

The Freshman Experience Orientation 2024-2025

Hosted by the North High Guidance Department

Getting to Know North High

- School Schedule (starts at 8am daily)
- Open campus, Student IDs
- **Advisory** is a weekly seminar for freshmen (first semester) run by trained Peer Leaders (upperclassmen). Various discussions take place to help freshmen adapt to life in high school.
- **Extracurricular Activities:**
 - i. List of all clubs & activities with day/time of meeting, and Google Classroom codes are available on NH website. ***Club Fair for 9th graders will be held 9/25 during Advisory**
- Encouraged to get involved! It is vital for students to be connected to North High, via school activities, where they meet new people with similar interests, and further explore their passions.

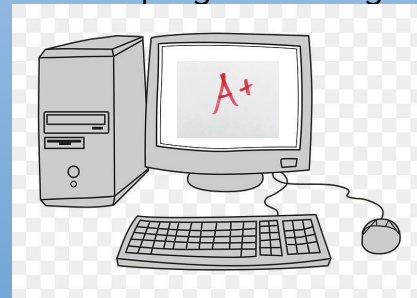
High School Academic Journey

- Students are encouraged to **appropriately challenge themselves with their academic program**. While academics is the most important thing, freshmen should try to achieve a balance between their schoolwork and extracurricular activities (and of course along with personal, family and social lives).
- **Establish good student habits** – this includes but is not limited to: being in class on time every day (strong student attendance is of utmost importance), checking school email regularly, constantly being engaged with their Google Classrooms, seeking extra help when needed (ideally before being prompted by teacher/parent), and time management. We suggest that students complete their work at home in a monitored space (not their bedroom).



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- A **transcript** is a permanent record of their high school performance.
 - a. Marking period grades are letters; final grades are numerical.
 - b. The transcript only includes final course grades, as well as Regents exams.
 - c. Honors by Achievement is available for ninth graders in English and Social Studies.
- **Google Classroom for parents:**
 - d. To monitor your child's work, email at least one teacher to be added as a "guardian" on Google Classroom. Be familiar with your child's academic responsibilities by having them regularly show you their Google Classrooms.
- **Parent Portal** has live grades to view. Please make sure to check your child's academic progress throughout the year. This should supplement monitoring Google Classroom.



Support For Your High School Experience

- Counselors work closely with students throughout their time at North High, supporting them with their academic progress, with their future planning, and their social and emotional growth.
- The focus of freshman year should be on becoming engaged in all facets of high school; students should aim to do their best in classes, get involved in extracurricular activities (in school and/or community), to become a respectful citizen of our school community, and of course to be a kind individual.

Communication

1 | Teachers

The most important element in high school is what goes on in the classroom. You are encouraged to contact a teacher if you have any concerns as it pertains to a particular course.

2 | Support Team

Parents and faculty should be working together as your child's "team" (administration, deans, counselor, mental health providers).

3 | Website and ParentSquare

Utilize the school website and ParentSquare for updated information on school happenings.

**We are excited
to get to know
you!**

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