



CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL

TOPIC: NEW LAWS IN NORTH DAKOTA

AUDIENCE: ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS

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CELL PHONE PROHIBITION



A bill passed during the 69th legislative assembly mandates a 'bell to bell' cell phone prohibition for public schools (NDCC 15.1-07-41).

Century High School and all of Bismarck Public Schools is committed to enforcing this requirement while providing safe and effective learning environments for all students.

The District Policy (FFI) contains the comprehensive local policy which aligns with North Dakota law.

BPS is also maintaining a website with a list of FAQ's and our student handbook will have specific details as it relates to the school day.

This was a new adjustment in the 25-26 school year and appreciate your support and understanding as we continue to implement this change with your students.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



Another bill passed during the 69th legislative assembly requires school districts to adopt a policy requiring each school to offer all students the opportunity to voluntarily recite the pledge of allegiance at the beginning of each school day (NDCC 15.1-19-03.1).

Century High School has set aside time at the beginning of Period 1 (8:30 a.m.) for students to have this opportunity.

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A NOTE FROM NURSE KELSIE

Century is staffed with a part-time nurse. Nurse Kelsie is available to see students during her office hours for any illness, injury, chronic health condition etc. Office hours are:

Monday: 12:00 - 3:50pm

Wednesday: 7:50 - 11:50

Thursday: 12:00 - 3:50

Friday: every 3rd Friday afternoon

DAILY MEDICATION DROP OFF

Under most circumstances, medications should be dispensed before or after school, and under parent or medical supervision. If you would like staff to administer or have your student self-administer any medication while on school property, a new medication authorization must be completed each fall. Please complete the medication authorization form in PowerSchool or with the link below and return to the school office **August 10th-14th from 7:00am-2:00pm.**

CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS

If your student has a health condition that requires staff to know any plan of action, including asthma, allergies, migraines, diabetes, seizures, etc., please complete the appropriate health plan and return to the school nurse. If you have any questions or need help completing a health plan, please contact Nurse Kelsie. [Health Plan Information](#)

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

As a reminder...all incoming junior students need to have a MCV4 booster on or after their 16th birthday and provide proof of immunization to Century before October 1, 2026. Immunization records can be sent to kelsie_neibauer@bismarckschools.org or dropped off in the office. [School Immunization Requirements](#)

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TOPIC: NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Although the selection and application happens in February, volunteer hours can be obtained throughout the year. For those who will be applying to National Honor Society, below is the criteria for consideration.

The Faculty Council, which is comprised of five faculty members, will use the Selection Rubric in the consideration process. The Faculty Council will review each student's demonstration of the attributes of Character, Leadership, Service, and Scholarship as outlined on the Official National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society website.

- The student must be a sophomore, junior, or senior
- The student must have a cumulative 3.5 G.P.A., which will be calculated after the fall semester of sophomore year
- The student must be involved in at least one extra-curricular activity (be a member in good standing) or maintain a part-time job
- The student must exhibit good character and behavior in his or her community and school, including maintaining academic/co-curricular eligibility for the entire school year
- The student must complete 5 hours from the LIST approved by the NHS Faculty Council with an additional 10 hours from any First-Tier Community Service or Second-Tier Community Service. (Note - The additional 10 hours may be a combination of Tier 1 or Tier 2. But, if they are all Tier 2, it is a lower score on the selection rubric.)
 - Community Service can take place from March 1st to the last Friday in February. Note that applications are due by the last Friday, so Community Service should likely be completed prior.
 - The student must collect signatures from supervisors in an on-going basis on the Community Service Log and Verification Form
 - Relatives (i.e. Parents/Guardians, etc) cannot serve as supervisors and cannot sign off on students' service hours
 - It is highly recommended that students record all hours, even above the 15 expected hours, if they want those hours considered by the Faculty Council.
 - Illegible hours, hours without a signature, or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- The student must complete the Induction Candidate/Membership Renewal Form, which requires that the student upload both sides of the Community Service Log. Due the last Friday of February.

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CAREER SERVICES

Thinking about the future is exciting! We all want our students to be successful, and it is our hope that they leave high school with a sense of purpose and a plan, which steer them toward an engaging career. As your student seeks to discover a career path, please be aware of the following services offered by Mrs. Henkelman, CHS Career Advisor:

- Individualized, one-on-one appointments with students to discuss career interests & exploration
- Job Shadow Placements—Juniors & Seniors
- Career Forum Events—Juniors & Seniors
- Internship Experiences—Juniors & Seniors
- RUReadynd.com Access
- College & Post-Secondary Planning
- Professional Portfolio Development
- Job-Seeking & Job Application Strategies
- Soft Skill Preparation
- WorkKeys Testing for the ND State CTE Scholarship—Juniors and Seniors

Working with students in grades 9-12, Mrs. Henkelman's role is to offer resources and support in the career planning process throughout high school. Fall is an excellent time for students to begin discussing needs and goals for the year. Feel free to contact Mrs. Henkelman at 323-4900, Ext. 6547 or by email at Laura_Henkelman@bismarckschools.org.

CHOICE READY

Choice Ready is a key component of North Dakota's Accountability system that evaluates whether high schools are preparing students for success after graduation. It measures student readiness across multiple indicators and aims to support the state's mission that all students graduate with the knowledge, skills, and mindset needed for postsecondary success.

As students continue to progress towards graduation, they will track and complete these indicators to reach the goal of being choice ready. The Choice Ready framework also aligns very tightly with the qualifications for the [North Dakota Scholarship](#). There are differences but a majority of the indicators are the same.

The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction maintains a comprehensive [website](#) devoted to the Choice Ready initiative.

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