# Nooksack Valley Middle School

### Student Handbook 2023-2024



Showing Up Together



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#### Nooksack Valley Middle School

Nooksack Valley Middle School is committed to providing a developmentally responsive middle school program that is characterized by: educators committed to young adolescents, a shared vision, high expectations for all, an adult advocate for every student, crafting family and community partnerships, within a positive school climate.

#### Vision for Student Experience

For students at NVMS we want opportunities to be heard, a space to embrace who they are, and to have endless possibilities as they work to pursue our dreams.

We want a school in which our students experience kindness, a sense of belonging, and are noticed and seen.

#### Vision for Student Learning

At NVMS, we will support students in becoming engaged critical thinkers by providing them with choices through meaningful learning experiences that are relevant to their current and future lives.

NVMS will support students in becoming:

**Empathetic** 

Reflective

Goal oriented

Inclusive and collaborative

Kind

Creative

## Nooksack Valley Middle School GUIDELINES FOR SUCCESS

1. Be Respectful

2. Be Responsible

3. Be Safe

Nooksack Valley Middle School students are subject to a code of behavior, not only for their own benefit, but for the benefit of others as well. Education in the classroom and a proper climate throughout the building is dependent upon students, staff members, and parents being accountable.

Students are responsible for their own actions and are accountable for all rules and responsibilities outlined in this handbook, the Nooksack Valley School District Board of Director's policies, and other rules set forth by the Nooksack Valley Middle School Administration. Students who do not meet expectations will be subject to consequences in order to promote accountability. It is important to remember that while our guidelines establish rules and limits, it also encourages, promotes and recognizes specific, positive behaviors.

#### Nooksack Valley Middle School is alcohol, drug, and tobacco free.

Every effort will be made to ensure a drug and alcohol free environment.

<u>Arrival to School</u> Students should not arrive prior to 7:25. School begins at 7:45. On late arrival days, school begins at 10:00. Students should not arrive prior to 9:40

<u>Dismissal from School</u> Dismissal is at 2:15. Students must leave campus by 2:25 daily unless participating in a scheduled and supervised school activity. On early release days, dismissal is at 11:45.

<u>Closed Campus</u> Nooksack Valley Middle School is a closed campus. The following expectations are in effect and will be strictly enforced: All students must sign out in the attendance office prior to leaving campus and must have specific permission from the office to leave. This permission may be obtained with a note from a parent or telephone call home. Leaving school without permission will be considered truancy.

<u>Visitors/Volunteers</u> Family members are encouraged to visit the school as our partners in education. If you want to conference with a staff person, please make an appointment prior to your visit to help ensure the meeting takes place. All visitors are required to please check in at the office upon their arrival. Student visitors will not be permitted at any time.

**Dress Code** Preserving a beneficial learning environment and assuring the safety and well-being of all students is a primary concern at NVMS. While we encourage individuality, our dress code aims to foster a positive and healthy environment.

- A. Students should dress casually and comfortably to school while keeping in mind their environment
- В Student attire should not create a health or other hazard to the student's safety or to the safety of others;.
- C. Clothing should not create an atmosphere in which a student, staff, or other person's well-being is hindered by undue pressure, behavior, intimidation, overt gesture or threat of violence;
- Torsos, midriff, and backsides should be covered. Clothing must cover undergarments at all times.
- $\mathbf{E}_{-}$ Clothing, drawings, tattoos and accessories that display or promote negative messages are not permitted. These include but are not limited to drug, gang, weapon, alcohol, or tobacco-related information, obscenities, put-downs, stereotypes, sexual innuendo, offensive words or graphics.

The student and parent/guardian may determine the student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that the student's dress and grooming does not lead school officials to reasonably believe that such dress or grooming violates NVMS dress code.

#### Communication Home

Our newsletter, Notes Home, is sent home weekly that can be accessed via ParentSquare. It is a constant source of information for upcoming events, dates, and opportunities for both the student and the family. The newsletter is also available online on our school web site, www.nooksackschools.org.

For up to date information related to school;

Connect to our NVMS Parent Square Account

Like us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ pages/Nooksack-Vallley-Middle-School-PTSA







Follow us on Instagram @ NVMSPioneers

#### **Behavior Expectations**:

**Common Areas** such as hallways, bus area, the cafeteria, the gym, the library, etc. are considered to be extensions of the classrooms. Students are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner in those areas of the school.

#### A successful NVMS student will do the following:

- Walk in the hallways as to not disrupt other students or classrooms.
- Speak at an appropriate noise level and speak kindly to others.
- Interact appropriately and avoid shoving, pushing, or displays of affection such as kissing and touching.
- Eat and drink in the cafeteria, and leave pop and energy drinks at home and off school grounds.
- Take pride in our building, resources and equipment and treat them respectfully.
- Take ownership over belongings (such as backpacks) and don't leave them unattended in common areas
- Take ownership over common areas by cleaning up any messes, and talking to a staff member when more help is needed.
- The gym and library are only allowed to be used when staff members are present.

#### Valuables In School

We have no insurance to cover loss or theft of valuables. Students are cautioned not to bring valuables of any kind to school. Personal property such as skateboards and electronics should not be used during school hours and could be subject to confiscation. We encourage students to mark P.E. clothes, shoes and jackets with their name to reduce the number of lost and stolen items.

#### Phone Use:

At NVMS our hope for students is that they are able to develop healthy peer-peer relationships both in-person and online along with healthy and productive relationships with technology. In order to do so, consistent campus and classroom expectations around cell phone an ear bud usage will be in place. If a student needs to use their phone for personal use, the expectation is that they check in with a teacher or other staff member to get permission to step into the office or separate space to do so. Students may also use the school phone for school business or emergencies.

Cell phones must remain in students back pack between the times of 7:40-2:15., with the exception of their lunch time.

Violation of Cell Phone Expectation- (cell phone gets turned into the office)

1st time- Student will need to pick up phone at the end of the day .
2nd time - Parent/Guardian will need to arrange to pick up phone Lunch Detention

#### 3rd time- Pioneer Level Drop

<u>ASB Cards</u> ASB cards may be purchased at the office at lunch, before, or after school. The revenue from the sale of ASB cards is expected to partially finance the Activity/Athletic program. Benefits of holding an ASB card are:

\*Free admittance to all Home HS athletic events.

\*Reduced admission prices to other schools' athletic events. (Adult prices charged without ASB card.)

\*Required to run for office or to participate in activities and athletics.

School Leadership, Activities, and Athletics. Students are encouraged to be involved in extracurricular activities at Nooksack Valley Middle School. There are opportunities for students to participate in our Associated Student Body, afterschool clubs, and athletics. Seventh and eighth graders have the opportunity to participate in athletics during four different sports season.

1. 1st season offers Football, Boys' Soccer, Cross-Country, and Softball
 2.
 2nd season offers Boys Basketball and Girl's Basketball.
 3. 3rd
 season offers Wrestling and Girls Volleyball
 4. 4th
 season offers Track (Co-ed) Girls Soccer, and Baseball

Students involved in athletics must also have office clearance before being allowed to participate. This includes a physical, proof of insurance, ASB card, and parent permission card. The activity coordinator may establish additional requirements and expectations. Students who participate in extracurricular activities must sign and agree to the School Conduct Code. The code presents the school's expectations, rules, procedures, and requirements for involvement. Coaches may impose procedures or penalties that go above and beyond the code.

#### Pioneer Level System

NVMS believes that it is important for students to make connections with the school in a broader way than just their academic rigor. To accomplish this NVMS strives to provide systems through which students see themselves playing a role in the establishing a culture of belonging and dignity. The Pioneer Level System is a system to motivate positive, responsible behaviors and to discourage negative actions by our students. This system is not a discipline practice, rather a system to empower our students to be motivated, positive, and responsible individuals through their conduct at NVMS, while discouraging negative actions toward themselves, peers, staff, and our school environment.

#### Pioneer Level Drop:

Students drop from Pioneer Level One if they are unable to follow expectations for our school. Teachers and staff will communicate to students when expectations are not being met, and students are given the opportunity for individual reflection. Our administration will then help facilitate conversations and opportunities for growth and a change in behavior. If a student continues to not meet expectations, they will not be eligible for special activities and events.

#### **Pioneer Level All Star Activities:**

At the end of each quarter, students will earn an invitation to the All Star activity if they:

- Have remained on Pioneer Level One
- have missed fewer than 10 percent of school days
- and have 5 or less missing assignments in any class.

<u>Building and Classroom Behavior /Discipline guidelines and process:</u>
As part of our restorative behavior process at NVMS, the following steps will be used by staff for any issues or actions that are considered disruptive to the educational process or behavioral violations to NVSD, and State policies.

- Step 1 Conversation between student and teacher utilizing a Reflection Sheet, which is a self reflective writing piece for accountability, ownership, and next steps.
- **Step 2** Revisit the Reflection Sheet with a second conversation and collaboration by student and same teacher to rectify issues or actions.
- **Step 3** Administrative assistance with 3rd conversation with the same teacher. Pioneer Honor Level Drop, Parents notified, All 3 sheets mailed home with referral.
- **Step 4** Administrative referral, parent contact and meeting arranged .

Note: These steps are part of a process with the same teacher, same class during one semester, not multiple classes, teachers, or semesters.

Repeated poor or disruptive behavior whether in the same class, or school wide may result in a parent coming to spend the day with the student in some or all of their classes. As a last resort, classroom exclusion of some sort may be required to remedy the disruptive behavior.

#### Misconduct/Insubordination

Students are required to obey the reasonable requests of all staff members. Willful disobedience, dishonesty, vulgarity and profanity, obscenity, cheating or any other inappropriate behavior, shall be referred immediately to school administration.

#### **NVMS Attendance Policies and Procedures**

**Reporting an absence:** The parent or guardian is responsible for accounting for all student absences and notifying the school as soon as possible. This can be accomplished by:

Calling the attendance office, and sending a written note is required for each day absent. .

Notes must include the student's first and last name, the current date, the dates of the day(s) absent, the reason of the absence and it must be signed by the parent or guardian. These can also be in sent in, via e-mail.

Absences must be excused within <u>three days</u> upon the students return, or the they will be considered unexcused.

Excused absences: The following reasons are recognized as excused absences with proper contact from a parent/guardian. Illness or health concerns (Having a fever over 100 degrees, vomiting, and or diarrhea each require students to stay home.) Family emergencies, Religious observances, Medical appointments (parents/guardians are encouraged to schedule appointments during non-school hours if possible). Students are responsible to get all assignments missed, from their teacher.

<u>Unexcused absences:</u> The following reasons are not recognized by NVMS as excuses to be absent. Each unexcused absence will result in lunch detention, two Unexcused absences will result in a Pioneer Honor level drop, and three will result in a parent conference. Oversleeping, missing the bus, truancy, and more than 10 minutes late to class are all examples of unexcused absences.

#### **Attendance notification:**

Attendance letters will be mailed home regularly when students meet certain absence thresholds of excused and unexcused absences. When a student is marked absent for a period, an automated phone call is made to notify parents/guardians of the student's absence and notification via Parent Square.

Attendance Recognition: Having excellent attendance is a reason to celebrate! Outstanding attendance will be celebrated and rewarded with Recognition Boards, as well as weekly and monthly raffles.

Students with a 10% or higher absentee rate will not be eligible for that trimesters Honor Level activity. (This includes any absences of nonmedical reasons.) 10% or higher is considered Chronically Absent in the State of Washington by OSPI.

<u>Tardies</u> Students who arrive late to class, disrupt the educational environment for students and staff. Reporting to class on time means being in your seat, prepared and ready to begin class. Staff will "sweep" hallways for tardy students each period. Students tardy for a class will not be admitted without a signed pass from the office or a teacher. Tardy students are expected to make up for time missed. *After 10 minutes of class time has passed, a tardy becomes an absence.* 

If a teacher or staff member causes a student to be tardy, the student is expected to ask the teacher to write him/her a note. That tardy will be removed from the school records.

Three Tardies in a Quarter Phone call home. Lunch detention for 1 day.

<u>Six Tardies in a Quarter</u> Written notice sent home, Pioneer Honor level drop, Lunch detention for 2 days.

<u>Nine Tardies in a Quarter</u> Written notice sent home, Pioneer Honor level drop,

Chronic tardiness is subject to administrative referral and meeting with family..

#### **Truancy Policy**

Truancy is defined as any unexcused absence or a student being in an unassigned area during the normal school day. Students are required to check out through the office if they need to leave campus during the school day. Failure to do so is a truancy violation.

Truancy violations will result in Lunch Detentions, Pioneer Level Drops and possible referral to our Community Truancy Board.

Becca Bill-Truancy Law: An unexcused absence means not meeting the definition of "excused absence" set by the school and failing to attend school for the majority of hours or periods in a school day, or failing to meet a more restrictive school attendance policy. Upon 7 unexcused absences in month, or 15 in a year, a petition will be filed with the juvenile

<u>Behavioral Violations</u> Student behavior that violates NVSD and State Discipline policies, will result in the student being referred to administration and appropriate action will be taken. In all cases parental contact will be made by school officials.

The following activities are among those defined by state laws as being criminal acts and are included in Nooksack Valley School District Board Policy. The penalties are a possible suspension, Pioneer Level Drop, and potential contact by local law enforcement. Alternative forms of discipline interventions other than suspensions will be utilized if possible.

**Arson**: The intentional setting of fire.

**Assault**: Physical threats or violence to person or persons.

**Explosives**: Explosives are not permitted on school property or at school sponsored activities.

**Extortion**: Obtaining money or property by violence or threat of violence.

**Blackmail/Coercion**: Forcing someone to do something against his/her will by force or threat of force.

Larceny: Theft.

Vandalism: Property damage (school or personal).

**Robbery**: Stealing from any individual by force or threat of force. **Trespass**: Being present in an unauthorized place or refusing to leave

when directed to do so.

**Emergency equipment**: Purposely setting off a fire alarm or inappropriate use of emergency equipment.

**Tobacco**: Smoking, possession or use of tobacco in any form on school premises or at school-sponsored activities (any area within 100 feet of school property) is not permitted. <u>Electronic Cigarettes, Personal Vaporizers and Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems are included in this.</u>

**Weapons: Firearms**-Any student who is determined to have carried or possessed a firearm: On school property, school vehicles, or at school sponsored events shall be removed from school as required by OSPI discipline guidelines.

**Dangerous Weapons-**Possessing a dangerous weapon on school property is considered exceptional misconduct and could result in emergency expulsion and contact of law enforcement.

**Illegal Drugs**: The use or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, drug paraphernalia, or controlled substances on school premises or at any school sponsored function is in violation of state and NVSD guidelines, and will result in contact of local law enforcement.

#### HIB - Harassment - Intimidation - Bullying

Harassment: persistently disturbing a student.

Sexual Harassment: unwanted and uninvited sexual attention

*Intimidation*: making someone feel afraid through the force of one's personality or personal strength.

*Bullying*: Intentional repeated negative acts (physical, emotional, verbal) by one person (s) towards another.

Harassment, intimidation or bullying will not be allowed. Harassment, intimidation or bullying means any intentional written, verbal or physical act, including but not limited to one that shows to be motivated by race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability or other distinguishing characteristics\*\*, when the intentional written, verbal or physical act:

Physically harms a student or damages the student's property or; Has the effect of substantially interfering with student's education or; Is so severe, persistent or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment or;

Does not require the affected student to actually possess a characteristic that is a basis for harassment or;

Has the effect of substantially disrupting the operation of the school.

**Sexual Harassment** Sexual harassment includes all unwanted and uninvited sexual attention as well as the creation of an intimidating, hostile, or offensive school environment

This can include:

Sexually suggestive looks or gestures.

Sexual jokes, pictures or teasing.

Sexually demeaning comments.

Deliberate touching.

\*\*Other distinguishing characteristics may include but are not limited to: physical appearance, clothing or other apparel, socioeconomic status, gender identity and marital status. Harassment, intimidation or bullying can take many forms including: slurs, rumors, jokes, innuendos, demeaning comments, drawings, cartoons, pranks, gestures, physical attacks, threats or other written, verbal or physical actions. The following discipline steps will be followed regarding harassment, intimidation or bullying.

<u>Harassment Intimidation Bullying Consequences</u> Policy review and clarification upon receiving student handbook.

**1st Offense**: Warning, note in file

**2nd Offense**: Responsibility contract, one to three days detention and

parents notified. Incident documented.

**3rd Offense**: Possible short-term suspension; incident investigated, Inci-

dent documented, and parents notified.

4th Offense: Possible Short or Long-term suspension; incident investigat-

ed, Incident documented, and parents notified.

**5th Offense**: Long Term Suspension, and parents notified.

#### **Appeals Process**

Due process must be adhered to in any disciplinary proceedings. Appeals of disciplinary actions may be initiated by the student and his/her parents (if student is a minor). Appeals must be directed to the principal within three days of the date of disciplinary action taken. The appeal must state the adjustments being requested and reason therefore.



<u>Bus Transportation</u> District/school expectations or rules apply to behavior on all buses (activity and tutorial) or while waiting for or disembarking from the school buses. <u>Failure to adhere will result in Adminis</u>

#### trative referral

- 1. Keep the bus safe
- 2. Obey the driver's instructions
- 3. Remain Seated
- 4. Respect others and their property
- 5. Keep your hands to yourself
- 6. Keep noise level down

#### **Bus Behavior Consequences**

1st Notice – Verbal Warning./Incident documented / Parent Contact
2nd Notice – Parent Contact / Loss of riding privilege for 1 week
3rd Notice – Parent contact / Loss of riding privileges for 1 month
4th Notice – Parent contact / Loss of riding privilege for rest of trimester.
5th Notice – Parent contact / Loss of riding privilege for remainder of school year.

Extreme insubordination or behavior that endangers the safety of those on the bus will result in immediate referral to School Administration with loss of riding privileges.

#### **General Grading Guidelines**

At NVMS, report card grades report academic achievement regardless of effort or extra credit. Student progress is reported on a 1-4 numerical scale for daily work, assessments, projects and report card grades. All grades can be viewed on the Skyward web site using the Family Access Code.

- 4- Exceeds grade levels standards
- 3- Meets grade level standards
- 2- Below grade level standards
- 1- Significantly below grade level standards

Report card grades emphasize student academic achievement as demonstrate on classroom based assessments (projects, tests, presentations etc.) Report card grades de-emphasize daily work to encourage student practice toward gaining mastery of required skills and content.

#### **Nooksack Valley Middle School**

#### **EXTRACURRICULAR**

#### CONDUCT CODE

#### School Leadership, Activities & Athletics

**Expectations:** in order to maintain the fine tradition of Nooksack Valley Middle School, participants are expected to conduct themselves, on and off campus, in such a way that will bring honor to them, their families, the school and our community. The NVMS Code is in effect during the entire school year, from the first day of fall practice until the last day of the school year, regardless of the initiation date of sport or activity. For ASB and Class Officers the code will be in effect from the date of election until the end of term. Any dishonorable behavior will be subject to interpretation of the code by school officials.

<u>Rules</u> Participants will follow these rules of training and conduct: A. No use or possession of tobacco products, illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia

- B. No use or possession of intoxicating beverages
- C. Commit no unlawful acts that result in a misdemeanor or high penalty
- D. Participants are not to be present more than five minutes at any functions where alcohol and/or illegal drugs are being consumed/ used or have been consumed
- E. Harassment: Racial, Sexual or Discriminatory, will not be allowed.
- F. Serious and/or repeated violation of school rules
- G. No excessive use of profanity
- H. Participants are to be off the streets on school nights at a reasonable time. Times are left to the discretion of the coach/advisor.

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<u>Academic Requirements</u> All students participating in middle school athletics will be current with all assignments and homework. Any athlete with three or more missing assignments will stay after school with the instructor starting at 2:25 until 3:00. If the work completed in that time is not satisfactory in quality or quantity, the athlete will stay until 4:00 or until the work is satisfactory.

#### Consequences May Include:

1. First offense of any nature:

Suspension from 40% of contests, Drug and alcohol evaluation.

2. Second offense of any nature:

Suspension for the equivalent of one complete season

Drug and alcohol evaluation.

3. Third offense of any nature:

Suspension from all activities for one calendar year

Drug and alcohol evaluation

<u>Honesty</u> Being honest with the athletic director or designee when first questioned regarding a possible violation may reduce the suspension for first offenses.

Infractions will be cumulative from the 7th - 8th

An infraction will result in the removal of students from ASB and class leadership

Students must finish the season in order for a suspension to be satisfied Suspensions will be carried over to the next sport season if necessary Coaches may impose procedures or penalties that go above and beyond the code

#### **EXTRACURRICULAR CONDUCT CODE**

<u>Attendance</u> Participants will be full attendance each class in order to participate that day. Pre-approved appointments, medical and dental appointments, are allowable exceptions, as long as there is proof of appointment upon return. <u>Athletes in physical education classes will suit up and participate in order to count as full attendance</u>.

**Election Requirements for ASB Office** The ASB constitution provided the following guide lines for office positions:

- Students must be members of the ASB, purchase an ASB card and sign the Extra-curricular code if elected.
- · Officers must be enrolled full time during the school year
- Students shall have been enrolled at Nooksack Valley Middle School for at least one year previous to the year they are running for office

**Administrative Decision** Administration discretion may be utilized in situations or circumstances not covered by this conduct code.

Parent Consent/Assumption of Risk Participation in athletics in the Nooksack Valley School District is a voluntary, extracurricular activity. Participation in interscholastic athletics can be a potentially dangerous activity involving multiple risks of injury. Such injuries can range from abrasions, bruises, sprains to catastrophic injuries resulting in crippling conditions, paralysis, brain damage, and even fatality. Severe injuries can impair a student's ability to earn a living, to engage in social and recreational activities, and to generally enjoy social life. Careful consideration should be given to the risks and dangers associated with interscholastic athletics before making decision to participate.

#### Restorative process

To align with WIAA and OSPI Discipline practices NVSD has implemented a restorative process to our athletic code. Students violating the code may be given an opportunity for a restorative process in lieu of contest suspensions. A full explanation can be found in our athletic code.

**Appeal of Suspension** The initial interpretation of the code can be appealed if desired by contacting the athletic director or principal within three (3) days of the initial decision. When an appeal is requested an athletic board consisting of three to five coaches, the principal and athletic director will be assembled. Their decision may be appealed to the Nooksack Valley School District School Board.

#### STUDENT COMPUTER USE AGREEMENT

#### Computer Use

- 1. I will not lend or reveal my account or password to others.
- 2. I will not access any network account but my own.
- 3. I will not access any email account without a teacher's permission.
- 4. I will not reveal personal information on the Internet, including the name, address, and/or telephone number of myself, or others, without prior approval by a supervising member of the teaching staff.
- 5. I will not use inappropriate language (obscenities, etc.) or threaten and/or harass via any communication on the network. I will report immediately to supervising staff the receipt of any of the same.
- 6. I will not access movies, videos, games, music, radio stations and/or other recreational online media without supervising teacher permission.
- 7. I will not access any news group, chat room, message board, link, without teacher permission.
- 8. I will not access school computers in areas not supervised by adult staff. If adult supervisor leaves the area for more than 5 minutes, I will log off the network.
- 9. I will not attach peripheral hardware (scanners, earphones, zip drives, mice, keyboards, etc.) to school computers or use software devices (CDs, floppies, etc.) without supervising staff permission.
- 10. I will not take food or beverages into labs or near computer hardware.
- 11. I will not remove identifying labels or stickers from computer hardware and/or cause any harm to such equipment by snapping off parts, removing protective panels, probing equipment with sharp devices, etc. I also agree not to write or mark on any equipment such as mouse pads, keyboards, tables, chairs, etc.
- 12. I will not attempt to "hack" into the Nooksack Valley School District Network or cause it harm in any way.

I understand that doing any of the above constitutes an act of vandalism and makes me subject to placement on the Second Offense Violators' List or higher, and that I may face fines and/or suspension as determined by the District Network Administrator and Building Administrator.

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#### STUDENT COMPUTER

#### **USE AGREEMENT**

I further agree that access to the district network and the Internet from the Nooksack Valley School District must be in support of education and research. As a condition of my right as a student to use the Nooksack Network, I agree to abide by all of the above.

I understand that network administrators have the right to review any material stored on the Nooksack Network and to edit or remove any material, which they, in their sole discretion, believe, may be unlawful, obscene, abusive, or otherwise objectionable and I hereby waive any right of privacy, which I may otherwise have, to such material.

I understand that the Nooksack Valley School District will not be liable for any direct or indirect, incidental, or consequential damages due to information gained and/or obtained via use of the Nooksack Network.

I understand that the Nooksack Valley School District will not be liable for any direct or indirect, incidental, or consequential damages (including lost data or information) sustained or incurred in connection with the use, operation, or inability to use the Nooksack Network.

I understand that use of the Nooksack Network is a privilege given to students and staff,. It may be revoked by network administrators at any time for violation of the Nooksack Network Acceptable Use Policy.

In consideration for the privilege of using the Nooksack Network, I hereby release the Nooksack Valley School District and its operators from any and all claims and damages of any nature arising from my use, or inability to use, the Nooksack Network.

#### Student Information / Privacy

At the middle school level, images of an individual student or of a group of students may be added to a web page. Images may contain legible text or identifiers of the person or persons in the image, identifying first name only. Captions or accompanying text may contain the first name of students within a shot but never a last name or other personal information.

First and last names of individual students may be posted on web sites in list or table form without identifying pictures to denote such accomplishments as awards or athletic achievement and may be included in linked building newsletters. At the beginning of each school year parents of grade PreK-8 students will be given the opportunity to sign an opt-out form asking that images of their child not be posted on any NVSD web site.



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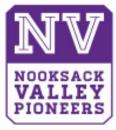
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#### NOOKSACK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT # 506

2023 - 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

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Emergency closure or other circumstances could cause calendar changes including extending the school

Inclement weather make-up days would be in this order: Feb. 29, March 1, June 14

- First & Last day for students; last day is early distribut
- Conferences for all schools early dismissal
- No School- Holiday
- Early Dismissal/Late Arrival (Nov 22 early dismissal K - 12)
- No School for students
- Professional Development (no school for students)
- Inclement Weather Make Up-day

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#### 2023-2024 DATES FOR REFERENCE

#### Quarters for MS/HS:

Oct. 27.

Semester I January 26,

April 12,

Semester 2 last day of school

#### Trimesters for Elementary:

Trimoster 1 Nov. 9,

Trimester 2 Feb. 28,

Trimester 3 last day of school

Report card prep Feb. 28 early release

Aug. 23-24 Professional Development- Contracted Days

Aug 25 District Directed Day

Aug 30 First Student Day

Sept. 4 Labor Day (No School)

Oct. 3 - 6 Elementary School Conferences

Nov. 10 Veterans' Day (No School)

Nov. 13 Non-contracted Teacher Day - Elementary Report Cards (No School)

Nov. 22 Early Dismissal K-12

Nov. 23-24 Thanksgiving Vacation (No School)

Dec 20 -Jan 2 Winter Brenk (No School)

Jan. 3 School Resumes.

Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Day (No School)

Jan. 29 Non-contracted Teacher Day - MS/HS Report Cards (No School):

Feb. 16 Professional Development - Contracted Day

Feb. 19 Presidents' Day (No School)

Feb 28 Report card prep-early release

Feb 29 -Marl Mid-Winter Break

March 12- 15 Elementary School Conferences

March 14-15 High School Conferences

April 1-5 Spring Break (No School)

May 27 Memorial Day (No School)

June 13 Last Student Day Early Dismissal

June 19 Juneteenth (Holiday)

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