



# Newport High School

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Grizzly Families,

Welcome to a brand new school year, filled with traditions and celebrations we're all excited to continue having.

First, I want to say thank you to all of you who embraced me during my first year as Principal last year. I am very excited to get to work in year two and continue building relationships with students and families this year. I look forward to meeting your student(s) and Grizzly Families and Community members as the school year starts. It is going to be a great year in Grizzly Country.

In this letter, you can see upcoming dates and important details for your student's high school experience. Students can log on to their Skyward accounts to see their individual schedules for the 23-24 school year. These schedules were also sent out in June by mail. If you have any schedule change requests, please contact our office for available dates/times.

## Upcoming Dates:

- Wednesday, August 16th: Office secretaries return, school offices open 8am-2pm
- Wednesday, August 23rd: Grizzly Passport Day for Class of '27 & New Students to NHS (more info to come)
- Thursday, August 24th: Open House from 4-6:30pm, district-wide
- Thursday, August 24th: Meet the Griz from 6-7:30pm, Football Field
- Friday, August 25th: No School, Teacher Professional Development
- Monday, August 28th: First Day of School
- Friday, September 1st: No School, four-day Labor Day weekend
- Monday, September 4th: No School, Labor Day

## Important Details:

- Online Returning Student & New Student Registration: Please log on to Skyward and complete the online registration. This is for Returning & New Students. ALL students need to have this completed.
- Open House: All 9th-12th grade teachers will be in classrooms available for you to visit between 4-6:30pm. Teachers will have pertinent information for their classes during this time. Please come and talk/ask questions during this valuable time to meet the classroom leaders for your students.
- Parent/Student Handbook: The handbook can be found on our Newport High School website. Please check it out. It is full of valuable information for you and your child. Two areas, Cell Phone Procedure and Dress Code are listed below.
- Cell Phone Procedure: Just a reminder about Cell Phones. I know that Cell Phones can be a valuable tool within our classrooms when used appropriately. Our Awesome Teachers will set their individual classroom expectations when it comes to cell phones and usage in the classroom. *Cell phones should be put away completely in the classroom unless directed by the teacher otherwise.* If cell phones are being used inappropriately, consequences set forth in the Parent/Student Handbook will be followed.
- Dress Code: Newport High School supports student expression and individuality in attire. Students are expected to dress in a manner that is appropriate for a learning environment and not educationally disruptive or distracting. While adhering to legal standards, administration is expected to communicate with students if clothing not specifically listed below is not appropriate in a school environment or is educationally disruptive or distracting.

Final say in all dress code discussions will be made by the high school administration.

**1. Basic Principle: Certain body parts must be covered for all students at all times.**

Clothes must be worn in a way such that genitals, buttocks, breasts, and nipples are fully covered with opaque (not able to be seen through) fabric. All items listed in the “must wear” and “may wear” categories below must meet this basic principle.

**2. Students Must Wear\*, while following the basic principle of Section 1 above:**

- A Shirt (with fabric in the front, back, on the sides, and under the arms), AND
- Pants, jeans or the equivalent (for example, a skirt, sweatpants, leggings, a dress, or shorts), AND
- Shoes.

\*Courses that include attire as part of the curriculum (for example, professionalism, public speaking, and job readiness) may include assignment specific dress, but should not focus on covering bodies in a particular way or promoting culturally-specific attire. Activity-specific-shoes requirements are permitted (for example, athletic shoes for PE).

**3. Students May Wear, as long as these items do not violate Section 1 above:**

- Hats
  - Hats must allow the face to be visible to staff.
- Religious head coverings.
- Religious headwear.
- Hoodie sweatshirts are allowed.
- Fitted pants, including opaque leggings, yoga pants and “skinny jeans”
- Pajamas
- Ripped jeans, as long as underwear and buttocks are not exposed.
- Tank tops, including spaghetti straps
- Athletic attire

**4. Students Cannot Wear:**

- Violent language or images.
- Gang affiliated clothing.
- Images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity).
- Hate speech, profanity, pornography.
- Images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class or consistently marginalized groups.
- Any clothing that reveals visible undergarments.
- Swimsuits (except as required in class or athletic practice).
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon.
- Any item that obscures the face (except as a religious observance).

\*Adjustments to the dress code may be made on a case-by-case basis for a student’s IEP or social and emotional well-being.

\*These dress code guidelines shall apply to regular school days, summer school days, or any school related event and/or activity, such as graduation ceremonies, dances, and prom.

➤ Behavioral Expectations & Disciplinary Procedures: The Handbook can also be found on our website. Staff and students will review the handbook during the 2nd week of school and review at home for family signature as well.

➤ Transportation w/First Student: We are excited about First Student’s responsiveness to our requests and agreeing with our priorities: student safety, communication, and responsiveness to families. Their office number is (509) 508-0727.

Building Relationships with our students, families and community is one of my main priorities this year as the Principal at NHS. I am thrilled to see you all at Open House, Thursday the 24th, from 4-6pm.

Sincerely,

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