



NHS SCHOOL COUNCIL

January 7, 2025

Agenda

1. High School Updates
2. Budget Update
 - a. Priorities from Dec 10 Mtg Discussion (see pg 2)
 - b. [Additional Proposals](#)
3. Policy Discussion
 - a. [Waiver Policy Parameters](#)
 - b. [Competency Determination](#) - Clarify Overview and Brainstorm Responses to Questions Below
 - i. **OVERARCHING QUESTION**
How will competency determination be defined in Newburyport Public Schools?
 - ii. **GUIDING QUESTIONS**
What current performance measures currently exist in the “areas measured by the¹ MCAS high school tests?

How might the current performance measures be used to indicate competency determination?



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Priorities from Dec 10 Mtg Discussion

To consider	To Prioritize
• Invest time and resources into developing the fundamental aspects of learning and demonstrating through alternative assessments • Additional investment in supporting students during transition to high school • Incorporate more opportunities for the arts during the school day • Addressing media literacy more comprehensively • Intro class for parents and students for college and career center • Athletics equipment • Staff Curriculum: More Business Courses, More advanced courses in Business • New Elective Courses and Expansion of Languages • Facilities: EV Charging and maximizing parking • More alternative education paths and growing the program with different fields • More high level accessible course work such as the SNHU partnership • Expansion of the Arts program	• Staff compensation to support retention and ongoing engagement • Alternative pathway programs for varied industries • Dual enrollment programs through colleges and credit programs. • Music program • Sustain strong Student support staff (counseling, adj counseling, psychologist) • Visual and performing arts programming