ID cards at school and/or NCHS events.

**DRESS CODE** – The primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and parents or guardians. Northshore School District and North Creek High School are responsible for seeing that student attire does not interfere with the health or safety of any student, and that student attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any student. See NCHS Student Handbook for further details.

**ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES** – Possession, use, purchase, sale, agreement or intent to sell/purchase (whether completed or not), transport, distribution and/or delivery, of alcohol, marijuana, any food or beverage containing alcohol, marijuana, controlled substances, (e.g., narcotics or inhalants) prescription drugs, or other chemical substances, in a manner inconsistent with its intended use, the prescribing order or look-a-likes including but not limited to drug paraphernalia or substance carrying devices (including but not limited to; vapor/vapes, hookah and e-cigarettes) are prohibited. **NEW:** Students in possession of vapes/e-cigarettes and associated paraphernalia etc. may be suspended. See the Northshore School District Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook for further details.

**NSD RESPONSIBLE USE PROCEDURE** – Guidelines are based on Board Policy 2022. Visit the NSD Instructional Technology website for the full text of the Responsible Use Procedure. You are responsible for knowing and understanding all of the information in the Responsible Use Procedure and the Board Policy & Procedure.

**ACADEMIC HONESTY** – North Creek High School adheres to a philosophy of promoting honest and ethical behavior. Cheating is unacceptable. The following policy becomes effective upon enrollment at North Creek and is cumulative until graduation.

All assignments, written or oral, completed by a student for assessment and grading must use the student's own language and expression. Sources used or referenced, whether in the form of direct quotation or paraphrase, must be fully and appropriately acknowledged. The following behaviors are dishonest and violate the North Creek High School Academic Honesty Code:

- Plagiarism is the representation of the ideas of work of another person as the student's own. This includes copying another person's paper, report, lab book, or assignment in whole or in part and submitting it as one's own. This can be intentional or the result of

- sloppy scholarship. A superficial change of wording, structure, or conclusion is not sufficient to turn aside the charge of plagiarism.
- Collusion is supporting the lack of honesty by another student, as in allowing one’s work to be copied or submitted for assessment by another. Identical or highly similar passages of his or her own ideas and own expression of ideas unless you are directed by the teacher to work with others as a part of the assignment are considered an act of collusion. Ultimately, each individual’s work should be composed of his or her own ideas and own expression of those ideas.
- Duplication of work is the presentation by two or more students of the same assignment, paper, project, or any other work for assessment.
- Technology Malpractice is any misuse or abuse of technology including infractions of the school technology user agreement, language translation sites, cell phone messaging or picture transmission.

Other examples of cheating might include, but are not limited to the following:

- Copying someone else’s homework (or any part of their HW) and turning it in as your own.
- Using cheat sheets, looking at someone’s paper during an exam, using Cliff/Sparks Notes, or on-line sources.
- Giving out questions that are on a test to other students.
- Giving answers to other students during a test or allowing them to copy your work at any time.
- Exchanging old tests, reports, notebooks, or assignments.
- Using electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, iPods, CDs, graphing calculators, PDAs, etc.) that can record/ transmit answers to or pictures of tests and assignments to self or others, commonly referred to as podcasting.

For further information on consequences of academic dishonesty, see the NCHS Student Handbook.

**HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, BULLYING & CYBER-BULLYING** – North Creek High School endeavors to create a campus where all students are welcome and feel safe. Harassment, intimidation, and bullying mean any gesture or display, written, verbal, or physical act that is intended to inflict injury, violence, intimidation, humiliation, or a reasonable fear of the same. A threat of harm in any form directed to another person, student, or staff member is unacceptable behavior. When an incident of harassment, intimidation, or bullying is reported to a school staff member, an administrator will follow up on the report and verify that the behavior has occurred. Administrators will consider the surrounding circumstances, the nature of the behavior, the relationships between the parties involved and the context in which the alleged incidents occurred in their determination of the facts and disciplinary actions. This includes Cyber Bullying. (For a more complete statement, please see the Northshore School District Rights & Responsibilities Handbook.)

**NORTHSHORE SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES HANDBOOK** – Students are expected to abide by the code of conduct detailed in the Students Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. Students and parents are responsible for reading and knowing the contents of this document.

**DANCE CONTRACT** - This contract will serve as my ONLY warning. All North Creek High School students will be responsible for following the dance behavior guidelines outlined in this section.

1. School dances are limited to North Creek students and their invited/approved guests. All guests must have a completed dance contract on file before they may attend a NCHS sponsored dance.
2. NCHS students may bring no more than one guest per person. The host student shall be responsible for the behavior of the guest. All guests must be in at least ninth grade and must not be more than two years older than the hosting student. Students attending college/community college or in the workforce must attach a copy of their driver's license to their Guest Dance Contract.
3. Every NCHS student must have a photo ID card to attend the dance. Invited/approved guests must also show their photo ID when entering the dance.
4. All school/district rules apply. Dancing guideline - Face to Face and Leave Some Space. Have a good time WITHOUT explicit dancing of a sexual nature, moshing or unwanted physical contact. Unwanted physical contact creates a hostile environment and will be treated as sexual harassment. No violent, lewd, or “mosh pit” style dancing is allowed.
5. Students who choose to ignore any of the rules will be asked to leave the dance. Chaperones have the ability to give warnings or remove students if they feel the dancing is inappropriate. If you or your guest are asked to leave the dance, you and your guest may be subject to appropriate school/district discipline. Refunds will not be issued for students sent home. Parents/guardians will be called to come and pick up the student and guest if necessary.
6. Students leaving early for any reason may not re-enter the dance (“once you are in, you’re in - once you are out, you’re out”).

These are guidelines that are structured to help you succeed and meet your goals. If you find that you are having a hard time meeting any of these expectations, please talk with your teacher, advisor, or someone else at North Creek to find a solution and develop a plan that will work for you.

*My signature below indicates that I have read and understand that I will be held responsible for North Creek High School’s student expectations contract.*

<b>Student Signature</b>	<b>Print name (must be legible)</b>	<b>Student ID #</b>
<b>Parent Signature</b>	<b>Print name (must be legible)</b>	<b>Phone #</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>Year of graduation</b>	