



Class of 2015 Information

NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL—PARENT ISSUE

Railroader Reminders

Greetings from NHS. High school can be an exciting, enriching, and rewarding experience for your son or daughter. Our staff is prepared to help your student by working with you to develop the skills and attributes your student will need following graduation from high school. As the administrator for the Class of 2015, it is my privilege to work with parents in preparing students for their first day of high school, which will be August 17, 2011. Please contact me at 284-6280, extension 1128, with your questions or concerns.

NHS is a comprehensive Class 5A high school that is large enough to offer an extensive range of programs and services while small enough to allow students to have adult educators who will take an interest in their

academic growth and personal progress. I look forward to getting to know your student as a unique individual. Helping students advocate for themselves in pursuit of a first-rate education is one of my main goals.

Teenagers learn through their experiences. Newton High students have many opportunities to develop their talents, interests, and skills. I continually encourage students to participate in extra-curricular activities and challenging courses. High school can be intimidating at first—but by choosing to be a part of interscholastic activities, athletics, clubs, and pursuing a challenging academic program—students can develop their abilities for future success.

At NHS we recognize that success as an adult—whether in the workforce, at college, on a mission, or in the military—requires a variety of skills. Some of these skills include the ability to advocate appropriately for oneself, attend regularly, and meet dress code and behavioral expectations. We will work with your student with the goal of producing a mature, educated, and confident young adult.

Encourage your student to explore our academic and fine arts programs, experience career and technical opportunities, learn a new language, and be a student-participant beyond 3:05 p.m.—Mr. Dietz



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Special points of interest:

- Students need to map out a 4-year plan of courses to take (this can be revised at any time). See next page for more information
- Students need to choose elective courses that explore their interests and develop their talents
- Students need to make a decision to participate in extra-curricular activities



Railroaders

Academics

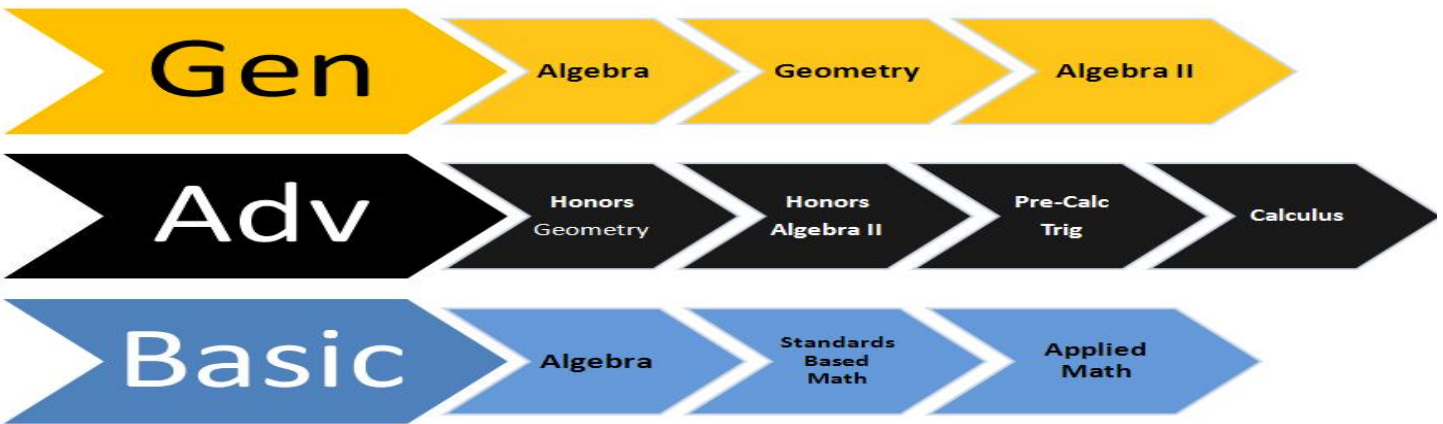
"The big secret in life is there is no secret. Whatever your goal, you can get there if you're willing to work." - Oprah Winfrey

NHS students have access to quality opportunities designed to prepare them for post-secondary education or employment. Each successfully completed course counts as .5 (one-half) credit per semester. Students enroll in 7 courses plus Seminar and may earn up to 7.25 credits per academic year.

Twenty-four (24) total credits are required for graduation, with specific requirements by subject area shown here:

Subject Area	Minimum Credits Needed
English	4
Speech/Communications	.5
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Physical Education	1.5
Computer Technology	1
Fine Arts	1
Electives	7
Total	24

Sample Course Progressions: choose wisely

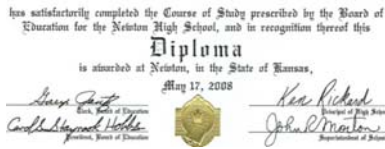


Subject	Progression description	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior	Additional Opportunities
English	General	Gen Eng I	Gen Eng II	Gen Eng III	Gen Eng IV	
	Advanced	Honors Eng I	Honors Eng II	Hon. Eng III	Hon Eng IV or...	Adv Placement Eng IV
Mathematics	General	Algebra I	Geometry	Algebra II		Add'l Math
	Advanced	Algebra I	Hon Geom	Hon Alg II		Functions, Statistics, & Trigonometry or Pre-Calculus
	Accelerated	Hon Geom I	Hon Alg II	Pre-Calculus	Calculus	Calculus II
Science	Basic	Earth Science	Life Science	Gen Science		
	General	Earth Science	Biology	Chemistry I		Human Biology
	Advanced	Honors Bio	Honors Chemistry I	Physics		Adv Placement Bio, Honors Chemistry II, or Anatomy & Physiology

Recognition

"The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything." - Theodore Roosevelt

Newton High School students are recognized for their academic achievement in many different ways as described below: Honors Diploma, Gold Card, Lettering, National Honor Society, and their transcript. Valedictorians and Salutatorians are chosen from the honors diploma students.



Graduates of NHS earn a diploma or an honors diploma (pictured here), the ultimate proof of success in high school and documentation that will open doors in the future

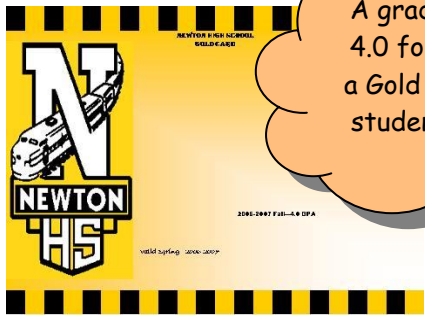
National Honor Society membership is a prestigious award students may earn



A grade point average of 3.5 or better for a school year earns an academic letter for a letter jacket



A grade point average of 4.0 for a semester earns a Gold Card, which gains a student access to school events free!



A transcript is a record of a student's academic career

STUDENT TRANSCRIPT
NEWTON HIGH SCHOOL

Sch: 08/24/95
Jus: 05/17/08
Cl: 2008

Sub	Course Title	MA	AB	Credits	Sub	Course Title	MA	AB	Credits
MTH	Algebra I	A	0.500	1.000	ENG	AP Eng IV	A	0.500	1.000
COM	Adv Eng II	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Spanish IV	A+	0.500	1.000
SCN	General Science	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Science Adv	P	0.500	1.000
ELC	Spanish I	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Community Rel	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry I	A	0.500	1.000	MTH	AP Calculus	A	0.500	1.000
ELC	Spanish II	A	0.500	1.000	SCN	AP Biology	A	0.500	1.000
ELC	Spanish III	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
ELC	Spanish IV	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry II	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry III	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry IV	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry V	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry VI	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry VII	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry VIII	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry IX	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry X	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XI	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XII	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XIII	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XIV	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XV	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XVI	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XVII	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XVIII	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XIX	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XX	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XXI	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XXII	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XXIII	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XXIV	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XXV	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XXVI	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XXVII	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XXVIII	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XXIX	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000
SCN	Honors Chemistry XXX	A	0.500	1.000	ELC	Career Intern	P	0.500	1.000

Students are encouraged to meet the Kansas Regents Scholars' Curriculum



Activities

"I can accept failure, but I can't accept not trying." - Michael Jordan

Student Activity Opportunities:

- *Interscholastic Activities—Debate, Forensics, Music, and Scholars' Bowl, & Robotics*
- *Interscholastic Athletics—Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons*
- *Clubs*
- *Student Council—elected by peers*

Interscholastic Athletics

FALL

- Cross Country (B/G)
- Football
- Girls' Golf
- Gymnastics
- Boys' Soccer
- Girls' Tennis
- Volleyball

WINTER

- Basketball (B/G)
- Bowling (B/G)
- Boys' Swimming
- Wrestling

SPRING

- Baseball
- Boys' Golf
- Girls' Soccer
- Softball
- Girls' Swimming
- Boys' Tennis
- Track (B/G)

Railiners and Cheerleaders perform during the fall and winter sports seasons

Interscholastic Activities

Fall	Winter	Spring
Debate	Debate	Forensics
Music	Forensics	Music
Scholars' Bowl	Music	Scholars' Bowl
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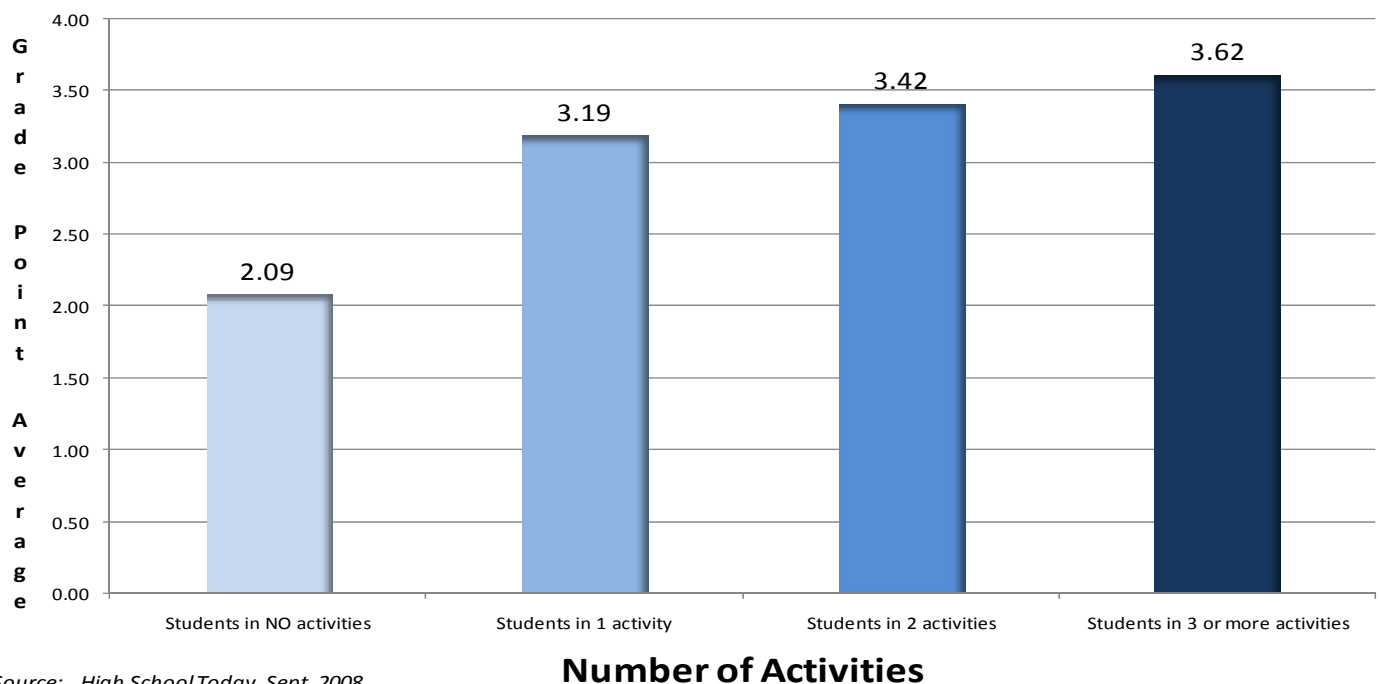
Students who participate in Band, Chorus, and/or Orchestra in middle school are encouraged to continue their involvement in those activities at NHS.

Participation

"You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take." - Wayne Gretzky

Students who participate in activities frequently outperform their peers academically. Several studies have shown that students who are involved in Debate, Forensics, Robotics, school theater productions, clubs, service organizations, and athletics are more involved in school and—even though they are busy—tend to earn higher grades than their less involved classmates. Don't wait! Encourage your student to get involved during their freshman year!

Activity Participation and Grade Point Average Relationship for Students



Source: *High School Today*, Sept. 2008

The NHS Drama Department puts on a play each semester. Many important roles are necessary for a drama production or musical: stage manager, stage crew/set design, lighting, sound, costume design, makeup, and—of course—actors! Drama productions require effort, practice, and teamwork; attributes that will help students after graduation.





Opportunities

"One of the secrets in life is to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks." - Jack Penn

NHS provides many outstanding elective opportunities. Students have the choice of 3 world languages (French, German, Spanish), Debate and Forensics, 2 drama productions each school year, an extensive list of courses in Art (Painting & Drawing, Design, Ceramics, and Advanced Art) and Music (Vocal, Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, and Concert Band) and a wide range of Career and Technical programs. (see below)

NHS Career and Technical Programs

Agriculture	Business/Finance	Family & Consumer Science	Media Communications	Industrial Manufacturing Systems
				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agri-Business Plant Systems Power & Structure Systems Food Processing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accounting Business Management & Administration Computer Support Marketing / Entrepreneurship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foods Textiles Human Services Childhood Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photojournalism Print Journalism Broadcast Production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Architecture & Pre-Construction Automotive Technology Cabinetry Machine Technology Welding Technology Project Lead the Way
<p>Career and Technical Education Opportunities at Newton High School</p>				

Clubs

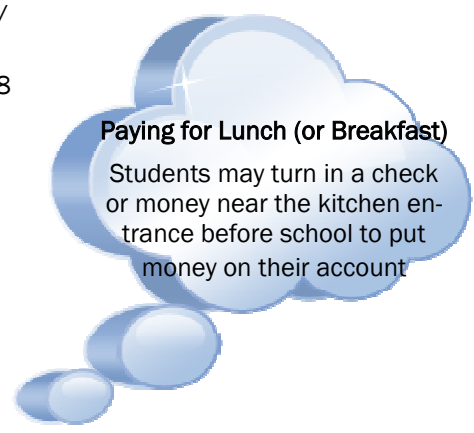
"It is our choices...that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities." - J.K. Rowling

Clubs (most, but not all, clubs meets during school hours)

Art Club*	Fitness Club	RailerRobotics***
Azteca	French Club*	Railrooters
Bike Club Book Club***	Greenhouse Club	SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions)
BPA (Business Professionals of America—Business Technology)	GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)	Sociedad*** Honoraria Hispanica (Spanish Honor Society)
Chess Club	Hobby Club	Societe Honoraire De Francais*** (French Honor Society)
Circle of Friends	HOSA* (Health Occupations Student Association)	Student Council**
Club de Espanol*	International Thespian Society***	Swing Dance Club
DECA (Marketing Tech)*	Key Club	Tri M Society*** (Music Honor Society)
Delta Epsilon Phi*** (German Honor Society)	LERO (Law Enforcement Related Occupations)	Ultimate Frisbee Club
Drama Club	Music Club*	VICA* Building Trades)
Deutscher Verein* (German Club)	National Honor Society***	VICA* (Machine Shop)
FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)	Newspaper/Yearbook*	VICA* (Welding)
FCCLA (Family Career Community Leaders of America)	Pep Band*	WE CAN
FEA (Future Educators of America)	Powerlifting Club	Writers Anonymous / Connections
FFA* (Future Farmers of America)	Railer Ambassadors	YEK* (Young Entrepreneurs of Kansas)
* = Class enrollment required	** = Elected students	*** = Selected students

Parent "To Do" List

- To do the following:** **Contact NHS at 316.284.6280**
- Call in an illness for your student Attendance Clerk at extension 1118
- Check breakfast and lunch menus www.newton.k12.ks.us
- Check graduation requirements 9th grade Counselors—x1156, x1136, x1155
10th grade Ms. Headrick—ext. 1156 & 9th grade A-G
11th grade Mrs. Crittenden—ext. 1155 & 9th grade R-Z
12th grade Mr. Corley— ext. 1136 & 9th grade H-Q
 Or www.newton.k12.ks.us/sch/nhs
- Course requests have your student speak to their Guidance Counselor
- Disciplinary concerns have your student speak to their Assistant Principal or contact
9th grade AP Mr. Dietz – ext. 1128
10th grade AP Mr. Erickson – ext. 1125
11th grade AP Mrs. Moore – ext. 1132
12th grade Last name A-H – Mr. Dietz
12th grade Last name I-Q – Mr. Erickson
12th grade Last name R-Z – Mrs. Moore
- Obtain student Infinite Campus password Contact the Administrative Secretary at ext. 1122
- Transcript questions Contact Registrar at ext. 1137
- E-mail your student’s teachers first initial of first name – first 7 letters of last name - @newton.k12.ks.us
 Example: jdoe@newton.k12.ks.us
- Speak with your student’s teachers See **Staff Contacts** section on the web: newton.k12.ks.us/sch/nhs
- Career and Technical Education Career & Technical Director at ext. 2907
- On-line Planner <http://railers.premierplanner.org/>
- Solamente habla Espanol? Attendance secretary at ext. 1118
- Remember:**
- Parent excused absences 12 school days per school year
- Unexcused period 15 minutes or more of class
 without excuse
- School start time 7:55 a.m. DAILY
- Significant part of a school day 45 minutes as defined by the
 Board of Education
- Tardies to school may not be excused



Finding my way

"It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up." —Vince Lombardi

NHS changed its daily scheduling format to block scheduling in 1998. The Block is designed to allow students longer classes for extended opportunities to study, engage in a variety of learning activities, and practice for longer durations of time. Students must enroll in 8 courses in order to be full-time students. School days have been assigned names - "BLACK" or "GOLD" - that alternate throughout the school year. For example, if a Black day falls on a Monday, then the next school day (Tuesday) will be a Gold day. "Black" days consist of periods 1, 3, 5, and 7 (odd numbered periods). "Gold" days consist of periods 2, 4, 6 and 8 (even numbered periods). Eighth (8th) period is also called "Seminar." Classes 1, 2, 7 & 8 meet daily and last about 50 minutes, while classes 3, 5 & 4, 6 meet every other day and last about 85 minutes.



Black Day Periods = 1-2, 3, 5, 7-8



Gold Day Periods = 1-2, 4, 6, 7-8

Start / End Times (subject to change)	Black Day	Gold Day
<i>Some students choose to take a Zero Hour class from 7 to 7:50 a.m.</i>	The optional Zero Hour Class meets daily at 7 am.	
7:55 to 8:45		Period 1
8:50 to 9:40		Period 2
9:50 to 11:15	Period 3	Period 4
11:20 to 1:20	Period 5 (includes Lunch)	Period 6 (includes Lunch)
1:25 to 2:15		Period 7
2:20 to 3:05		Period 8

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7			10	11	12	13
14		16	17 9th grade	18 Black Day	19 Gold Day	20
21	22 Black Day	23 Gold Day	24 Black Day	25 Gold Day	26 Black Day	27
28	29 Gold Day	30 Black Day	31 Gold Day			

August 2011

Parking
Students may park in the main park-

Drop off / Pick up
Parents may drop off or pick up their student near (1) the front (south)

Expectations

"It's not enough we do our best; sometimes we have to do what's required." - Sir Winston Churchill

The student discipline plan for Newton High School is based on the belief that high-school age students are capable of making positive choices concerning their behavior and that these choices protect the rights of others, particularly as it relates to a safe and orderly school environment. When problems are recognized with a student's behavior, the discipline guidelines provide objective guidance for school administration in dealing with concerns. The discipline guidelines are organized in three categories. Category III contains the most severe and serious student behaviors. The severity of the behaviors decreases through Categories II and I.

The discipline procedures at NHS are designed to mirror appropriate societal and work expectations so that NHS graduates have demonstrated the ability to work cooperatively with others while maintaining adequate attendance in a situation of high yet reasonable expectations. Surveys of several Harvey County employers yielded the following results (left-hand column):

Common workplace expectations:

- Attend regularly
- Be punctual
- Follow reasonable requests
- Be respectful of the property of others
- Get along with others and be able to disagree within reasonable limits
- Improve job performance and demonstrate proficiency in order to be promoted, receive additional responsibilities, and/or receive a raise
- Use resources and/or tools in an appropriate manner
- Participate in an environment where prejudice, harassment, and threat are not considered appropriate
- Participate in all activities appropriately

NHS expectations:

- Attend regularly and punctually
- Follow reasonable requests
- Respect others as well as their property
- Work effectively with a variety of people and disagree appropriately
- Improve oneself academically and demonstrate proficiency in a variety of subjects so as to graduate from NHS and have the opportunity to be successful in adult life
- Use a variety of resources, technology, and needed tools in an appropriate manner
- Participate effectively in an environment where prejudice, harassment, and threat are inappropriate
- Participate in required and optional activities appropriately

Category	Points	Behavior (examples)	Possible Consequences
1	0-10	Inappropriate behavior or language, public display of affection, cell phone/electronic device, minor computer, inappropriate language, dress code, parking lot violations, insubordination, forgery, loitering, tobacco, theft or vandalism < \$250 and/or other behaviors as defined	Detention, Supervised Study (ISS), loss of privileges (open lunch, parking, computers, etc.), restrictions
3	11-24	Disruptive behavior, instigating, dangerous devices, blatant defiance, possession of stolen property, Supervised Study (ISS) violation, and other behaviors as assigned	ISS, Detention, short-term suspension (OSS), restrictions
3	25-50	Serious violations of the USD 373 student conduct policy	OSS, ISS, long-term suspension, expulsion, alternate placement, restrictions and/or loss of privileges

Student Services

"Ability is what you are capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it." - Lou Holtz

Health / School Nurse

Media Center Services—
Books, Periodicals,
Research materials

Guidance and
Counseling Services

Food Services

Locker / Storage
Services

Technology / Computer
Services

Phone /
Communication
Services

Grade Reporting and
Transcript Services

Parking Lot Services



The Final Page

Orientation schedule for the Class of 2015:

- **August 16, 2011 –7pm in the NHS Auditorium.** Parent orientation meeting at NHS to provide very specific information prior to the first day of school and answer parent questions.
- **August 17, 2011**—New student orientation—only students new to NHS have school. Orientation begins at 7:55a.m. There is **NO zero hour** during this orientation.

Mr. Dietz, 316.284.6280, x1128

Subject Area	Minimum Credits Needed
English	4
*Speech/Communications	.5
Mathematics	3
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Physical Education	1.5
Computer Technology	1
Fine Arts (see table below)	1*
Electives	7
Total	24

Classification of students (as of August 1)	
Freshman	0 to 4.75 credits
Sophomore	5 to 10.75 credits
Junior	11 to 16.75 credits
Senior	17 or more credits

*While most students take Speech; Debate, Forensics, and Intro to Theater courses also count as a Speech (and Fine Arts) credit. The following courses fulfill the Fine Arts requirement:

All music courses	All World Languages	Intro to Engineering Design
Speech, Debate or Forensics	Fashion Studio	Architectural Design
Art Basics	Photojournalism	Pre-Vocational Welding
Drama or Technical Theater	Broadcast Production	Machine Technology
Interior Design	Desktop Publishing	Welding Technology
Fashion Design	Web Page Design	Woodworking
<i>Students: see your guidance counselor if you have additional questions.</i>		

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