



Off-limit Areas

Students are not permitted in teacher offices, unoccupied classrooms, workrooms, staff restrooms, and performance spaces unless accompanied by a staff member. Students must remain in their assigned hall except in those rare instances when they have a class scheduled in another hall. Students must report to one of three designated areas before 7:05 a.m. Students are not permitted to wander the building in the morning. Students may not remain on campus after 2:15 p.m. unless under the direct supervision of a teacher at all times. Students who fail to comply with these rules are subject to disciplinary action.

Report Cards/Progress Reports

Report cards will be issued to students four times per year. Progress reports will be issued at the mid-quarter four times per year.

School Closing

When school must be canceled due to severe weather or emergencies, announcements will be made on local radio and TV stations. CMS Connect-Ed message system will send a phone message giving you school closing information. Please do not call the school.

Student Services (Guidance)

The primary mission of our student services department is to ensure that students receive systematic career guidance and the necessary support that will allow them to be connected to the post-secondary experiences they and their families envision for them. That guidance and support will be available through services such as testing, peer-counseling, crisis intervention, consultative counseling, and referral to community agencies. If you need to see your school counselor, you must get a pass with an appointed time from her before or after school; not during school hours.

Tardies

Students arriving tardy are required to sign-in at the Main Office. Failure to report to class before the tardy bell is not acceptable behavior. Students who fail to comply with these rules are subject to disciplinary action.



Telephone Use

The telephones located in the offices and teacher offices are for business purposes and are not to be used by students except in emergencies. For security purposes, students may never use a phone on campus unless accompanied by an adult staff member. All cell phones and iPods are to be turned off by 7:15 a.m. daily.

Testing Information

Our school follows the North Carolina State-Testing program for the course subject areas, English, Math, Social Studies and Sciences. Students will be given the End-of-Course test in these subject areas.

Tutorial Program

North Mecklenburg High School offers after-school tutorial help available through individual academic departments. After each academic quarter, formal help will be available after school for students in danger of failing academic classes. See your school counselor and teachers for more information.

Visitors

Visitors and parents are always welcome at North Mecklenburg High School. All visitors are to report to the main office and obtain a visitor's pass or school volunteer pass in accordance with school board policy. Tours for prospective students and their parents may be arranged through our Guidance Office.

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PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION AND EXPECTATIONS

North Mecklenburg High School

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Exceeding The Standard



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Preparing Our Students
for Greatness!



The staff at North Mecklenburg High School welcomes you to the 2010-2011 school year.

As we start this year, please pay careful attention to consistent attendance in all of your classes. The school system has greatly reduced the number of days a student can miss school and still receive credit for classes.

This guide is intended to acquaint you with the policies and procedures at North Mecklenburg High School. Please read each section carefully and share the information with your parents. Your understanding of and your adherence to these regulations is critical to your individual achievement and the success of the entire school.

DISTRICT BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

Student Rights, Responsibilities,

& Character Education Handbook

On the first day of school, each student receives a copy of the CMS Student Rights, Responsibilities, and Character Education Handbook. Teachers explain the contents of this handbook and answer student questions at the beginning of the school year. Assemblies are also held during which administrators point out highlights of the regulations.

The purpose of the handbook is to establish a code of conduct for all students. Rules and expectations are clearly outlined along with the consequences for violations of those rules. In particular, students and parents should note that the Superintendent has ***Zero Tolerance for weapons, assaults, alcohol, and illegal substances.***

NMHS staff is committed to following explicitly the procedures outlined in the handbook. You and your parents should read it carefully, sign the appropriate form, and return that form to your homeroom teacher. Please keep the handbook where you can find it periodically to refresh you and your parents' familiarity with it.

Absences

Each student is expected to attend school each day. In the event of an absence, a student must bring a note signed by a parent or guardian stating the reason for the absence, the date of the absence, and any other pertinent information. This note will be presented to the attendance secretary when the student returns to school. If a note is not presented, the absence is considered to be unexcused. A note will not be accepted if it is presented more than five days after the student returns to school. A student who is absent more than half a day is considered absent for the entire day. Parents/guardians will be notified of student absences via the CMS Connect-Ed phone messaging system each day. Students who have long term absences due to an illness need to contact their counselor to make arrangement to get missed assignments from their teachers.

Dress

Students at North Mecklenburg High School are expected to continue a tradition of appropriate dress for school and school-related events. Students generally conduct themselves in a manner similar to the way they dress and groom. Students are required to wear shirts at all times. Students are expected to wear shoes at all times for health and safety reasons. Ladies and gentlemen are **not** permitted to wear hats or caps inside the building. Styles which bare students' stomachs and see-through blouses are not to be worn. Tank tops straps must be at least three fingertips in width. Skirts and shorts must not be any shorter than students' fingertips. Students' pants must be worn above the waist and shirts that are past students' fingertips must be tucked in for safety reasons. Pajama tops, bottoms or slippers are not permitted. Extreme styles of clothing and grooming may be detrimental to the maintenance of discipline and morale in the school. Any type of dress or grooming which is disruptive will not be permitted.

Early Dismissal

A student is counted absent if he/she leaves before 10:45 a.m. or arrives after 11:30 a.m. If you must leave before 2:10 P.M. for a medical/dental appointment or some other valid reason, please follow this procedure: Students needing to leave school early must bring a note from a parent/guardian stating the student's name, time leaving, a daytime phone number for verification and reason for leaving. The student will take the note to the attendance secretary **BEFORE** 1st block to get an early dismissal slip. The student will show his/her teacher the slip upon entering class and when leaving. When parent/guardian comes to pick up the student at school, he/she must sign the student out in the Main Office.

Hall Passes

Students are expected to remain in class during the entire period. When it is necessary for a student to go to the restroom, office or the health room, the teacher must give them a hall pass that is colored by grade level. The hall pass is to be clipped on the outside of the student's shirt. The pass is valid for no more than 5 minutes. Hall passes are limited to three times per class per semester. In emergency situations teachers may also call for an escort to accompany a student during a class period.

Lockers

Students who are interested in a locker may fill out a Locker Request form and return it to the Main Office. All non-authorized locks will be removed at the end of each school day. Students are required to keep their lockers clean, neat, and locked at all times. Friends are not to share lockers without authorization from the staff member in charge of lockers. Students must have a parent authorization form and the *Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook* form signed by their parent.

Lost and Found

The Main Office is the area designated for lost and found articles. Anyone who finds a lost or misplaced article should take it to the Main Office as soon as possible. Students looking for lost possessions should check in the Main Office before school, after school, during lunch or during class change. Students are not permitted to go during class time. If found articles are not claimed by the end of each quarter, items are donated.

Money at School

In order to protect themselves from theft, students are advised to take the following precautions: Do not carry large amounts of cash or valuables on campus and do not keep expensive valuables in gym lockers. Clothing, coats, or shoes should not be left in the open in locker and dressing rooms. Do not leave purses, yearbooks, calculators, or other valuables unattended at any time, even if a classroom is under supervision. Report any thefts immediately. Protect your class-