

NORTHERN NASH HIGH SCHOOL

Student/Parent Handbook

2025 -2026

Be Responsible. Be Respectful. Be Prepared.

Students First!



"Knight Strong"

NNHS Mission Statement:

Northern Nash High School will provide ALL students a rigorous and relevant educational program to empower diverse learners for global citizenship through quality education in a safe, nurturing environment.

NNHS Vision Statement:

Northern Nash High School will hold High Expectations for ALL!

*****NNHS ADMINISTRATION TEAM RESERVES THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE AMENDMENTS TO STUDENT / STAFF HANDBOOK AS NEEDED DURING THE 2025 - 2026 SCHOOL YEAR*****

NON-DISCRIMINATORY STATEMENT

As required by law, The Nash County Public Schools System does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, sex, age, color, religion, national origin, citizenship status, political affiliation, or disability in any of its educational or employment programs or activities.

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Welcome to NNHS

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 2025-2026 school year. We are pleased that you are a part of the Northern Nash High School community. We anticipate your involvement and cooperation in making this year successful.

This handbook has been prepared to help answer many questions that students and parents usually have concerning activities, procedures, and expectations for a successful daily operation at Northern Nash High School. There is no intent to develop a set of expectations that are confining or restrictive. Instead, a common ground of clearly understood policies and procedures will enable us to provide the best possible educational experiences for every student. In the event that problems or concerns evolve, we are available to discuss and help resolve any situation. Feel free to call (252) 937-9040 and arrange a conference if the need arises.

Administration and Office Staff

Staff	Position	Staff	Position
Michael Girouard	Principal	Evelyn Bowens	Treasurer
Timothy Messer	Assistant Principal	Kerri McClain	Guidance Counselor
Cara Patterson	Assistant Principal	Christy Outlaw	Guidance Counselor
Kne' Jones	Assistant Principal	Tara Burnette	Guidance Counselor
Celestine Gary	Front Office/Receptionist Check in/Check out	Jennifer Engelking	Guidance Counselor Secretary
Angelia Jones	Data Manager	Dept. Baltazar Rodriguez	School Resource Officer
Shante Mercer	Dean of Students	Joey Keefe	Athletic Director
Jeff Stith	Technology	Marcus Kornegay	ISS Coordinator
Paulette Langley	Nurse		

SCHOOL MOTTO: "Scientia, Flamma Aeterna"

(Knowledge, the Eternal Flame)

SCHOOL COLORS: Green, Gold, and White

SCHOOL MASCOT: Fighting Knights

SCHOOL SONG:

Hail to Thee, our Alma Mater, Praise to Thee!

We're the Spirit of true service, Hail to Thee!

May we ever honor Thee, As the years go by,

In our hearts we'll always cherish NORTHERN HIGH.

Teacher of the Year

Shelley Byrd

Contact Information

Section	Staff	Section	Staff
504 Questions	Student Services	GED/Adult High School	Student Services
Address Change	Angelia Jones	Graduation Materials/Cap & Gown	Patrick Smith, Evelyn Bowens, Henry Drake
Announcements	Administration/Ms. Gary	Graduation Program/Senior Activities	Henry Drake
Athletics	Joey Keefe	Graduation Requirements	Student Services
Attendance	Individual Teachers, Dean of Students	Laptops	Melody Haynes
BAIT/MTSS	Christy Outlaw, Kne' Jones, Cara Patterson,	Immunizations/Medications	Paulette Langley, School Nurse
Building, Ground, Facilities & Usage/Custodians	Timothy Messer	Junior-Senior Prom	Prom Committee

Buses	Kne' Jones	Knight Time Ambassadors	Sharron Barnes
Chill Out	Michael Kornegay	Lost & Found	Main Office
Child Nutrition - Lunch/Reduced Lunch	Shirley Harrison (Cafeteria)	National Honor Society	Jennedy Clayton, Beth McIntyre, Kne' Jones
Class Rings	Patrick Smith (Herff-Jones)/Evelyn Bowens	Parking	Evelyn Bowens & Timothy Messer
Clubs	Kne' Jones	Positive Behavior & Intervention Support	Patterson, Haynes, & PBIS Committee
College Information	Student Services	Infinite Campus	Angelia Jones
Discipline/ISS/OSS	Individual Administrators	Schedules	Student Services
Driver's Education		School Pictures	Shannon Thornell
Dues/Fees	Evelyn Bowens	School Resource Officer	Deputy Baltzar Rodriguez
Edmentum/Credit Recovery	Kerri McClain, Kne' Jones	Student Government Association	Henry Drake & Cheri Barwick
Emergency Messages	Administrators	Substitute Teachers	Evelyn Bowens
Exceptional Children	T. Evans	Transcripts/Registrar	Jennifer Engelking
First Aid	Paulette Langley (School Nurse), Evelyn Bowens, Joey Keefe	Yearbook & Webmaster	Shannon Thornell

Important Phone Numbers

Northern Nash High School

252-937-9040

Herff Jones / Graduate Services

252-478-3146

1-800-849-7464

Lifetouch Studios

1-800-736-0303

Jordan Driving School

252-442-9603

1-800-265-6577

1-866-542-4563

Communication

Messages will be sent to the home of each student with information concerning special school events, functions, and important dates as needed. In order to receive all messages, students and parents must make sure accurate and up to date home phone numbers and **e-mail addresses** are on file in Infinite Campus. If you need to update phone numbers and email addresses, please complete a contact information sheet at the school.

Daily messages will be sent home if your child is absent. If you feel we have done this in error, please contact the Dean of Students.

In the event that school is to be closed for reasons other than scheduled, the school administration will notify parents through the **Class Dojo App**, text, phone call, and e-mail.

Parent-Teacher Communication/Parent Portal/Class Dojo

The school encourages parents to utilize Infinite Campus and Class Dojo to communicate with teachers and counselors regarding student performance or concerns. Infinite Campus allows parents easy online access to their student's grade and attendance. For additional assistance, please contact Jennifer Engelking in Student Services. For the 2025-2026 school year, Nash County Public Schools will use Class Dojo to communicate with parents. This gives teachers the ability to have two-way communication with parents and students at any time. Announcements/posts similar to social media posts will allow parents to see the instruction that is happening in their students' classrooms, see lunch menus, connect with school staff, and much more.

Bell Schedules

Regular Daily Bell Schedule

7:23	First Bell
7:30 – 9:00	First Period
9:05-10:35	Second Period
10:40-12:55	Third Period (Lunch)
1:00 – 2:30	Fourth Period

Knight Time Daily Bell Schedule

7:23	First Bell
7:30 – 8:49	First Period
8:54 – 10:13	Second Period
10:18 – 11:37	Third Period
11:42 – 12:07	Knight Time A
12:12 – 12:37	Knight Time B
12:42 – 1:07	Knight Time C
1:12 – 2:30	Fourth Period

Early Release Bell Schedule

7:23	First Bell
7:30 – 8:25	First Period
8:30 – 9:25	Second Period
9:30 – 10:25	Third Period
10:25 – 12:30	Fourth Period (Lunch)

Two-Hour Delay Bell Schedule

9:23	First Bell
9:30 – 10:05	First Period
10:10 – 10:45	Second Period
10:50 – 12:55	Third Period (Lunch)
1:00 – 2:30	Fourth Period

**Breakfast is available with a modified menu on a 2-hour delay schedule.*

Knight Time

Northern Nash High School offers Knight Time Block (KT), an extended single lunch period with an array of activities and clubs. The activities could include but are not limited to intervention blocks during the teachers' scheduled times (twice a week), sports, clubs/organizations, ACT and Workkeys Preparation sessions and departmental meetings. **Our goal is to protect Knight Time. We request that there be minimal checkouts during this time for the purpose of providing students the opportunity to receive small group instruction and enrichment.**

Intervention/Knight Time Block

During each nine-week period, students should attend intervention blocks for their classes as needed to ensure they are mastering the standards for each course. Students that have a grade less than an 80 average could be locked into Knight Time. Students will be required to select their Knight Time Block activities daily by logging in and choosing their schedule. Teachers can assign blocks for enrichment, interventions and remediation for academics and for students to make up instructional time lost due to absences and tardiness. Students who do not follow their Knight Time schedule will receive Redirect as a consequence to follow Redirect expectations could result in further disciplinary actions.

Reminders:

- **Must sign up** for Knight Time between **9 PM and 9 AM**
- ALWAYS follow your schedule
- ALWAYS Check your schedule before Knight Schedule (usually at the end of 2nd period)
- Not attending the correct KT location WILL result in Knight Time Redirect

Child Nutrition (Breakfast and Lunch)

Students may bring lunch from home or purchase lunch from the Cafeteria. **Outside food (i.e. McDonald's, Chick-fil-A, Hardees, Bojangles, Smithfield's BBQ, Door Dash, Uber Eats, Grub Hub, etc.) CANNOT be dropped off to school for students (NCPS Board Policy 6220). Students may eat only in the cafeteria. Students are NOT allowed to exit a school building to receive food deliveries. Students are NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE CAMPUS TO PURCHASE FOOD for themselves or staff.**

Food is not permitted inside classrooms or gyms. Students are NOT permitted to leave campus for lunch. Those who do will be considered skipping. Students who leave campus without proper authorization and the required checkout procedures are subject to disciplinary action. Disciplinary action will include, but not limited to, revocation of parking passes and suspension.

Meal Prices for 2025 - 2026 EVERY student in Nash County Public Schools will be able to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost thanks to the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Program. No applications needed.

Student Arrival

Students should **NOT** arrive before 6:50 AM. **Staff is NOT on duty until 6:50 AM. We do not want the students to be unsupervised. Therefore 6:50 AM should be the EARLIEST you drop your student off.** ALL students must enter through the EVOLVE SYSTEM. The MAIN ENTRANCE at the front of the school or on the back side of the school the ENTRANCE FOR THE BLOCK has an EVOLVE SYSTEM for students to enter through. These are the only two entrances students are allowed to use when entering in the Mornings. Students may go to the cafeteria if they are eating breakfast. If students are not eating breakfast, students may go into the gym to sit. **All student drivers are required to exit vehicles immediately upon arrival and enter through ONE of the TWO entrances** that are equipped with the EVOLVE System. **Before 7:23 students are not allowed in other parts of the building. Students are NOT allowed to roam the halls or simply go to a teachers room to wait for the bell to ring.**

Student Departure

All students are to **exit the campus by 2:45 pm** unless under the **direct supervision of a teacher, coach, or staff member.** **Loitering in the parking lot, Athletic fields, Campus buildings, the Pit Area, Practice Fields for Band, etc. is prohibited.**

Check-In/Check-Out

Check-In

Any student arriving on campus **after the tardy bell** (7:30 a.m.) must report to the **Check-in Office and go through the Evolve system.** Students are released to go to class at 7:23 am. That gives the student ample time to get to class. Students who have not checked into school or reported to class are not authorized to visit any other parts of the school building/campus.

Check-Out

Instructional time is important, and checkouts should be limited. Any student needing to leave school during school hours must check out through the Check-in/Check-out Office. **It is the student's responsibility to use proper check out procedures. Students who fail to use the proper check out procedures will be referred to an administrator and potential disciplinary action may be taken if**

this is a repeated violation. If the student does not follow the proper procedure for checking out early may not be allowed to leave until the parent/Caregiver can be contacted and verified. It is simply easier to follow the policy.

The following procedures are for checkout:

1. Students will be released to **parents and/or approved individuals listed in Infinite Campus. Any authorized individual MUST PRESENT A PICTURE ID to the Check- in/Check-out receptionist or Main Office staff in order for a student to be released for check out.**
2. **Students that drive to school that need to check out during the school day for appointments must have a note signed by a legal guardian. The note must be turned into the main office by 9:00 a.m. The note will be verified via phone. If the person is unreachable the student will be denied permission to leave.** If approval is granted they may check-out at the main office at the specified time.

Period Attendance

Academic success is directly related to student attendance; therefore, we encourage students to attend all classes each school day. Students are only counted present for the school day when they attend classes and/or a school sponsored activity. Such activities may include field trips, athletic contests, student conventions, musical festivals, or any similarly approved activity.

A student must be present at least two-thirds of each instructional period (52 minutes for the Knight Time Schedule/ 60 minutes for a Regular Schedule) in order to be marked present for that class. Students may not miss more than 9 days in each class per semester. After the 9 days, only 5 additional days (days 10-14) can be recovered (made-up). The students are given only one set of 5 (days 10 - 14) days to recover. The process does not start over once the 5 days in each class is made up. Any days missed beyond day 14 can be taken to the school attendance committee through the attendance waiver process:

- District-level letter/form will be used to request a waiver
- Waiver is required if time is not made up
- Waiver form is due no later than the day before the test window starts

General Statute 115C-378 states in part that no person shall encourage, entice, or counsel any such student to be unlawfully absent from school.

Nash County Public Schools Board of Education Policy 4400 addresses the issue of attendance, forfeiture of credit due to non-attendance, as well as what constitutes excused and unexcused absences.

Unexcused Absences

All of the following will be considered **unauthorized absences** from school/class and will be dealt

with accordingly:

1. Not attending any assigned class or gathering during the school day. This includes assigned KT, homeroom, assemblies, club meetings, pep rallies, etc.
2. Being absent from school without parents' prior knowledge
3. Leaving class without permission or under false pretenses
4. Not reporting to class within the first 10 minutes without a note from a teacher or administrator (cutting class)
5. Being in another teacher's class without the approval of **the teacher of the scheduled class**
6. "Skipping" is another word for an unexcused absence and can be defined by the actions listed below: (It should be understood that "skipping" school or cutting class will be dealt with as a disciplinary offense.)

· Leaving campus at any time without permission: Students must check out of school at the Check In/Check Out office. **Once a student arrives on the campus of NNHS (either by car or bus), he/she may not leave the school grounds without checking-out first. Students not complying with this policy run the risk of losing their parking pass plus any other disciplinary action deemed appropriate will be administered.**

Excused Absences:

A student must provide a written note within three (3) school days after the student returns to school in order to be considered for an excused absence. After 3 days the note will not be considered. The note should be placed in the attendance box located in the main office and the student should sign the attendance notebook located beside the attendance box. **Students are allowed to submit notes in the morning before 7:30 and during lunch time only.** Excused absences are at the discretion of the Dean of Students.

According to Nash County Public Schools Board of Education Policy, **excused absences** fall into the following categories:

1. Illness or injury, which prevents the student from being physically able to attend school.
2. Quarantine/Isolation of the student is ordered by the local health officer or by the State Board of Health.
3. Death in the student's immediate family (including, but not necessarily limited to grandparents, parents, brothers, sisters).
4. Medical/Dental appointments, which have been approved by the appropriate school official prior to the absence.

5. Court/Administrative proceedings if the student is a party to the action or under subpoena as a witness.
6. Religious observances whereby the tenets of a religion to which the student or his/her parents adhere require or suggest the observance of a religious event, not to exceed five days.
7. Educational Opportunity: An absence may be excused when it is demonstrated that the purpose of the absence is to take advantage of a valid educational opportunity, such as travel. **Prior approval for such an absence must be obtained prior to the absence.** Such trips normally would not include absences for the following: hunting, fishing, visiting relatives, going to the beaches, shopping, skiing, subsequent trips to the same area, attending athletic events, etc.

Because of the minimum length of the school day, no student shall be excused for outside activities, such as music lessons, dancing lessons, etc.

Attendance Recovery

Students who are absent for any reason will have the opportunity to recover only 5 absences per semester once over 9 absences. **The student must stay 90 cumulative minutes to receive credit for one class period.** Students may only recover days missed during a given nine weeks period. Students will not be able to make up days in advance of absences and bank time. **Absences are counted period by period; therefore, recovery needs to be served for each class missed (1 day's absence will require students to attend recovery for 4 classes).**

Attendance Guidelines

- Students may not miss more than 9 days in each class per semester.
- Students that are absent (days 10-14) will be recovered after school.
- Students that are absent (days 15+) - The student fails the course due to attendance
- 90 minute make-up sessions are required per block to recover attendance.
- An absence is an absence.

- Any days missed (15 days or more) can be taken to the school attendance committee through the attendance waiver process.
 - District-level letter/form will be used to request a waiver
 - Waiver is required if time is not made up
 - Waiver form is due no later than the day before the test window starts

Three Options for Attendance Reconciliation

1. Make up attendance time during the current semester.
2. Request a waiver.
3. Fail (F) (If a student passes the course, but does not meet attendance standard).

- 1- Attendance Recovery - give initial grade
- 2 -Repeat a Course for Credit (if attendance is not made up) - receive grade earned in course

Note: If a student with an F does not make up required attendance in the time allotted, they will be required to repeat the course.

Make-Up Work Policy

Students have no less than three (3) days to make up assignments due to excused and unexcused absences after the student returns. The teacher will determine the due date and grade policy (full or partial credit) for makeup

Board Policy

In the case of excused absences, out-of-school suspensions, and absences under G.S. 130A-440 (for failure to submit a school health assessment form within 30 days of entering school) the student will be permitted to make up his or her work and tests. (See also *policies 4110, Immunization and Health Requirements for School Admission, and 4351, Short-Term Suspension.*) The teacher will determine when this work is to be done. **The student is responsible for finding out what assignments and tests are due and completing them within the specified time period.**

Tardy Policy

It is the students' responsibility to get to class on time. **Students are considered tardy when they are not inside the appropriate classroom (through the classroom door) WHEN the tardy bell sounds.** The daily schedule allows students **seven minutes** between the first bell of the day and the tardy bell for first period and **five minutes** between the dismissal bell and the tardy bell for other classes, which is ample time to get anywhere on the campus. **Students are not to loiter in the halls or in the restrooms between classes. Teachers will adhere to the following tardy policy each semester:**

Tardies #1 & #2	Warning by the Teacher	<i>Teacher to contact parent</i>
Tardy #3	Teacher Referral and 1 Days ASD	<i>Teacher and Administration to contact parent</i>
Tardies #4 & #5	Warning by the Teacher	<i>Teacher to contact parent</i>
Tardy #6	Teacher Referral, 2 Days ASD	<i>Teacher and Administration to contact parent</i>
Tardies #7 & #8	Warning by the Teacher	<i>Teacher to contact parent</i>
Tardy #9	Teacher Referral, 3 Days ASD	<i>Teacher and Administration to contact parent</i>
Tardy #10 or more	Teacher Referral, 2 Day OSS	<i>Teacher and Administration to contact parent</i>

and Mandatory Parent Conference with an Administrator.

Students not in compliance with the tardy policy will be subject to loss of parking privileges.

Administrative Visits

It is the desire of the NNHS Administrative Team to create relationships and support the student body. Therefore, the Principal and Assistant Principals welcome the opportunity to discuss student and parent concerns. **Please contact the office to schedule an appointment.**

Visitors

All visitors to the Northern Nash High School campus will enter the school via the security admission device (Evolve system) and are to report immediately to the main office upon arrival. Social visitations, including friends, children, and relatives, are not permitted. Persons who do not report first to the main office subject themselves to being charged with trespassing. Signs are posted at the entrance of the school indicating this requirement.

Gift Deliveries/Food Deliveries

Deliveries of flowers, balloons, gifts, messages, etc. from outside the school are prohibited. The office will not hold or accept these items. Flowers and balloons should not be exchanged between students during the school day. Due to safety reasons, balloons and other gift type items cannot be carried onto a school bus for any reason. Nothing may be transported on the school bus except those items which are used specifically for classroom use as a part of the learning process.

Food deliveries are not permitted on campus, this includes Door Dash, Uber Eats, or any other outside food delivery service. Any student who attempts to bypass the office to receive a delivery at school will receive a disciplinary referral.

Grading System

Northern Nash High School evaluates each student's academic progress using a report card. Report cards are issued every nine weeks. Each teacher will inform the student about his/her grading policy at the beginning of each semester. Grades are numerical, with a grade of 60 being the lowest passing grade. Progress reports are also distributed twice per grading period. In October 2014, North Carolina

state legislation was passed establishing that a 10-point grading system would be utilized in every school system throughout the state beginning in the 2015-16 school year. The grading scale is as follows:

Academic and Honor Courses

LETTER GRADE	10 POINT GRADING SCALE	GRADE POINT VALUES (GPA)
A	90-100	4.0
B	80-89	3.0
C	70-79	2.0
D	60-69	1.0
F	59 AND BELOW	0.0

Honors, AP and Community College GPA

Honors	0.5 extra point
AP	1 extra point
Community College Courses According to the 2014 Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA)	1 extra point

NOTE: CTE courses taken at the community college DO NOT receive additional point value.

Point values for AP, Community College and Honors courses change based on the following chart.

Promotion Requirements

Credits must be earned by the end of the second semester for promotion in the fall of the school year.

Promotion to Grade:	Total Credits	Attendance
Grade 10 (Sophomore)	5 credits	9 or less absences
Grade 11 (Junior)	12 credits	9 or less absences
Grade 12 (Senior)	20 credits	9 or less absences
Graduation	28 credits	9 or less absences

*** If students fail the EOC, the student has to retake EOC in the summer.**

Latin Honors Recognition

Graduates will be recognized for their academic achievement using the Latin Honors Recognition system with the following guidelines:

Summa cum laude – GPA of a 4.250 or higher (weighted)

Magna cum laude – GPA of a 4.000-4.249 (weighted)

Cum laude – GPA of a 3.750-3.999 (weighted)

NC Graduation Requirements

	Occupational Course of Study (OCS)	Future Ready Core	Future Ready Core
Content Area	For students as determined appropriate by the IEP team	Students entering Grade 9 between 2014-15 and 2019-20	Students entering Grade 9 2020 - 2021 and beyond
English	4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Occ. English I · Occ. English II · Occ. English II · Occ. English IV 	4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · English I · English II · English III · English IV 	4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · English I · English II · English III · English IV

<p>Mathematics</p>	<p>3 Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Intro to Math · Math I · Financial Management 	<p>4 Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Math 1 · Math II · Math III · 4th Math Course to be aligned with the student's post high school plans. <p><i>* A student in rare instances, may be able to take an alternative math course sequence as outlined under State Board of Education policy. Please see a school counselor for more details.</i></p>	<p>4 Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Math 1 · Math II · Math III · 4th Math Course to be aligned with the student's post high school plans. <p><i>* A student in rare instances, may be able to take an alternative math course sequence as outlined under State Board of Education policy. Please see a school counselor for more details.</i></p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>2 Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Applied Science · Biology 	<p>3 Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Environmental Science · Biology · 1 physical science course 	<p>3 Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Environmental Science · Biology · 1 physical science course

<p>Social Studies</p>	<p>2 Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> American History: The Founding Principles, Civics and Economics (starting with 9th graders entering in the 17 - 18 school year) American History I (for 9th graders entering the 9th grade prior to the 17-18 school year - American History I and II is required) <p>(Entering Grade 9 2020-21)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> American History: Founding Principles, Civics and Economics Economics and Personal Finance <p>(Entering Grade 9 2021 - 2022 and beyond)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Founding Principles of the United States of America and North Carolina: Civic Literacy Economics and Personal Finance 	<p>4 Credits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World History American History: Founding Principles, Civics and Economics American History Part I American History Part II <p>(AP US History must be paired with another History Course to meet the two courses required)</p>	<p>4 Credits</p> <p>*Blue test indicated a new Social Studies course</p> <p>(Entering Grade 9 2020 - 21)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World History American History: Founding Principles and Economics American History Economics and Personal Finance <p>(Entering Grade 9 2021 - 2022 and beyond)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World History Founding Principles of the United States of America and North Carolina: Civic Literacy American History Economics and Personal Finance
<p>World Languages</p>	<p>Not required</p>	<p>Not required for high school graduation. A two credit minimum is required for admission to a university in the UNC system.</p>	<p>Not required for high school graduation. A two credit minimum is required for admission to a university in the UNC system.</p>

<p>Health and Physical Education</p>	<p>1 credit Health/Physical Ed.</p> <p>Students are required to successfully complete CPR instruction to meet Healthful Living Essential Standards as a requirement for high school graduation.</p>	<p>1 credit Health/Physical Ed.</p> <p>Students are required to successfully complete CPR instruction to meet Healthful Living Essential Standards as a requirement for high school graduation.</p>	<p>1 credit Health/Physical Ed.</p> <p>Students are required to successfully complete CPR instruction to meet Healthful Living Essential Standards as a requirement for high school graduation.</p>
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Electives or other requirements	<p>Occupational Prep: 6 Credits:</p> <p>Occupational Preparation I, II, III, IV - gain job skills</p> <p>Elective credits/completion of IEP Objs/Career Portfolio req.</p> <p>Career/Technical: 4 Credits:</p> <p>CTE electives</p> <p>Arts Education:</p> <p>Recommended at least one credit in an arts discipline</p> <p>-Students entering 9th grade prior to 14-15 school year -300 school based hours; 240 community hours, 360 paid/unpaid hours</p> <p>-Students entering 9th grade in 14-15 school year and after - 150 school based hours; 225 community hours; 225 paid/unpaid hours</p>	<p>6 Credits</p> <p>2 elective credits of any combination from either:</p> <p>-Career and Technical Ed. (CTE)</p> <p>-Arts Education or</p> <p>-World Languages</p> <p>4 elective credits strongly recommended (four course concentration) from one of the following:</p> <p>-Career and Technical Ed. (CTE)</p> <p>-JROTC</p> <p>-Arts Education (e.g. dance, music, theatre arts, visual arts)</p> <p>-Any other subject area (e.g social studies, science, mathematics, English and dual enrollment courses.</p>	<p>6 Credits</p> <p>2 elective credits of any combination from either:</p> <p>-Career and Technical Ed. (CTE)</p> <p>-Arts Education or</p> <p>-World Languages</p> <p>4 elective credits strongly recommended (four course concentration) from one of the following:</p> <p>-Career and Technical Ed. (CTE)</p> <p>-JROTC</p> <p>-Arts Education (e.g. dance, music, theatre arts, visual arts)</p> <p>-Any other subject area (e.g social studies, science, mathematics, English and dual enrollment courses.</p>

Total	22 credits	28 credits (22 + 6 electives)	28 credits (22 + 6 electives)
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GRADUATE ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

<u>HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION</u>	<u>1 CREDIT HEALTH/ PHYSICAL ED.</u>	<u>1 CREDIT HEALTH/ PHYSICAL ED.</u>	<u>1 CREDIT HEALTH/ PHYSICAL ED.</u>	<u>1 CREDIT HEALTH/ PHYSICAL ED.</u>	<u>1 CREDIT HEALTH/ PHYSICAL ED.</u>
<u>OTHER INFORMATION</u>	<u>MUST BE A CTE COMPLETER</u> <u>EARN AT LEAST ONE INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIAL</u> <u>CRC AT SILVER OR ABOVE LEVEL ON WORK KEYS</u> <u>OR</u> <u>APPROPRIATE INDUSTRY CREDENTIAL/ CERTIFICATION</u>			<u>4 ELECTIVE CONCENTRATION IN CTE, JROTC, ARTS, SECOND LANGUAGE, A CORE SUBJECT AREA</u> <u>DURING JR. AND/OR SR. YEARS - MUST TAKE 3 HIGHER LEVEL COURSES (AP, IB, COLLEGE, Adv. CTE, CREDENTIALLED CTE, ONLINE, HN)</u> <u>OR</u> <u>DURING JR. AND/OR SR. YEARS - MUST TAKE 3 HIGHER LEVEL COURSES (AP, IB, COLLEGE, Adv. CTE,</u>	<u>SHOW PROFICIENCY IN LANGUAGES IN ONE OF THE OPTIONS BELOW</u> <u>1. PASS EXTERNAL EXAM AT THE INTERMEDIATE LOW LEVEL PER AMERICAN COUNCIL ON THE TEACHING OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE</u> <u>2. 4-COURSE SEQUENCE AT STATED ABOVE</u>

				<u>CREDENTIALLED CTE, ONLINE, HN)</u>	<u>3.SHOW A INTERMEDIATE LOW ROFICIENCY THROUGH CREDIT BY DEMONSTRATED MASTERY</u>
					<u>LEP STUDENTS - COMPLETE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS AND REACH DEVELOPING ON THE WIDA</u>
<u>ELECTIVES</u>	<u>ELECTIVES TO COMPLETE CREDITS</u>	<u>ELECTIVES TO COMPLETE CREDITS</u>	<u>ELECTIVES TO COMPLETE CREDITS</u>	<u>ELECTIVES TO COMPLETE CREDITS</u>	<u>ELECTIVES TO COMPLETE CREDITS</u>

NC Academic Scholars Program

NC Academic Scholars endorsement indicates that students have completed a balanced and academically rigorous high school program preparing them for post-secondary education. Students will receive special recognition and a seal of recognition attached to their diploma.

NC Academic Scholars Endorsement Requirements

Content	Requirements
Math	4 Credits Future-Ready Core Math Sequence <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Math I· Math II· Math III· Math III Pre-requisite
Science	3 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Earth and Environmental Science· Biology· At least 1 physical science course that includes either chemistry or physics
Social Studies	4 Credits
World Language	2 Credits

Electives	4 Credits in any 1 subject area such as: CTE JROTC Arts Education World Languages, or In another area content area
Other	At least 3 higher level courses during Junior and/or Senior years which carry quality points such as Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or Dual Enrollment courses; Advanced CTE and CTE credentialing courses; honors levels courses, or Project Lead the Way courses
GPA	3.50 Unweighted

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA MINIMUM ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

The class of 1990 and beyond, the following courses will be required for admission, in addition to an institution's own requirements:

Content	Minimum Course Requirement
English	4 Credits Emphasizing grammar, composition, and literature
Math	4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Math I· Math II· Math III· Higher level course for which Math III is a prerequisite.
Science	3 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Environmental Science· Biology· At least 1 unit of physical science (for example physical science, chemistry, physics)· At least 1 laboratory course
Social Studies	4 Credits <ul style="list-style-type: none">· 2 classes of US History· World History· Civics and Economics
World Languages	2 Credits In one foreign language.

Other Information	HS GPA
	2.5 Cumulative Weighted
	Test Scores
	SAT - 800 New/Old
	ACT: 17
<i>Individual constituent institutions may require other courses in addition to the minimum requirements</i>	

16 Institutions of the University of North Carolina

Appalachian State University	NC A & T University	UNC-Asheville	UNC - Pembroke
East Carolina University	NC Central University	UNC- Chapel Hill	UNC - Wilmington
Elizabeth City State University	NC School of the Arts	UNC - Charlotte	Western Carolina University
Fayetteville State University	NC State University	UNC - Greensboro	Winston - Salem State University

Exemptions from Non-State Final (Teacher Made) Exams

Students in grades 9 thru 12 are eligible for exemptions from non-state final exams. In order for students to be exempted from an exam, **the exam itself must not be state-mandated (EOC’s, CTE exams.), and any student who seeks exemption from an exam must have attained an “A” average (90) in the class and must not have acquired more than three (3) absences (excused or unexcused) during the semester from the class in which the exemption is requested. In addition, Seniors who scored 17 or higher on their Junior year ACT exam will be exempt from their teacher made exams during their senior year (attendance requirement still applies).**

***Students may not make up seat time to meet attendance requirements for exam exemption.**

Junior Marshall Policy

The top twenty members of the junior class who exemplify qualities of good citizenship and who have the **approval of administration** will serve as marshals for graduation. The number of marshals may be extended to the top twenty-two members of the junior class should there be a tie for the twentieth position or when someone in the first twenty cannot serve as marshal.

National Honor Society Selection Process

1. Juniors will first be identified by a grade point average of 3.63 or above after five semesters to meet the scholarship criteria for membership. Students will then be given the National Honor Society rules and procedures.
2. Membership is based on an applicant's character, including integrity, honesty, and reliability. The grade point average alone does not qualify a student for membership into the National Honor Society.
3. Eligible Juniors will be inducted into the National Honor Society. The induction process will take place at the beginning of the second semester

National Technical Honor Society

The Nash County Public Schools affiliates with the National Technical Honor Society. Requirements for membership are: maintain an overall GPA of 3.0 (88%); overall CTE GPA of 3.63 (93%); enrollment in a career cluster; enrollment in a 5th CTE course; completion or enrollment in Math III; and, recommendation from a CTE teacher. Induction takes place during the early part of the second semester of each school year.

Counseling Procedures

The counselor will give counseling appointments during the regular school day.

Counselor Assignments

A - G	Kerri McClain
H - O	Christy Outlaw
P - Z	Tara Burnette
Guidance Counselor Secretary	Jennifer Engelking

Routine Visits to the Counseling Center:

1. Students may visit the counseling center before and after school and during their lunch periods.
2. Students should not be sent to the counseling center during class to make appointments, pick up applications, request schedule changes, etc. unless:
 - a. they have an appointment with their counselor, or
 - b. the teacher receives a telephone call requesting that an individual student be permitted to leave the classroom to meet with their counselor, or
 - c. the student appears to be experiencing an emotional crisis.

Residence Verification for Enrollment

In order to enroll a student or obtain student information you must be the parent or legal guardian and be able to provide documentation.

According to the Nash County Public Schools Board of Education Policy, schools must verify the address and residence of each student. The School must obtain and verify the legal residential street address (**no post office box numbers**) of each student at the School. The verification of the address must be accompanied by **at least two of the documents listed below**:

1. Property tax records which indicate the street address of the resident.

2. Copies of mortgage documents or copies of deeds to property, which indicate the street address of the property.
3. Copy of residential lease, showing street address.
4. Copy of current driver's license, showing street address.
5. Copy of voter registration form, showing street address.
6. Copy of automobile registration, showing street address.
7. Affidavit by the school social worker, setting forth that the address and residence have been verified by the school social worker, based on a personal visit by the school social worker to the residence.

Withdraw/Transfers

A student who withdraws or transfers to another school must bring a parent to school and complete a "Transfer-Withdrawal Slip." The student must be cleared of all fees owed to the School (textbooks, athletic equipment, media center materials, locks, ID cards, etc.). The withdrawal or transfer must be cleared through the student's counseling center, the bookkeeper, and the principal or his designee.

Nash County Public Schools

Code of Student Behavior

The Nash County Public Schools Code of Student Behavior (NCPS Policy 4300 Series) provides a uniform standard of conduct for all public-school students emphasizing the maintenance of an atmosphere where orderly learning is possible and encouraged. It defines behavioral rules, disciplinary procedures, and actions to be taken.

The Behavior Code is based on the premise that rules must be enforced fairly, firmly, and consistently in a manner that is equitable and just, while complying with state mandates and regulations. It recognizes that as students' progress in school and advance in age and maturity, they will assume greater responsibility for their actions. It recognizes that differences in age and maturity require different types of disciplinary action. The process of discipline is intended to be instructional and corrective.

The responsibility for school discipline is not the exclusive domain of the administrative staff. All those involved – students, teachers, parents, and community members – should work together in an atmosphere of respect, cooperation, and courtesy to ensure an effective discipline program.

Student Expectations

The following student expectations will be displayed in all classrooms and are fundamental expectations for all students at NNHS.

- Follow the rules of NNHS and Nash County Public School System.
- Be prepared for class
- Be responsible for your actions.
- Be respectful of yourself and others.

The student is entitled to respectful treatment from faculty members; likewise, the student must accept the fact that the teacher is in charge of the classroom. Students are required to respond to any reasonable request from a staff member.

PBIS Criteria

In order for students to participate and qualify for Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) quarterly incentives and the end of year celebration they must meet the following criteria:

PBIS Criteria: 2025-2026

Academics

- 80% or higher in all classes

Behavior

- No OSS/ISS

Attendance

- 5 or fewer unexcused absences
- 2 or fewer tardiness in all classes

Cell Phones/Electronic Devices

Students will still be allowed to bring wireless communication devices to school. The policy defines "wireless communication devices" as any portable wireless device that has the capacity to provide voice, messaging, or other data communication between two or more parties, including, cellular phones, tablet computers, laptop computers, electronic devices with internet capability, paging devices, two-way radios, gaming devices, smartwatches, and similar devices. The policy does not apply to district-issued and managed devices, which are governed by Policy 3225/4312/7320 Technology Responsible Use.

While students may still bring wireless communication devices to school, in accordance with HB 959,

the policy prohibits the devices from being used, displayed, or turned on during instructional time, with certain limited exceptions. Consistent with the policy:

For high school, all devices must be powered off and stored out of sight as soon as the first tardy bell rings and remain that way until dismissal.

Students may not use wireless communication devices during any part of the defined instructional day including hallway transitions, lunch, assemblies, and field trips.

The only exceptions to the general rule that wireless communication devices may not be used, displayed, or turned on during instructional time are: if authorized by a teacher for educational purposes, for use in the event of emergencies, as required by a student's IEP or Section 504 plan, or as required to manage a student's health care in accordance with a documented medical condition.

Parents/guardians must contact the main office if they need to reach a student during the school day, students should not receive texts or calls on personal devices.

Smartwatches may not be worn throughout the school day and should be treated as a cell phone or any other wireless communication device; smartwatches should be stored away and out of sight in accordance with BOE policy.

Consequences:

Administration will follow the NCPS Discipline Behavior Matrix and Code of Conduct

Level	Code	Behavior Violation (NCPS)	1st Offense	2nd Offense	Third Offense	Considerations
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2	060-U B	Cell Phone Use (Visibility, Use, or Misuse)	Admin Conference (student and parent), Confiscate the phone, and return to parent ASD 3 days	Confiscate the phone, return to parent, and OSS 3 days	Confiscate the phone, return to parent, and OSS 5 days	Students should not have any personal electronic devices powered on, visible, or used during instructional time. Personal electronic communication devices may include such devices as cell phones, smart phones, smart watches, personal digital assistants, readers, tablets, personal laptop computers/personal ipads, electronic reading devices, and smart glasses. Higher level of consequences for students who use their personal electronic devices to record incidents, fights, altercations, etc. and share with others or post on any social media platforms. If students refuse (insubordination) to give up their personal electronic device or they are repeat offenders, then the violation will become a higher level offense with more severe consequences.
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School Telephones

The school telephones are to be used for regular school business. Calls related to emergencies other than illness may be made in the office at any time. Calls related to illness may be made in Check-in/Check-out. Classroom telephones are not to be used by students. Students will not be called out of classes to receive phone calls from parents. Our office staff will take messages from parents and deliver them to students in case of emergencies.

Fire and Emergency Equipment/Bomb Threat or Hoax

In the event of a threat to person or property, students will be evacuated to a safe area, and local law enforcement agencies will be notified. No individual shall, by any means of communication make a report, knowing or having reason to know that a report is false that there is located on any school premises a device to cause damage or destruction by explosion, blasting, or burning. Violators shall be prosecuted. No student shall place on school premises with the intent of perpetrating a hoax, any device that would appear to a reasonable person to be a bomb or similar instrument capable of causing injury or damage.

Fire alarm pull stations are to be used in emergency situations only. Tampering with, damaging, and/or activating fire and emergency equipment is forbidden.

Offenders are subject to immediate suspension and legal prosecution.

Bullying Policy

Students, school system employees, volunteers and visitors are expected to behave in a civil and respectful manner. The board expressly prohibits unlawful discrimination, harassment and bullying. (Nash County Schools Board Policy 1710/4021/7230)

Bullying:

A. “Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. **The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated over time.**” Bullying will not be tolerated at NNHS. Any such acts will warrant an office referral and an investigation by the administration and/or police officials. The investigation will be conducted to determine the scope and severity of the incident. The findings may result in an out of school suspension, recommended long-term suspension, and/or arrest.

Harassment

A. Harassment or behavior is any pattern of gestures or written, electronic or verbal communications, or any physical act or any threatening communication that:

1. places a student or school employee in actual and reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property; or
2. creates or is certain to create a hostile environment by substantially interfering with or impairing a student’s educational performance, opportunities or benefits or by adversely altering the conditions of an employee’s employment.

Sexual Harassment

A. Sexual harassment in any form will not be tolerated at Northern Nash High School. Nash County Public Schools Board of Education Policies 1736/4026/7236 and 1745/4027 address the issue of sexual harassment.

Dress Code

Students are expected to be appropriately dressed at school at all times. Nash County Public Schools Board of Education Policy 4316 addresses school dress codes. Students who are found to be inappropriately attired will be sent home to change clothes or will be detained in Chill Out until someone brings proper attire.

The board believes that the dress and personal appearance of students greatly affect their academic performance and their interaction with other students. The board requests that parents outfit their children in clothing that is conducive to learning. The board prohibits any appearance or clothing that does the following:

NCPS Board of Education Policy 4316; Student Dress Code

A. General Dress Code

The board believes that the dress and personal appearance of students greatly affect their academic performance and their interaction with other students. Students are expected to adhere to standards of dress that are compatible with the educational process and facilitates the operations of the school and fosters an environment focused on learning. The board requests that parents outfit their children in clothing that is conducive to learning, and asks that parents assist the district in monitoring student attire to help adhere to the requirements in this policy. To promote these goals, students may not wear or carry clothing, jewelry, bags, or other personal articles that:

1. violate a reasonable, nondiscriminatory dress code adopted and publicized by the school;
2. are prohibited by policy 4328, Gang-Related Activity or any other provision of the Board's student behavior policies;
3. depict profanity, vulgarity, obscenity, or violence;
4. are reasonably likely to create a substantial disruption of the educational process or operations of the school;
5. promote the use or abuse of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs;
6. could be perceived as or used as a weapon, such as chains or spikes; or
7. endanger the health or safety of the student or others.

Specifically:

- a. Students must wear clothing that covers their skin from upper chest to mid-thigh with opaque (non-see through) fabric in front, back, and on the sides. Breasts, genitals and buttocks must be covered with opaque (non-see-through) fabric.
- b. Students must wear shoes at all times except when changing for physical education or athletic practices or events or when specifically directed otherwise by a teacher or administrator.
- c. Clothing must cover undergarments (including waistbands and straps).
- d. Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, wood shop, and other activities where unique hazards exist.
- e. Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms, special programs or safety gear.
- f. Head coverings (including hats, hoods, sweatbands, and bandanas) are generally prohibited in the school building. However, students may wear head coverings in the school building as an expression of sincerely held religious belief (e.g., hijabs or yarmulkes) or cultural expression (e.g., geds) or to reasonably accommodate medical or disability-related issues (e.g., protective helmets).

This general dress code applies to all schools. Individual schools may adopt a school uniform program as outlined below. The principal or designee may require a student who is not in compliance with this policy or a school dress code to change clothes so that he or she is in compliance. A second or repeated violation of dress code rules may

1. violates a reasonable, nondiscriminatory dress code adopted and publicized by the school;
2. is substantially disruptive (for information on gang-related attire, see policy 4328, Gang-Related Activity);
3. is provocative or obscene; or
4. endangers the health or safety of the student or others.

Examples of prohibited dress or appearance include, but are not limited to:

- Shirts and shoes must be worn at school at all times. Pants must be pulled up neatly around the waist. Bedroom slippers are not acceptable dress.
- Net or see-through shirts, tank tops, sleeveless tops with wide arm openings, spaghetti-strap tops, bare midriffs, racerbacks or other revealing attire will not be considered acceptable (males and females). If biker shorts and leggings are worn, your shirt or jacket must cover the buttocks. (No private parts should be shown.)

- Hats, headwear (ex. Scarves, do-rags, bandanas, bonnets, etc.), or sunglasses are not to be worn in the classroom and may be confiscated by staff and/or administration. Headbands are only allowed when used to keep hair out of one's face.
- Attire which carries sexually suggestive, obscene, racially divisive symbols or messages, gang related symbols, or otherwise offensive messages will not be tolerated.
- Messages, signs, or symbols, which promote violence, alcoholic beverages, or drug abuse, will not be tolerated.
- Any attire that exposes any undergarments (ex. sagging pants).
- Sleep wear (pajamas, nightgowns, blankets etc.) must not be worn to school.
- Any item of clothing, such as chains, spiked wristbands, spiked collars, etc. Which may be dangerous or used as a weapon, is prohibited.

***The administration of Northern Nash High School has the authority to exercise discretion in matters pertaining to proper student attire. The administration has the authority to send students home to change clothing, this includes attire or items that disrupt good order and prohibits decorum in the classroom or the educational process.**

Public Display of Affection

There is a time and place for signs of affection. School does NOT fit either of these criteria. Repeated incidents will result in parental contact and disciplinary action.

Aiding and Abetting

No student will aid or abet in activities that violate school or district policy. This includes activities such as filming inappropriate/unlawful activities or serving as a lookout for others who are breaking the rules.

Forgery and Fraud

Signing someone else's name or impersonating another person for the purpose of falsifying school-related information will not be tolerated. Infractions will result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the school's administration.

Gambling

Students shall not participate in any unauthorized event, action, or statement, which relies on chance for the monetary advantage of one participant at the expense of others.

This includes exchanging items of value as well as currency and extends to keeping score for later settlement. Students who are found to be involved in such gambling activity subject themselves to disciplinary action.

Personal Enterprise

The sale of food or any other items is strictly forbidden anywhere on the school campus without permission from the administration. Students caught selling without proper authorization may expect the items to be confiscated and may expect to be disciplined at the discretion of the administration.

Felony Charges

If a student is charged with a felony by law enforcement, either in school or outside of school, and is considered by school authorities to be a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of our students and staff, it will be recommended to the Superintendent that he/she be suspended from school for the remainder of the school year.

Hall Passes

A student must have a hall pass to be out of class. **The hall pass must be properly signed by the teacher issuing the pass, as well as by the one receiving it. All passes must contain the date and time, and destination for which the pass was issued.** Students possessing unauthorized hall passes or admit slips will be subject to disciplinary action by the administration.

Students should not be out of class during the first and last 10 minutes of each class period.

Identification of Self to Staff Members

Students shall immediately identify themselves accurately to any NNHS staff member who requests such identification. Students who refuse to identify themselves or who use inaccurate identification may be suspended from school for up to ten days.

Clean and Safe Environment

Students are expected to take pride in their surroundings. Northern Nash High School staff makes every effort to maintain a clean, safe, and orderly school environment and must insist that all students comply with this reasonable expectation. Trash cans are provided throughout the buildings and grounds and each of us is expected to use them properly. Flower planters are not to be used as trash cans. Littering will not be condoned by anyone associated with NNHS. Students who are found to be littering at any time or place at NNHS subject themselves to such disciplinary action as deemed necessary and appropriate by the school's administration.

Restrooms

There is to be no loitering in restrooms. During class time, students must have a pass from a teacher in order to use the restroom. Smoking and/or vaping in the restroom will result in disciplinary action.

BUS RULES, REGULATIONS and Safety

The assignment to a particular bus will be determined by the location of the student's permanent address as shown in the school's records. Students will be expected to ride the assigned bus each day unless other arrangements are made. **Parents and students are reminded that riding a school bus is a privilege. If bus rules are not followed, students may be suspended from riding the bus or even removed from the bus for the remainder of the year.** **For the 2025-2026 school year, all bus routes have been erased. Students who did not complete the request for transportation by 8/4/25 will be delayed in receiving a bus assignment if one is needed.**

The following rules have been established to ensure the safety of all students who ride the bus:

1. Use only the bus and bus stop assigned.
2. Orderly behavior is required at the bus stop, entering and exiting the bus.
3. Remain seated, facing the front, until you come to your stop.
4. Talk quietly and make no unnecessary noise.
5. Do not talk to the driver unless it is necessary.
6. Keep head and arms inside the bus.
7. Do not carry or consume food or drink. Students that bring their lunch in a closed container may carry it on the bus.
8. Do not litter inside of the bus or throw anything out the window.
9. Be quiet when the bus is crossing railroad tracks.
10. The bus driver is authorized to assign seats if necessary.
11. No smoking, no alcoholic beverages, and no illegal drugs are allowed on the bus.
Violation of this policy will result in suspension from the bus and NNHS.

All school rules are in effect and must be followed while students are on the bus. Bus discipline will be handled according to Nash County Public Schools Discipline Policy.

Parents are also reminded that it is a chargeable offense to board a school bus. If you have questions about a bus route, concerns or issues with a driver or students, you are to contact Mrs. Kne Jones , Bus coordinator.

Student Parking

Students who have purchased a valid parking sticker are required to park in the student parking areas only. Students driving or riding to school must abide by the following regulations:

1. Each student must obtain and file a driving permit in the main office. Students must present a valid driver's license in order to purchase a parking hanger.

2. It is the student's responsibility to notify the main office anytime the vehicle is traded for another or anytime he/she is driving a different vehicle. Parking permits are designed so that they may be easily removed from the windshield of one vehicle and transferred to another.
3. All student vehicles require a current, valid parking permit at a fee of \$78.10 (non-refundable). The parking permit must be in full view at all times.
4. **Parking permits are not transferable from one student to another without administrative authorization.**
5. If a student parks on campus without a valid parking permit, a fine of \$39.10 will be issued to the offending student. If the fine is paid within 2 days, then the fine will be used for the cost of a parking permit.
6. Students who drive or ride with another student must leave the car immediately upon arrival at school and must not return to the car until the end of the day, unless permitted to do so by an administrator. Students found in the parking lot during the day will be given appropriate consequences and may lose parking privileges. All students must stay out of the parking lot at inappropriate times.
7. Students are not to drive or ride on campus and then leave before the first bell rings. Once a student drives or rides onto the campus, he/she is under school jurisdiction. The school will revoke driving privileges if the student leaves the school grounds without permission from the school. Students known to be leaving school without proper authorization are considered "skipping" and will receive appropriate consequences. In addition, the parking privileges of each student in the car who has a parking permit may be revoked.
8. Cars should be locked to prevent theft and vandalism. **The school is not responsible for lost or damaged items.**
9. Students will drive with caution at all times while on campus. Students speeding (over 10 MPH) or otherwise driving recklessly on campus will face revocation of driving privileges.
10. Playing loud music and/or cruising around campus are not allowed.
11. All student vehicles must be parked in their assigned spaces. Any vehicle parked inappropriately may result in the student's loss of parking privileges.
12. If a student finds that another vehicle is parked in his/her parking space, the student should park in the Pit and immediately inform an administrator or the School Resource Officer. Under no circumstances should the student park in another student's assigned space or park behind the vehicle in violation.
13. **All vehicles on the Northern Nash High School campus are subject to search by school**

personnel.

14. For a student purchasing a parking permit on or after March 1, 2026, the fee will be \$23.50.

Field Trips

Field trips can serve as a valuable educational experience. Occasionally, there will be field trips planned for various classes and/or clubs. It is a privilege to participate in a field trip. Therefore, students who are not performing well in their coursework, displaying inappropriate behavior, or violating school policies and procedures may be denied the opportunity to participate in a field trip. (The principal holds the authority to deny field trip participation). **Parent permission will be required for each student before he/she is allowed to attend a field trip.**

Junior-Senior Prom

1. Prom attendance is a privilege. Positive behavior and regular school attendance are required for attending the prom. More than ten unexcused absences and/or ten total days of OSS will warrant an administrative review to determine eligibility for attending the prom. All juniors and seniors attending the Junior-Senior Prom and all freshmen and sophomores invited to the prom must have paid their class dues and all other fees owed to NNHS **by JANUARY 21, 2026. REMINDER: ANY FEES PAID AFTER JANUARY 21, 2026 WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$15.70 LATE FEE.**

DISCIPLINE POLICY: A student with any OSS may not be allowed to attend Prom (administration discretion).

2. Any person invited to attend the prom who is not a Northern Nash student must submit a letter of approval from his/her home school principal. If the invitee no longer attends school, he/she must submit a letter of reference from his/her employer.

- **All approval forms are due two weeks prior to the Prom. All letters of approval must be written on school/business stationery. Any prom guest must be in at least the ninth grade. Anyone invited must be under the age of 21 to attend the prom.**

3. Each junior and senior will be responsible for the conduct of his/her date and should remain with that date throughout the Prom.

4. No one in possession of, or under the influence of, alcohol or drugs will be allowed to attend the Prom. Anyone found to be in violation of this regulation will be asked to leave, suspended from school, and possibly charged through the NCSD. Detection devices may be used if necessary.

5. The administration reserves the right to ask any person at the Prom to leave.

6. All persons attending the Prom and their vehicles are subject to search if deemed necessary by

school administration and/or law enforcement.

7. Students who would like to have pictures made will have the opportunity to do so. The picture cost must be paid at the time the photographs are taken.

8. Once a student or guest leaves the Prom, he/she will not be allowed to return. He/she will be expected to leave the grounds immediately.

9. Any student suspended from school the week of the Prom must be cleared from the suspension by the date of the Prom.

10. Students must present their official Northern Nash High School identification cards or other government issued ID in order to be admitted to the NNHS Prom.

11. Depending on the venue, a prom facility fee may be assessed.

Disciplinary Measures

Disciplinary measures vary based upon the seriousness of the infraction. Teachers and school administrators must adhere to the measures prescribed by the policies of the Board of Education of NCPS. When a student is habitually disruptive and beyond the classroom teacher's control, the student may be given a disciplinary referral. The proper school administrator will make any necessary investigations into the matter at hand. If disciplinary measures are necessary, the administrator may employ, but is not limited to, one of the following: detentions, after school (ASD), in-school suspension (ISS), or out-of-school suspension (OSS). Serious or repeated offenses may result in a recommendation to the superintendent that a student be placed on long-term suspension or expulsion.

Search and Seizure

Nash County Public Schools Board of Education Policy Code 4342, addresses the issue of search and seizure of students and their possessions. Included in this policy are guidelines and regulations for personal, locker, and automobile searches, as well as for the use of metal detectors.

In order to maintain order, discipline, and to protect the safety and welfare of students and school personnel, school authorities may search a student, student lockers, or student automobiles and may seize any illegal, unauthorized, or contraband materials discovered in the search.

Knight Time Redirect

KT Redirect is held on campus for one hour during the lunch periods. Students may be assigned to Redirect for minor offenses and will be expected to comply with the rules.

Students who are constantly late will follow the tardy policy. Students that are disruptive during the

redirect time, can be referred to administration for a higher consequence. A student who is present in school, but fails to show up for redirect will be considered skipping. Students who repeatedly refuse to serve their time are subject to out-of-school suspension.

Chill Out

Students may be sent to Chill Out for the remainder of the period for non-administrative offenses. Students may be required to remain in Chill Out for administrative level offenses. All administrative offenses will be processed directly through the Principal or Assistant Principals as aligned with the NNHS Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) plan and the Behavior Management Plan.

An administrative referral will be issued for behaviors deemed severe, repetitive, and/or dangerous.

While in Chill Out, students must be working and on-task. Students who misbehave in Chill Out subject themselves to additional administrative actions.

Students sent to Chill Out and not reporting directly to Chill Out will be considered skipping and insubordinate.

Students sent to Chill Out multiple times in the same day or week due to disruptive behavior or failure to follow classroom expectations will be subject to Out of School Suspension.

After School Detention (ASD)

Students who receive after school detention as a consequence for offenses will be expected to **report to room 260 by 2:45**. Students are expected to stay until 4:45. **Students cannot be on their cell phones, have earbuds, nor sleep or talk in ASD.** **Any misbehavior in ASD will result in parent contact and possible OSS.**

In-School Suspension (ISS)

Students who receive in-school suspension (ISS) as a consequence for misconduct will be expected to complete assignments in the ISS room during the suspension Time. A parent contact will be made. Any misbehavior in ISS will result in parent contact and possible OSS.

Out-of-School Suspension (OSS)

Students who receive Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) as a consequence for misconduct may not return to any NNHS property or be involved in any event sponsored or affiliated with NNHS for the duration of the suspension. Students who fail to comply with this policy will be charged with trespassing.

Notification of Parents

Parents will be notified by letter and/or telephone when there is a discipline issue with their child. A conference between the parents, student, assistant principal, and/or teacher may be required. Parental support is appreciated in assisting the administration in correcting the issue.

Interrogation

If the interrogation of a student indicates that the completion of the interrogation should be carried out by a police officer or other law enforcement officer, the administration shall make a reasonable attempt to notify the parents (except in cases of suspected child abuse or neglect by the parent) and give them an opportunity to be present at the time of questioning.

Other Process and Procedures:

Fire, Tornado Drills and Lock Down Drills

Fire drills will be scheduled randomly each month throughout the school year. Routes for the nearest fire exits are posted in each room. It is the responsibility of all students and teachers to familiarize themselves with these exits. Students should not go to the bathroom, get a drink of water, or otherwise linger in the building, during a fire drill. They should remain with their class at all times and exit and re-enter the building in an orderly manner when the signal is given.

Tornado drills are also scheduled randomly throughout the school year. Teachers will review the tornado plan with each of their classes. Students should follow the teacher's instructions at all times.

Lock down drills will occur once a semester. The school-wide intercom system will be activated to ensure clear communication to the school. Students are to remain silent and hidden out of site. Doors will be locked, and windows will be covered. Students should follow the teacher's instructions at all times. Visitors inside the building will not be able to leave until the drill is over.

The staff and administration take fire, tornado, and lock down drills very seriously, as they are an integral part of our Safe Schools Plan. Any attempt by any student to circumvent the rules of the drills or to compromise the safety of any individual will be dealt with by the administration as a disciplinary matter.

STUDENT MEDICATIONS

Under no circumstances should a teacher administer any medication to a student. This includes over-the-counter items such as aspirin, Tylenol, sinus tablets, etc. **Policy 6125 of the Nash County Public Schools Board of Education Policy Manual** discourages students from taking any kind of medication during the school day. If medication is needed by the student during the day, the parent/guardian must

complete a Medication Form. The form should be updated at the beginning of each year, as well as anytime a medication dosage is changed. If a student is in need of medication, send him/her to the school nurse or to the main office so that a parent can be notified.

Class Dues

Freshman	\$20	Junior	\$20
Sophomore	\$20	Senior	\$20

Students should pay class dues online: www.K12PaymentCenter.com within the first 3 days of school. All seniors must have paid their freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior dues in order to participate in Commencement Exercises and Senior Day activities

Lost and Found

In a setting the size of this school, there will be times when items will be lost. When a student loses an item, he/she should contact the main office to inquire about whether such item has been found and turned in. When an item is found, it should be turned in to the main office to be placed with other lost and found items. From time to time, announcements will be made informing the students and staff of certain items which have been found and turned in to the office.

Media Center

1. The media center will be open each school day. Students are expected to have a pass from a teacher and a purpose for completing homework or doing research during the school day. Students without such a pass and purpose will be asked to leave.
2. Upon entering the media center, students are expected to sign in at the circulation desk. Upon leaving, students should sign out and return to class in a timely manner.
3. Each student is responsible for checking in or out library materials before leaving the media center. Failure to properly check out materials is an offense meriting disciplinary actions and possible suspension of media center privileges.
4. Non-reference materials are available to be checked out for a period of two weeks and may be renewed if necessary. A fine for late returns will be assessed.
5. No gum, food, or drinks are allowed in the media center, or the East and West Wings. Trash is to be disposed of properly before leaving the media center.
6. The copy machine is off limits for student use, but copies will be made for \$.10 (black & white) and \$.25 (color) per copy.

7. Anyone wishing to use the Internet must first complete an Acceptable Use Policy Form. The Media Coordinator will keep these on file throughout the year.

Laptops

All students will be issued laptops through the school. Students are responsible for the laptops and power cords once issued to them. Any damages to the computer must be reported immediately to the Media Coordinator. Students are responsible for any damages while the device is issued to them and may be assessed fees accordingly. The laptops are the property of the NCPS and as such may be inspected at any time. If a student laptop is stolen, the police should be contacted immediately and a police report filed. The parent must get a copy of the police report and bring it to the school.

Teachers have discretion as to when laptops should be used in the classroom. Teachers may instruct students to remove laptops from their desk and store appropriately during classroom activities that may not require digital resources. Refusal by a student to follow the teacher's direction regarding laptops will result in disciplinary action.

Driver's Eligibility

Nash County Public Schools has contracted with Jordan Driving School to provide driver education. Students must be at least 14½ years old and must be enrolled in a public or private school in this school district.

The driver education course consists of 30 classroom hours and 6 hours behind the wheel. This class is taught immediately after the regular school day for 2 to 3 hours as scheduled. Additional classes will be offered during the summer. The behind-the-wheel instruction is scheduled individually between the hours of 3 p.m. and 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Upon successful completion of classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction, the student will receive a driver education certificate. This certificate entitles him/her to take the test for a learner's permit at age 15. This permit entitles the student to drive with his/her parents until age 16, at which time he/she may take the test for a driver's license.

There is a fee that can be paid at www.ncpschools.net or Jordan Driving School. You must bring the receipt to the main office when you sign up. If you have any questions concerning driver education, please see Ms. Slade or contact Jordan Driving School at drivereducationoffice@gmail.com.

NORTH CAROLINA DRIVER ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATE

Since August 1, 1998 North Carolina students under the age of 18 who are eligible for a driving permit or license will need to have a signed N. C. Driving Eligibility Certificate issued by the principal or the principal's designee. The Division of Motor Vehicles will not issue a driver's permit or license without

a Driving Eligibility Certificate.

Students who wish to obtain a Driving Eligibility Certificate need to bring the following documents: (1) the statement showing Driver's Education Completed and (2) your certified birth certificate (we will not keep these documents).

The Driving Eligibility Certificate has to be signed by the principal or his designee and expires 30 days from issue date. A parent/guardian signature is also required. Please allow enough time for the school to handle your request. Students should request a Driving Eligibility Certificate a day or two before planning to go to DMV. Most requests can be handled on the day of the request if received any time before the beginning of the second period.

In order to receive a Driving Eligibility Certificate a student must be in school and making adequate academic progress. **A student must pass 3 out of 4 courses each semester in order to meet the academic requirement. Academic progress will be based on the semester average on the report card.**

However, a student who does not pass the required number of courses but who successfully completes a Credit Recovery program for the course(s) he/she is taking before his/her driving privileges are suspended, may provide that information during the appeals process. Students who complete credit recovery, making them eligible to drive, may apply for a new DEC (Driving Eligibility Certificate) at Northern Nash when the course(s) have been completed successfully. Students who do not meet the criteria will be reported to the Division of Motor Vehicles and will have their permits or licenses revoked. In order to have driving privileges reinstated, the student must make adequate progress on a subsequent semester average.

In addition, the following financial responsibilities apply in order to have driving privileges reinstated by the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicle

- Reinstatement Fee
- Duplicate Driver's License
- Penalty for failure to relinquish license upon notice of suspension by NCDMV

Athletics

1. Northern Nash High School is a member of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) and therefore subscribes to the rules found within the organization's handbook. A copy of this handbook can be found in the offices of the principal and athletic director.

2. **Academic requirements:** A student must have passed a minimum of 3 credits during the previous

semester in order to be eligible for competition.

3. **Attendance:** Students are present at school (i.e. attends school at least 50% of the day) in order to be eligible to practice or play in games.
4. **Physical Examination:** Each player must receive a physical examination by a physician within 395 days prior to the beginning of practice.
5. **Length of Eligibility:** Upon entering grade 9, a student is eligible for competition on high school athletic teams during the succeeding eight consecutive semesters, provided such student does not reach his or her 19th birthday on or before August 31st of the school year in question.
6. Any varsity/junior varsity athlete charged with a felony is ineligible to participate in his/her sport until the charges are resolved. If the athlete is found guilty, he/she is ineligible to participate for any athletic team for the remainder of that school year. If the athlete is enrolled at Northern Nash High School the following school year, his/her eligibility will be determined by the administration. The administration will review the student's discipline record, grades, and conduct before making the decision.

Athletic Events

Student behavior at athletic events is a critical factor, which determines whether the fans are attending the event to support the athletic teams or rather to simply draw attention to themselves. Students must understand that they are representatives of Northern Nash High School and that all school rules are in effect during both home and away contests. To ensure that our athletic events remain a source of pride and fun for all involved, students are expected to adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Students will not make obscene gestures or use vulgar language or otherwise engage in inappropriate acts during the contest.
2. Students will not participate in cheers or other actions that are designed to intimidate, harass, or embarrass game officials, opposing teams, cheerleaders, or fans.
3. Students will not throw anything onto the playing field or do anything that disrupts the normal flow of the game.
4. Students are prohibited from covering their face with paint.
5. Students will leave the site of the contest, including the parking lot, within a reasonable amount of time after the event has ended.

Athletic tickets can be purchased on Go Fan website: <https://gofan.co/app/school/NC1716>

Sports Offered at NNHS

Fall Sports	Available to
Football	Boys and Girls
Soccer	Boys
Tennis	Girls
Volleyball	Girls
Golf	Girls
Cheerleading	Boys and Girls
Cross Country	Boys and Girls
Flag Football	Girls

Winter Sports	Available to
Basketball	Boys
Basketball	Girls
Wrestling	Boys and Girls
Swimming	Boys and Girls
Indoor Track	Boys and Girls
Cheerleading	Boys and Girls

Spring Sports	Available to
Baseball	Boys
Soccer	Girls
Softball	Girls
Tennis	Boys
Indoor Track	Boys and Girls
Golf	Boys and Girls

Student Clubs

The administration charters all clubs at Northern Nash High School. If there is sufficient interest, and a sponsor can be found, new clubs may be formed by contacting the administration and applying for a charter. Students will register at the beginning of each year for the clubs to which they wish to belong. Sponsors should submit club rolls to the appropriate administrator. Students may not be members of more than three (3) of the clubs. Clubs will meet during one of the Knight Time blocks. Prior notice will be provided of the date and time of meetings. The following are examples of clubs and are not an exhaustive list.

Art Club	CIS (Communities in Schools)	CISCO Networking Club	Debate Club
DECA	Drafting Club	Environmental Club	Skills Club
FCA	FCCLA	First Priority	FTA (Future Teachers of America)
International Club	History Club	HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America)	Knight Life/Knight Writers

ITS Honors (MainStage Players Drama Club)	National Honor Society	Pep Club	SGA (Student Government Association)
Science Olympiad	Spanish Club/National Spanish Honor Society	STEM Club	

Parent Clubs

KNIGHTS' ATHLETIC CLUB

The Knights' Athletic Club (KAC) maintains and operates all concessions at football and basketball games. KAC assists the department in the purchase of materials needed to operate, supply refreshments at Athletic Awards Night, and sponsor meals for athletic teams at various times throughout the year. Anyone who appreciates athletics and the joy of watching young people compete is welcomed to join the club. Please remember that anyone can be removed from the club if their actions or participation is deemed detrimental to the Northern Nash Knights Athletic Department or to the Student Athletes as well.

BAND BOOSTERS

The Northern Nash High School Band Boosters is a group of parents who support the total band program with their time, effort, energy, enthusiasm, and talents. Membership is open to anyone who would like to join. While having a child in the band is not a prerequisite, a love for the band and what it does for the school and community is. Please remember that anyone can be removed from the boosters if their actions or participation is deemed detrimental to the Band Program or the Band Students as well.