

NORTH HIGH SCHOOL



Student Handbook

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NORTH HIGH SCHOOL WHAT TO DO IF...

1. YOU ARE LATE TO SCHOOL:

Class begins at 7:55 a.m. If you arrive late to school, go directly to the Attendance Office. You will need to receive a pass from the Attendance Secretary. You will be assigned escalating consequences for being tardy to school.

2. YOU FORGOT YOUR ID:

IDs should be in possession at all times. IDs will cost \$5.00. This ID will be needed for lunch and media center services.

3. YOU ARE TARDY TO CLASS:

Get a pass slip from the faculty member who detained you. If you are tardy because of your own actions, you will need to immediately report to your assigned classroom. The classroom teacher will record the tardy. Escalating consequences will be assigned for being tardy to class by the classroom teacher. Excessive tardies will result in contact from the main office.

4. YOU ARE PLANNING TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL 3 OR MORE DAYS:

Have a parent/guardian call the attendance office (239-7001) to inform the school of your absence. Teachers should have assignments posted in the Learning Management System (Canvas).

5. YOU HAVE AN UNPLANNED ABSENCE:

Such as illness, family emergency, etc. Have a parent call the attendance office (239-7001) on the day of the absence. Absences without a call will be recorded as truancies and parents will be notified. All parent excuses are to be called in within one day. It is the responsibility of the student to get all absences excused. Activities students must be present all periods in order to participate that day.

6. YOU NEED HOMEWORK:

Students and parents should be able to access all assignments/homework in Canvas. If work is not available, students and parents are able to email all teachers with their laptops.

7. YOU GET SICK AT SCHOOL:

See the school nurse or an attendance secretary. **You are not to leave the building/grounds without permission or without checking out first from the attendance office.**

8. YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT:

Have a parent/guardian call the attendance office (239-7001). You will be issued a pass to come to the Attendance Office to sign out. Take the pass to your appointment and have your doctor, dentist or counselor sign the pass. When you come back to school, go to the Attendance desk. This pass will show school personnel that you have permission to leave school.

9. YOU WANT TO SEE THE NURSE:

Go directly to class and ask the teacher for a pass to the nurse. Make sure you sign-in in the nurse's office.

10. YOU HAVE MEDICATION TO TAKE:

Medication that needs to be taken during the day must be given to the school nurse before school and arrangements made with her for dispensing of the medication. Medication includes over the counter items such as Tylenol, aspirin, or ibuprofen. Do not carry any medication with you or share medication with anyone; charges may be filed.

11. YOU HAVE A SEMESTER MEDICAL EXCUSE FROM P.E.:

Take your doctor's excuse to your counselor who will change your schedule from Physical Education to Study Hall.

12. YOU HAVE A SHORT-TERM MEDICAL EXCUSE FROM P.E.:

Turn your temporary doctor's excuse in to the school nurse. The school nurse will give you an excuse slip from Physical Education that you will present to your teacher. **Students will be expected to attend Physical Education classes, even though they will not be active participants because of their temporary excuse.**

13. YOU ARE CHECKING OUT OF SCHOOL:

See your Counselor in the Guidance Office and have a conference with your parent and an administrator. Have the necessary staff sign the checkout card as you turn in laptop, books and supplies. Upon completion, the checkout card is to be returned to the registrar in the main office. All textbooks and materials must be returned to the office. Guardians will be charged for textbooks and laptop not returned.

14. YOUR PARENTS NEED TO CONTACT YOU FOR AN EMERGENCY:

Have your parent/guardian phone the school (239-7000) and you will be contacted by a note to return the call. **Parents (or others) should not be calling or texting during the day because it interferes with instruction.** Inappropriate use of cell phone or other electronic device will be handled on a case by case basis according to the classroom teacher. Cell phone use will be permitted between classes, before/after school, and during assigned lunch period and should not interfere with the typical school functions.

15. YOU ARE MISSING A CLASS ON YOUR SCHEDULE:

Every class schedule must have eight periods – Four on "A" day and four on "B" day. Students must follow their schedule and attend ALL of their classes unless previous arrangements have been made and the schedule has been changed accordingly with your counselor.

16. YOU LOSE SOMETHING OR HAVE SOMETHING STOLEN:

Please lock up all personal belongings in either your hallway or PE locker. Check in the main office for lost and found items. Although the school cannot be responsible for any loss, all losses should be reported immediately to the School Resource (Police) Officer. The SRO is located in the Counseling Office. Under no condition should large sums of money or valuable articles be left in academic or PE lockers.

17. YOU WANT TO ATTEND A SCHOOL DANCE:

Maintain the minimum expected attendance (90% or higher), passing grades in all classes by the week prior to the event, and tardy fewer than 6 times. Bring your school ID card with you and money to cover the charge for the dance. Visitors are only allowed at dances after completing the guest form and needs to be signed by their school administrator in the school they attend. A breathalyzer is used at **all** school dances. Dance attendees must be enrolled in high school and 20 years old and younger.

18. YOUR LOCKER DOES NOT WORK PROPERLY:

Go to the main office and report the problem. It is to your advantage to tell no one your combination. You are not to switch lockers with any one or change lockers.

19. YOU WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Visit with the sponsor of the activity or the Activities Director for further assistance.

20. YOU ARE BEING BULLIED OR HARASSASSED:

Please contact a staff member, a counselor, an Assistant Principal or the Principal for conflict resolution and/or completing the appropriate paperwork to assist with an investigation.

21. YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING A CONFLICT:

If you have a conflict with another student, it is important for all students to understand that they do not need to put up with any kind of threat, intimidation or abuse. Please report any problem to a staff member, counselor or an administrator. As soon as the student is identified, steps will be taken immediately to correct the problem. Threatening behavior will not be tolerated and you are encouraged to help identify those who belittle or pick on others.

22. YOUR SCHOOL DAY IS OVER:

Leave the building within 15 minutes of your final bell – this includes early dismissal students.

23. YOU DRIVE TO SCHOOL:

Parking is permitted in authorized areas only. **Do not park in fire lanes or on sidewalks, curbs, or grass.** Vehicles parked illegally will be issued a ticket or towed at the owner's expense. This serves as your only warning prior to being ticketed or towed.

Before and After School

Students should remain in hallways and other supervised areas prior to 7:45 a.m. and have left the building after 3:10 p.m. unless they have a pass from a teacher or are involved in the current season's activity. At the end of the day we expect students who are not involved in school activities to leave the school grounds by that time. Students are not allowed to ride bikes, rollerblades, skateboards, etc. on school property. Food and drinks should be confined to the commons area, unless a student has written permission from a staff member. Food, drink, gum, and candy are allowed in the classrooms with teacher permission only. Students are expected to follow individual staff member's expectations.

Closed Campus Policy

School board policy does not allow students to leave the building during school hours without an administrator's **and** parent permission. **When a student leaves the building for any reason, he/she will need to sign out at the Attendance Office.** Students attending college classes offered off-campus will need to have their IDs marked appropriately.

Procedure For Leaving The Building During The School Day

- * If you know in advance that you must leave the building during the day, you should have your parent/guardian contact the attendance office via telephone for approval (239-7000).
- * Students must always have the permission of the attendance clerk and sign out when they leave the building for any reason during the school day. A student must sign in when you return.
- * If you are gone for a period or more, an admit is required. (All teachers should route students through the attendance secretary when it is necessary for the student to leave.)

Any student leaving classes and/or school without obtaining permission and signing out at the Attendance Office will be considered truant.

Medical Appointments

It is encouraged to schedule medical and dental appointments outside of school hours. All absences, excused and unexcused, are used in determining dance and privilege eligibility. If such an appointment is necessary, it should be during a study period. You should have your parent/guardian contact the attendance office via telephone for approval at 239-7000. A form for the dentist's or doctor's signature will be issued and should be returned to the Attendance Office when you report for an admit. Students are asked to sign out at the Attendance Office when you leave and sign back in when you return. Admits are essential for the periods missed.

Appointments lasting more than two hours will result in a half-day of excused absence.

Make-Up Work

It is recommended that students confer with their classroom teachers prior to being absent in order to stay current on school work and/or receive missed assignments. Students should also monitor Canvas for missed work. After an absence, the responsibility for making up the work missed lies with the student. Students should go to their teachers and make arrangements and set a deadline, depending upon the length of absence and specific assignments. Students will be provided two school days per absence to make up work. Absences near the end of quarters will be handled on a case by case basis and adhere to the extended semester guidelines. Student learning is important. Make-up work takes precedence over after school activities. When make-up time has been completed the teacher will notify the activity sponsor so the student may participate.

School Sponsored Trips

The high school will sponsor out-of-town trips for only those individuals or organizations that are recognized by the Principal as having a scheduled part in the event or program. Students on school trips are governed by the same rules as they would be if they were actually in school. The trip becomes merely an extension of the school day.

Although make-up privileges are the same as for the excused absences there are two differences.

1. Your absence is recorded as a "Student Activity" and not counted against privilege eligibility.
2. No admit is needed to re-enter classes.

Photo IDs

Every student will receive a North High photo identification card at the beginning of the school year. Students are encouraged to have their ID with them at all times while on school grounds. IDs will be used to check out textbooks and library materials, purchase lunches, and attend school events. Students who lose their ID will need to buy a replacement for \$5.00 in the Main Office. To ensure not losing their ID, students are encouraged to leave it in their locker each day after school.

Visitors

Parent/Guardian visitors are welcome. Please report to the Main Office receptionist prior to visiting classrooms or school personnel. Students are not allowed to bring visitors to school due to safety and privacy concerns and the potential disruption to the learning environment.

Displaying Materials

All materials displayed MUST be signed or initialed by an administrator before they are posted. Any material not having approval will be taken down and disposed of upon sighting. All materials must be taken down by the sponsoring organization/activity upon completion of the activity or sports season. Materials should only be posted in designated areas and on designated surfaces. Windows should remain uncovered and masking tape used. Scotch and duct tape must be avoided as they leave residue and collect dirt.

Anti-Harassment/Bullying/Hazing

A complete copy of the policy is available in the Sioux City Community School District Parent/Guardian Handbook Non-Discrimination Policy. This behavior is not tolerated on any SCCSD property and students violating these policies will receive appropriate consequences – this may include an intermediate hearing at the ESC where a student may be removed from North HS and/or prohibited from participating in North HS activities.

Disseminating Obscene Material

Making and distributing obscene video or images is illegal and violates the school code of conduct. Knowingly creating and sharing inappropriate material (especially if the subjects are minors) shall result in disciplinary action. This includes sharing or forwarding content you received from others. Any obscene image stored on any device (cell phone, laptop, tablet, home computer, etc.) or in the cloud, and the participating party is under 18, you could be charged with a serious offense by the State of Iowa (Code of Iowa Chapter 728). Obscene, inappropriate, or pornographic materials viewed, stored, or shared through a district owned device shall result in consequences.

Accidents

Each accident that takes place in the building or school grounds, or any school-sponsored event must be reported immediately to the person in charge and to the main office.

In-School Suspension

When students are assigned In-School Suspension(ISS) they are expected to be there from **7:55-3:30** – students will serve the entire day in addition to the after-school detention time. This includes students with late arrival, early dismissal, or off-campus classes. Students will be expected to meet the expectations of the ISS room including completing work, following directions, and completing expected reflection forms.

DRESS CODE

Students are expected to dress appropriately for school as stated in the Sioux City Community School District Student/Parent Handbook.

1. Any style of dress, article of clothing, hairstyle, make-up, or other body adornment, which substantially or materially interferes with or disrupts the maintenance of a learning atmosphere, specifically including that which is obscene, vulgar or is suggestive of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, sexual activity, or promotes any other conduct prohibited by the Student Code.
2. Any article of clothing, jewelry or other accessory that is a hazard to safety, including chains and spikes.
3. Any hat or cap, unless necessary for a specific class or activity, and then only during that class or activity.
4. Gang related apparel, hairstyles, jewelry, monikers, trademarks, symbols or any other item which school officials determine applies affiliation or empathy with any group or gang which advocates violence, bigotry, hate, drug use, or other criminal or disruptive behavior.

To clarify the district handbook, North HS defines the following (this list is not inclusive of all descriptions):

1. Sweatbands, bandanas, dew rags or any other head coverings are not permitted unless used with a religious affiliation
2. Tank tops, belly shirts, spaghetti strap clothing, or muscle shirts are not permitted (shirts must cover the shoulders and there is to be no bare midriff)
3. Bedroom attire and slippers are not permitted
4. Clothing that shows cleavage or midriffs is not permitted
5. Holes or slits in clothing mid-thigh or above is not permitted
6. Sagging pants – pants should be worn at the natural waist line without underwear or undershorts showing

NORTH HIGH COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

All students at North High are assigned a counselor whom they will be working with towards graduation. Each year their counselors will schedule individual and group conferences with students, to assist them in making better decisions and understanding themselves and their educational and career opportunities.

Students are asked to schedule appointments by registering with the Counseling Secretary before school, after school, or during a lunch period. A hall pass will then be issued or sent to the student prior to the appointment.

The Counseling Department provides students with the latest information about post-secondary education, financial aid, and career planning. A testing program is provided to assist students in gaining self-understanding. In addition, school counselors are trained to provide assistance with students' personal-social concerns. No concern is too small. The counselor when necessary arranges conferences with parents, teachers and students. Parents are encouraged to contact the counseling secretary to schedule appointments (239-7000).

CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Students will not be able to change course schedules unless it is for one of the following reasons:

1. The student completed the course during summer school.

2. The student must repeat a failed course from a previous year.
3. There is an error on the student's schedule (schedule conflict or clerical error)
4. The student is adding a course in place of a study hall or open period

Students must take five (5) academic courses that count toward GPA to be considered a full-time student. This includes courses taken for post-secondary credit and AP on-line courses. Students may drop a course during the **first** 10 days of the semester without receiving an F. After the first 10 days of the semester, students are not able to drop a course. Students may add a class the first 10 days of the semester.

Clean Campus

There are many students in attendance and guests who visit the school, it is important to keep the hallways, grounds, and classrooms litter free. In order to keep the building and grounds presentable the help of **all** students and staff is crucial.

Care of School Property

Students are responsible for damage or loss to any school property, which may have been loaned to them. Laptops, science equipment, musical instruments, athletic equipment, books, lockers, and shop equipment are only a few of the many items that the school furnishes. Students who damage school property will be responsible for damage and replacement.

Lockers

Students will be assigned a locker, which may have to be shared with another person. Lockers have combinations locks, which are registered in the Main Office. **Once a student is assigned a locker, he/she cannot move lockers without administrative approval.**

The best method of theft prevention is to be conscious of the possibility of theft occurring and strive to eliminate these opportunities. Each student and staff member has a responsibility in the area of theft prevention; however, the school cannot be responsible for items that are lost or stolen.

Students must furnish their own padlocks for physical education lockers. The Supreme Court has authorized the inspection of lockers by school authorities.

North High School Auditorium Expectations

1. Enter the auditorium quietly and orderly.
 1. Soft voices and in a steady, walking pace
 2. Fill in seats from the bottom-center
2. Food and Drink should be disposed of prior to entering the Auditorium.
3. Sit in the designated seating area with your classroom teacher.
4. You may talk quietly until the program starts.
5. When Speaker goes to the microphone:
 1. Finish talking, never boo, whistle, yell or make discouraging remarks
 2. Silence your cell phone and keep it put away during the performance or speech
 3. Try to wait to use the restroom and if necessary exit quietly and without interruption
6. Applaud by clapping only. Calling out and cheers are not "auditorium appropriate"
7. After the program is finished, wait in your seat till dismissed.
8. Take all trash, programs, and personal belongings with you.

North High School Performance Expectations in the Auditorium

- All cellphones must be silenced and not used during the performance or speeches.
- Students/parents should avoid entering or leaving the auditorium during a performance. Please wait in hallway until the piece has been completed.
- Conversations should stop prior to the start of the performance as this may disrupt the performers on stage as well as the experience of other guests.

- The auditorium is used as a performance area for artistic performances and respectful ceremonies and meetings. Actions by all guests should be appropriate for these occasions
- Food and Drinks must be disposed of prior to entering the auditorium. This is not a movie experience or a sporting event

Remember your actions reflect on everyone at North High School

Hallway Courtesy

1. All students need to keep hallways open to traffic by walking to the right. If standing in the hallway, students should move to the side to allow others to freely move around.
2. Hallways must be quiet and passing students must be considerate of others in the halls and those inside classrooms engaged in learning and conversations.
3. Personal space must be respected. The school district has a "hands off" policy, which is in effect throughout the building and on school grounds.
4. Taking pride in the school is vital. This can be done by reporting anyone abusing, destroying, writing graffiti, or vandalizing our school. The appearance of the school is a direct reflection on everyone in it. Please report any such acts or findings of vandalism immediately.
5. Hazing, Bullying and Teasing are harassment and are not tolerated at North High School. If someone is bothering you please inform a staff member, counselor, an Assistant Principal or the Principal so we can help solve the problem. Please keep us informed so we can help. Charges may be filed through the School Resource Officer.
6. Fighting is not tolerated at North High School and will result in disciplinary action according to code, which may result in both students taken to Juvenile Detention and/or citations issued. Fighting is defined as mutual physical contact (battery) between two persons where no weapons or dangerous objects are used. Students are expected to respond to conflict in non-violent ways. Students are expected to ask school staff for help in resolving conflict before it becomes violent.

Driving Regulations

Students driving cars to school should practice common sense and safe, responsible driving practices. The chances of a serious accident are extremely high around a senior high school. Our situation is complicated by the close proximity of North Middle School and the walking to and from school of NMS students. Please drive safely so that we may avoid a serious accident. Reckless driving and exceeding the speed limit are two driving violations that cannot be tolerated. There must not be any unnecessary driving in the parking lots.

The Board of Education has established a policy that students are not permitted to leave the campus during the lunch periods. In order for students to leave during lunch they must have written permission from the Principal's office. This applies to the driving of a car off school grounds, as well as being a passenger.

Driving around in the parking lot during the lunch period is also prohibited.

Student drivers are restricted to the South parking lot. One stall per car is provided and one stall per vehicle is all that should be used. **The School Board policy permits a Principal to order the removal of improperly parked vehicles at the owner's expense. The Principal may also ban violator's vehicles from the campus.**

Students that ride bikes to school should park in the special area on the north lower drive and are encouraged to secure their bikes.

If everyone will park in the proper place, traffic congestion can be alleviated. Remember, there is no parking on the roadway or grassy areas in any parking lots during the day/night and any yellow-curbed area. Please observe these regulations. They are intended to provide free access in and out of the lot and to allow bus traffic to flow easily. **Students who are improperly parked may have their vehicles ticketed or towed at their expense.** Signs are posted that advise students where to park.

Parent drop off or pick up for students is in front (south) of North High. There should be no cars in the bus loading zones on the lower drive of the building. Cars parked in the fire lanes, no parking zones, sidewalks, or the grass, which is not a designated parking space **will be towed at the owner's expense** at anytime during the day or evening during activities.

Vehicles parked on school property are subject to search by the principal or the principal's designee if the principal or his/her designee has reasonable cause.

LUNCH PROCEDURES AND EXPECTATIONS

Closed Campus Lunch: The Sioux City Community School District has a **Closed Campus Policy**. Students are not allowed to leave campus for lunch (see School Board Policy 505.14). Students may purchase a lunch or bring a lunch from home.

Eating Area: Students are to eat lunches in the Commons area of the East Building. All students must report to the Commons area during their assigned lunch period. This includes students that do not plan to eat lunch.

Types and Price of Lunch: There are two types of meals prepared and available for purchase: The regular meal, consists of sandwiches, pizza, Mexican, and Italian food. Also, there are ala carte snack items and drinks available for purchase. The regular lunch, the combo lunch and the snack items are priced individually. Prices are set by the Board of Education.

Meal Accounts: Students may place money in their account to pay for daily lunches. Money should be deposited before school, during breakfast in the kitchen, or online. If there are circumstances that prevent students from depositing money before school, they may deposit as they go through the lunch line during serving times. Students who qualify for free or reduced price lunch will follow these same guidelines. **Checks are not accepted for cash.** Checks will be accepted for deposit only. No change will be given at any time. Separate checks should be written for lunch tickets and for school fees.

PaySchools MyLunchMoney: This system can be accessed on the district web site at <http://www.siouxcityschools.org/>. When you use PaySchools payment gateway, you will be able to associate the students in your family with your online profile, check their lunch account balances, purchase breakfasts, lunches, or add money to the cash account for your students through PaySchools. You may also request that low balance e-mails be sent to you when your students' balances fall below the level you choose.

The North High School commons and lunch line will be a safe and clean environment where people interact with courtesy and respect.

1. Students are encouraged to leave backpacks in their lockers during lunch. Backpacks will not be allowed in the lunch line.
2. Outside commercial food is not allowed or to be brought to students for lunch. If a commercial food is provided, it will be confiscated and refrigerated for after school pick up. Upon the second offense it will be disposed of in the trash.
3. Students will line up starting at the double doors and will extend along the south display case in the commons. Students are not to cut in line or allow other students to cut line in front of other students.
4. Faculty members, guests, and other adults may go to the head of any lunch line as a courtesy.
5. Students without their ID badge will report to the end of the line and visit with an administrator to proceed through line without an ID. Students may not use another student's ID to enter the lunch line.
6. Stealing food or using another person's number will not be tolerated. Administrative action will be taken.
7. Students will use quiet voices when talking. (No yelling or whistling)
8. Students will keep hands, feet, and other objects to themselves.

9. Students will stay seated and remain seated until the bell rings.
10. Students are expected to throw away all trash from their eating area in the trash cans provided. Students are not to throw food or trash in the lunch area.
11. Students are to place their tray in the dishwashing window at the north end of the commons.
12. Students are expected to clean up any "spill" or accident from their eating area.
13. Students are expected to follow directions from all staff members.
14. Students will treat others with dignity and respect.
15. Students are expected to follow all the district and school expectations.
16. Students are not to be in the West Building or hallways of the East Building during lunch unless they have a pass from a staff member.
17. Students are not to leave the commons/cafeteria until dismissed by a lunch supervisor or administrator.

ACTIVITIES and ATHLETICS

ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES GOAL

The faculty, staff and coaches of North High School believe participation in activities or athletic competition enhances a student's opportunity for academic success. Our goal at NHS is to provide a comprehensive program of inter-scholastic competition and academic activity-based clubs/organizations that promote and compliments academic excellence, personal accountability, and individual/team goal setting.

Athletic admission (subject to change)

Varsity Sports:	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Students</u>
	\$5.00	\$3.00
Non-varsity Athletics:	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Students</u>
	\$3.00	\$2.00

Yearly Athletic Pass

Available for purchase in the Activity Office: Yearly passes - individual and family.

Athletic Programs

FALL SPORTS

Cheerleading:	Junior Varsity and Varsity
Cross Country:	Junior Varsity and Varsity
Football:	9 th Grade, Junior Varsity, Varsity
Golf:	Men's Junior Varsity and Varsity
Volleyball:	9 th Grade, Junior Varsity, Varsity
Swimming:	Women's 9 th Grade, Junior Varsity, Varsity (City-Wide Team)

WINTER SPORTS

Basketball:	9 th Grade, Junior Varsity, Varsity
Bowling:	Junior Varsity and Varsity
Cheerleading:	Junior Varsity and Varsity
Wrestling:	9 th Grade, Junior Varsity, Varsity
Swimming:	Men's 9 th Grade, Junior Varsity, Varsity (City-Wide Team)

SPRING SPORTS

Track:	9 th Grade, Junior Varsity, Varsity
Tennis:	9 th Grade, Junior Varsity, Varsity
Soccer:	Junior Varsity, Varsity
Golf:	Women's Junior Varsity and Varsity

SUMMER SPORTS

Baseball: 9th Grade, Junior Varsity and Varsity
Softball: Junior Varsity and Varsity

North High School is a member of the Missouri River Athletic Conference (MRAC). The following schools are members of this conference:

Bishop Heelan Catholic HS
Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln HS
Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson HS
Sgt. Bluff HS
Sioux City East HS
Sioux City North HS
Sioux City West HS

Schedules are available on the MRAC website (see link on North HS webpage)

Eligibility

North High School shall follow district policy directing student eligibility as defined by the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa High School Girl's Athletic Union.

Activities/Programs at North High

Advisory	AP Courses	Best Buds
Ambassadors	Choirs	Dance
Bands		
Debate	Drama/Play Production	Earth Club
Gay Straight Alliance	Mentors in Violence Prevention	Multi-Cultural Group
National Honor Society	Orchestra	Quiz Bowl
Speech		Student Council
	STEM Club	Velocity
Yearbook	Youth Leadership Team	

School Dances

The Student Council and other activity groups sponsor dances during the school year. It is important to remember that a dance sponsored by a school group is a school activity; therefore, the rules that apply to other school activities also apply to the dances.

Dance Expectations

Students will be expected to dance in an appropriate manner at school sponsored dances. This means no obscene dancing such as "dirty dancing", "grinding", "twerking", or "freaking" will be accepted. The following guidelines will be used:

Individual Violations:

1st violation – student will receive a warning

2nd violation – student will sit for 5 minutes

3rd violation – student will leave the dance (no refunds)

Group Violations:

1st violation – all students will receive a warning

2nd violation – lights will come on and stay on until the end of dance and an additional warning

3rd violation – the dance will be dismissed early (no refunds)

* **You will be required to show your ID badge at ALL school dances (pay-at-the-door dance or advanced sale tickets).** Have it ready when you come to the door. If you lose your ID, get a temporary one in the main office before coming to the dance.

* Our school dances are for North High students only. If you wish to bring a date from another school for Homecoming or Prom, you may do so by completing the guest registration form with all signatures. Administration has the right to refuse entrance to anyone.

* Enjoy the dance as long as you like, but if you do choose to leave the building you **will not** be readmitted that evening.

* Students must maintain minimum expected attendance (90% or higher), be passing all courses, and have fewer than 6 tardies to attend dances

* A breathalyzer is used at school dances.

General Drill Instructions

FIRE DRILL PROCEDURE:

1. In case of fire notify a teacher, the Principal's Office, or a custodian as quickly as possible.
2. The signal for a fire drill is a constant alarm.
3. If you are in the halls when the signal is given, join the nearest line of pupils, exit the building with them and return with them.
4. Students will rise immediately after signal, leaving books and supplies at their desks. Room door should be closed after last pupil leaves.
5. Students will walk quickly and quietly, but with no crowding, in double file unless directed otherwise by the teacher. Fire regulations require no talking either inside or outside of the building.
6. The first student to reach a doorway should hold the door open until the last pupil in the line has left the building. The same people should hold the door open for the students' re-entry.
7. Everyone must leave the building during the fire drill.
8. Any person who is apprehended in creating a false fire alarm (by tripping the alarm) or who creates a false or real bomb threat will be arrested and charged.
9. State Law requires monthly Fire Drills throughout the school year.
10. If the signal is given before or after school, at lunchtime or during an assembly, follow the instructions that were given to you by your homeroom teacher.

TORNADO DRILL PROCEDURE:

1. Students will rise immediately after signal, leave books, etc., at their desks and follow their teacher. Room door should be closed after the departure of the last student. The teacher should precede and lead the students to the shelter area. There is no reason to hurry.
2. The signal for a tornado drill is an intercom announcement.
3. If a person is in an area other than his/her assigned room, join the nearest line of students and go to the assigned area for that group. The student must report to the teacher upon reaching the safe area.
4. Students will walk orderly and quietly. There is to be no talking until the alert ends. This rule is designed to enhance needed communications due to unforeseen blocking of halls. As you enter the evacuation area, go, as far into the room as possible so those who follow will find room.
5. After the alert, students shall return to their room via the same route.
6. All teachers must know the proper route.
7. Each room has a "FIRE DRILL AND TORNADO DRILL" direction card. Be certain that this card is properly posted in your room.
8. State Law requires two (2) Tornado Drills each semester.
9. If the signal is given before or after school, at lunchtime or during an assembly, follow the instructions that were given to you by your homeroom teacher.

All students should be familiar with the following warnings:

Evacuation

In the event that North High is evacuated, the students will walk to the designated area. Please give us the opportunity to account for all students and staff before any students are allowed to leave the evacuation area.