



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, parent(s)/guardian(s) 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 your child has **three unexcused** absences in one month, state law (RCW 28A.225.020) requires we schedule a conference with you and your child
- If your child 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. You and your child may need to appear in Juvenile Court

All-day absences and late arrivals must be cleared within TWO school days by parent phone call to our 24-hour attendance line at 425.408.8810, a parent email to mrousoffmesaros@nsd.org or a written note signed by the parent/guardian.

- State the reason why the student was not in school
- It is the student's responsibility to have parents excuse absences on time
- When arriving late, students must sign in at the attendance window

Important: If absences are not excused within two school days, **progressive discipline** may be imposed and **course credit may be lost if three are more unexcused absences accumulate.**

Early Dismissals must be arranged BEFORE leaving campus. The Attendance Office will **not** accept notes or phone calls *after* an absence has already occurred.

- Students must **sign out** at the Attendance window at all times before leaving school
- Leaving campus **without** checking out at the attendance office is considered an **unexcused** absence and may result in a Saturday School

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. See the Northshore School District Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook for further details.

NSD ACCEPTABLE USE AND CODE OF CONDUCT – Use of the NSDNet, and public networks such as the Internet, by students shall be in accordance with the District's Acceptable Use Procedures and the NSD Code of Conduct. The Rights & Responsibilities Handbook Concerning Student Conduct prohibits the misuse or inappropriate use of technology (including websites and e-mail) that interferes with or disrupts the educational process. The inappropriate use of electronic communication, whether initiated at school or not, that violates district policies against harassment, discrimination, intimidation and bullying is not permitted. It is a violation of student codes of conduct to invade the privacy of or to misrepresent someone through electronic communications. Please see the NSD Rights and Responsibilities Handbook for more information.

ACADEMIC HONESTY – Honesty is a compelling principle by which we operate all aspects of student and school life. Forging attendance notes or other school documents is a serious offense and will result in disciplinary action. Academic honesty is highly valued at NCHS. Students do not cheat, nor should they tolerate those who do. Because of the serious nature of academic honesty, violations of this code are progressive and serious. Repeated infractions will result in loss of credit for the course and additional disciplinary action. North Creek High School utilizes “turnitin.com” to help teach and reinforce correct academic attribution. **All academic dishonesty violations, regardless of subject, shall be accumulated and treated in a progressive manner.** Academic Dishonesty includes cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and technology malpractice and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Using cheat sheets, looking at someone’s paper during an exam
- Giving out questions that are on a test to other students
- Exchanging old tests, reports, notebooks or assignments
- Giving answers to other students during a test or allowing them to copy your work
- Using electronic devices that can record/transmit answers to, or pictures of tests and assignments, to self or others
- Giving/loaning a copy of your project, or someone else’s, to another student

Attention! Changing the words of an original source is not sufficient to prevent plagiarism. If a student has retained the essential idea of an original source, and has not cited it, then no matter how drastically the student has altered its context or presentation, he/she has still plagiarized.

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, BULLYING & CYBER-BULLYING – Harassment, intimidation, bullying or cyber-bullying means any intentional written, verbal, or physical act, including but not limited to one shown to be motivated on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, ancestry, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability, or other distinguishing characteristics whether or not the affected student actually possesses such characteristics (rumors or lying). Please see the NSD Rights and Responsibilities Handbook for more information.

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. 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. 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. 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. 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. Chaperones will follow their judgment to determine inappropriate dancing. No violent, lewd, or “mosh pit” style dancing is allowed. 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. 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.

_____ Student Signature	_____ Print name (must be legible)	_____ Student ID #
_____ Parent Signature	_____ Print name (must be legible)	_____ Phone #
_____ Date	_____ Year of graduation	