

March 29, 2021

Dear Washington Township Families,

We warmly welcome you to Northern! The purpose of this letter is to communicate registration instructions to you prior to the opening of the 2021-2022 registration window for Grades 1-12 students (Kindergarten window is already open). **All Washington Township school-age children must register with the Northern York County School District (NYCSD) this spring, no matter how they will be educated in the fall.**

You are receiving this letter because our records indicate that you are a Washington Township resident with at least one school-age child in your household. As you may know, on March 10, 2021, the State Board of Education approved the transfer of Washington Township from Dover Area School District to Northern York County School District to take effect at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

The plan for transitioning Washington Township families and students to NYCSD is currently being discussed by the Districts' boards of directors and administrators. This transition plan will, in part, indicate to what extent Washington Township children may elect to remain in Dover schools and for how long, but it will not be finalized by April 1, the date originally proposed as the start of the registration window. For this reason, the registration window will now open April 15, the latest date by which we expect the transition plan to be finalized and posted to the [Washington Township Transition webpage](https://www.northernpolarbears.com/Page/14167) (<https://www.northernpolarbears.com/Page/14167>).

This delay in registration will not impact course selection options negatively for our Washington Township students coming to Northern schools. The registration window will remain open from April 15 to May 14.

On the next page you will find instructions for registering with Northern, which all Washington Township school-age children must do, no matter how they will be educated in the fall. Thank you for your patience. We look forward to continuing to work with you and getting to know you as we navigate this transition process together.

In education,



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NYCSD Registration Instructions:

All Washington Township school-age children must register with NYCSD this spring, no matter how they will be educated in the fall.

Northern must have a record of all students from Washington Township in order to satisfy PDE's requirements for student accountability. This registration requirement applies to students that may be staying in Dover schools, those transitioning to a Northern school, non-public school students, cyber charter students, York County School of Technology students, and home school students.

For those attending a Northern school in the fall, you will complete the full enrollment process. Once your registration is submitted, our registrar will reach out to you to schedule an enrollment meeting.

Registration is an online process.

For Kindergarten students:

Kindergarten registration is now open. Please visit our website (www.northernpolarbears.com) and under the "For Parents" tab click on the [2021-22 Kindergarten link](#) and follow the instructions to:

- 1) create a Sapphire Registration account;
- 2) complete and submit the Kindergarten Registration Form;
- 3) await contact from Registration Office; and
- 4) provide required documents.

For Grades 1-12 students:

The registration window for Washington Township students in grades 1-12 will open in early to mid-April. When you register, you will be asked to designate your intention for the fall. Once the window opens in April, please visit our website (www.northernpolarbears.com) and under the "For Parents" tab click on the [Washington Township Registration link](#) and follow the instructions to:

- 1) create a Sapphire Registration account;
- 2) on the Washington Township Residents Only Grades 1-12 Registration Form, choose your anticipated school of attendance for the fall 2021; and
- 3) submit the Washington Township Residents Only Grades 1-12 Registration Form.

If you are not attending an NYCSD school in the fall (instead you are attending a Dover, cyber, non-public school, or York County School of Technology), you have finished the registration process. If you are attending an NYCSD school in the fall or home educating, central registration will schedule a meeting with you to complete the full enrollment process.