Northridge Middle/High School

(6-12)

2025-2026

STUDENT HANDBOOK

2011 Timber Lane
Dayton, Ohio
45414
937-275-7469
www.northridgeschools.org

Core Values

Honest, Consistent, and Appropriate Communication

We will be real with people and free of deception. We will be open, honest, and direct with others. We will communicate with empathy, compassion, and in a respectful manner. We will communicate appropriately, keep confidential information private, and avoid gossip. We will speak and receive the truth with love.

Education as our Calling

We will passionately engage each other and students with a positive, joyful, and contagious demeanor. We will do whatever it takes for every staff member, every child, every day.

Always Improving

We will strive continuously to innovate and improve as individuals, teams, buildings, and a district. We will seek training in best practices (high yield strategies) and put forth the necessary effort (planning, implementing, reflecting, improving) to successfully utilize best practices for the benefit of all students and staff. We will listen and learn from the success of others, adopt, and implement what really works for our students.

District is Family

We will love and care about each other. We will have fun together, laugh together, cry together, stand together, strive together, and succeed together.

Student Success

We believe all students can achieve at high levels. Our district team and collaborative partners understand student achievement and growth for all students is the foundational purpose of our combined efforts.

Understand and Meet Legitimate Needs

We will enthusiastically ask how we can help others. "*How can I help you*?" will become part of our vocabulary. We will identify opportunities to help others and provide the solution or resource to meet their legitimate needs. We will remove obstacles while offering patience, kindness, humility, respectfulness, selflessness, forgiveness, honesty, and commitment.

Personal Responsibility and Behavioral Integrity

We will have high expectations and high accountability for everyone. We will follow-up and follow-through on our duties and commitments. We will prepare and plan for success. Only when we align our words of intentions with our daily actions do we become trustworthy. Walk the talk. 100% effort/0% excuses.

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Middle and High School Administrative Staff

Aaron Drakeford	**Building Administrator (6-12)**
Nick Long	**Student Success Administrator (6-8)**
Marcey Robinson	**Student Success Administrator (9-12)**
Josh Roeth	**Student Success Administrator (Career Navigator)**
Linda Brumley	**6-12 Middle/High School Secretary**
Travis Jackson	**Behavior Interventionist**
AJ Johnson	**Behavior Interventionist**
Karen Cigrang	**Special Education Supervisor**
Trish Engle	**Counselor 8-12**
Heather Allison	**Counselor 8-12**
Anita Lucas	**Counselor 6-7**
Jerry Gates	**Athletic Director**
Shane Allison	**School Nurse**
Jeff Lisath	**Director of Operations**
Nick Davis	**Attendance Coordinator**

E-mail addresses of all employees are:
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Northridge Middle/High School is located in Harrison Township at 2011 Timber Lane, Dayton, Ohio. The Northridge Local School District is the heart of the community. Northridge is a place where each student will learn to be a successful and productive citizen.

Learning is a personal responsibility that must be developed and forged through rigorous instruction and high expectations. The learning process is an ever improving mindset that all stakeholders must commit to in order for learning to occur. These high standards are accomplished through a partnership between parents, school, and community working together.

Accreditation and Affiliation

The Northridge School District is under the jurisdiction of the Montgomery County Educational Service Center. NMS and NHS are chartered by the Ohio Department of Education and are affiliated with the Montgomery County Career Technology Center, which offers technical/vocational and Tech Prep programs.

Equal Opportunity

Educational programs and activities of NHS and employment opportunities with the Northridge Local School District are available to all qualified persons without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, age or handicap in full compliance with all applicable federal and state statutes and regulations, including: Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, and Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4112.

Publications

Dividends is the publication of the Northridge Local School District. It highlights district-wide information, news from each school in the district, and student/staff achievements as well as posted on the district's website and facebook page.

MS: Schedule			
Period	Start	End	Length
1st	7:35 AM	8:23 AM	48 Minutes
2nd	8:27 AM	9:12 AM	45 Minutes
3rd	9:16 AM	10:01 AM	45 Minutes
Polar Pride	10:05 AM	10:35 AM	30 Minutes
Lunch B	10:39 AM	11:09 AM	30 Minutes
4th	11:13 AM	11:58 AM	45 Minutes
5th	12:02 PM	12:47 PM	45 Minutes
6th	12:51 PM	1:36 PM	45 Minutes
7th	1:40 PM	2:25 PM	45 Minutes
Cell Phone	2:25 PM	2:30 PM	5 Minutes

HS: Schedule

Period	Start	End	Length
1st	7:35 AM	8:23 AM	48 Minutes
2nd	8:27 AM	9:12 AM	45 Minutes
3rd	9:16 AM	10:01 AM	45 Minutes
4th A Lunch	10:05 AM	10:35 AM	30 Minutes
Polar PrideA	10:39 AM	11:09 AM	30 Minutes
4th A Class	11:13 AM	11:58 AM	45 Minutes
Polar Pride C	10:05 AM	10:35 AM	30 Minutes
4th Class	10:39 AM	11:24 AM	45 Minutes
4th C Lunch	11:28 AM	11:58 AM	30 Minutes
5th	12:02 PM	12:47 PM	45 Minutes
6th	12:51 PM	1:36 PM	45 Minutes
7th	1:40 PM	2:25 PM	45 Minutes
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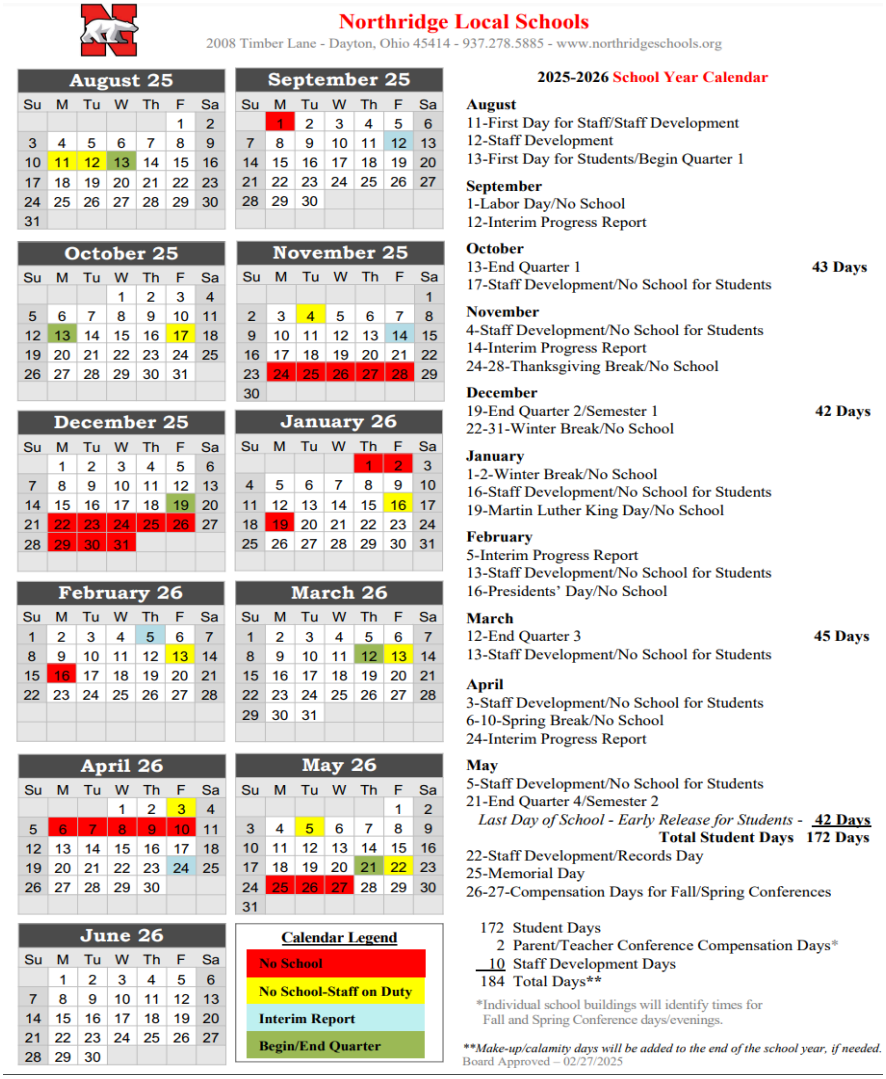

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Calendar Legend

- No School
- No School-Staff on Duty
- Interim Report
- Begin/End Quarter

2025-2026 School Year Calendar

August
11-First Day for Staff/Staff Development
12-Staff Development
13-First Day for Students/Begin Quarter 1

September
1-Labor Day/No School
12-Interim Progress Report

October
13-End Quarter 1 — **43 Days**
17-Staff Development/No School for Students

November
4-Staff Development/No School for Students
14-Interim Progress Report
24-28-Thanksgiving Break/No School

December
19-End Quarter 2/Semester 1 — **42 Days**
22-31-Winter Break/No School

January
1-2-Winter Break/No School
16-Staff Development/No School for Students
19-Martin Luther King Day/No School

February
5-Interim Progress Report
13-Staff Development/No School for Students
16-Presidents' Day/No School

March
12-End Quarter 3 — **45 Days**
13-Staff Development/No School for Students

April
3-Staff Development/No School for Students
6-10-Spring Break/No School
24-Interim Progress Report

May
5-Staff Development/No School for Students
21-End Quarter 4/Semester 2
Last Day of School - Early Release for Students - **42 Days**
Total Student Days 172 Days
22-Staff Development/Records Day
25-Memorial Day
26-27-Compensation Days for Fall/Spring Conferences

172 Student Days
2 Parent/Teacher Conference Compensation Days*
10 Staff Development Days
184 Total Days**

*Individual school buildings will identify times for Fall and Spring Conference days/evenings.

***Make-up/calamity days will be added to the end of the school year, if needed.*
Board Approved – 02/27/2025

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Date	Time	Day
September 18, 2025	3pm-6pm	Thursday
November 13, 2025	3pm-6pm	Thursday
February 12, 2026	3pm-6pm	Thursday
May 7, 2026	3pm-6pm	Thursday

***Dates and times may be subject to change based on extra curricular activities, weather, etc.**

Open House Date and Time
August 11, 2025 4:00-6:00 PM

Attendance (5200 - ATTENDANCE)

School Attendance Policy
It is important for every student in Ohio to attend school every day. Missing too much school has long-term negative effects on students, such as lower achievement and graduation rates.

In Ohio, children are required to attend school from age six to eighteen. While it is the school's duty to enforce the compulsory attendance law, responsibility for the compliance of the law resides with the parents, guardians, or other person having control/custody of the child. (Section 3321.01 of Ohio Revised Code)
Students not of compulsory school age shall adhere to the policies set forth by Northridge Local School District.

In 2017, Ohio made major reforms to school attendance policy known as H.B. 410. Under H.B. 410 schools must form a truancy intervention team that includes the parent/guardian to determine why students are missing school and to put interventions in place to improve attendance. After the truancy intervention plan is in place, the district is required to file a truancy complaint in juvenile court against the parent(s)/guardians and the student if the student's attendance does not improve in 60 days. Absence Intervention Plans will generally remain in effect for one full school year after issuance.

Student Absences and Excuses
Daily attendance by all students is extremely important. However, it is noted that student absences may be unavoidable at times throughout the school year. Every child of compulsory school age in Ohio must attend school unless excused by statutory exemption (Sections 3321.03, 3321.04, 3301.07 of the Ohio Revised Code).

Northridge Board of Education considers the following factors to be reasonable, legitimate excuses for the time missed at school:

- Personal illness or illness in the family
- Recovery from an accident
- Quarantine of the home
- Required court attendance
- Death in the family
- Observation or celebration of a bona fide religious holiday.
- A student who is enrolled and is currently attending another public or non public school in Ohio or another state. (a signed withdrawal form or a records request for the student must be on file)
- A bodily or mental condition which does not permit attendance at school or a special education program as certified in writing by a licensed physician or in the case of a mental condition by a licensed physician, a licensed psychologist, a licensed school psychologist or a certified school psychologist.
- Visits to post-secondary educational institutions (i.e.Colleges, Trade Schools, etc) 2 excused absences for Jrs. and Srs.
- Emergency or other circumstances, which in the judgment of the administration constitutes a good and sufficient cause.

State of Ohio Attendance Policy Requirements
Northridge Local Schools Absence Policy

Notification of Absence
It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to contact the school for any absence or tardy. Also, parents or guardians must provide written documentation for time missed. Northridge Local Schools will allow 10 occurrences (consecutive days, tardies and/or early dismissals) at the parent/guardian discretion provided the reason for absence is considered legitimate under Northridge Local Schools policy. Additional occurrences must be accompanied by a medical note or will be considered unexcused.

Absences
Each student who is absent from school must immediately, upon return to school, make arrangements with individual teachers to make up missed work. Students who are absent from school for reasons not permitted by Ohio law, may not be permitted to make up the missed work. Students may receive consequences related to unexcused absence hours. Unexcused absences exceeding 72 hours in a school year may result in additional consequences at administrator discretion.

Tardiness and Early Dismissal
Tardies will be excused for the same reasons allowable for excused absences. Parents are requested to call their student's school before the start of the school day if their child will be tardy to school that day. Students who are late to school, with the exception of a late school bus, must sign in at the office before going to their lockers or to class. Unexcused reasons for tardiness may include but are not limited to:

- **Oversleeping**
- **Missing the bus**
- **Not leaving early enough**
- **Transportation problems**
- **Shopping**
- **Hunting or fishing**
- **Hair or nail appointments**
- **Gainful employment**
- **Birthdays or other celebrations, etc.**

Early dismissal will be excused for the same reasons allowable for excused absences. You are encouraged to schedule appointments with your doctor or dentist other than during school hours. However, when emergency demands, the appointment should be made as early or as late in the school day as possible. To obtain an early dismissal slip, bring a written note signed by your parent or guardian requesting permission to leave and stating the reason for the early dismissal. A parent or guardian must come into the attendance office and sign the student out. In extreme circumstances, students may be excused by phone with administrator approval.

Tardy expectation/Consequences

Tardies per Quarter	Response	Athletics/Extra Curricular
5 Tardies	1 Hour Thursday School w/ Admin	Will miss one quarter of the next contest.
10 Tardies	4 Hour Saturday School	Will miss ½ of the next contest.
15+ Tardies	Required meeting w/ Guardian,Admin,Attendance	1 Game, Homecoming, Prom, Field Trips
	Tardies will reset every quarter	

Extracurriculars and Attendance

Students must be present no less than a half day to be eligible to participate in or attend any school sponsored event(s) for that day. Examples include:

- Athletics
- Extra-curricular activities
- School clubs
- Field trips
- School dances, etc.

However, students who have unavoidable medical appointments, court hearings/proceedings, etc that cause more than a half day absence shall be considered an authorized occurrence with legitimate documentation. If no documentation is provided the student must attend at least 50% of the school day or will be ineligible to participate in the event for that day unless approved by an administrator.

Family Vacations/Trips

A Family Vacation Request form is due to the attendance office a minimum of two weeks prior to the date of departure for each student who will be missing instructional time. Students and parents are encouraged to schedule trips and vacations during non-school days. However, up to five days are permissible per school year provided each of the following criteria are met:

- The student is not on an active Absence Intervention Plan.
- The student has not accumulated 30 consecutive hours unexcused, 42 hours unexcused in a month, or 72 hours unexcused in a school year.
- The student has less than 20 tardies.
- The student has not more than 5 days of out of school suspension.
- The student is passing at least 5 classes at the time of request.

- The vacation does not fall during an active testing window.

College/Career Training

College / Career Training visits will be excused and will not count against attendance if the student meets the eligibility criteria below and is verified upon return with a letter from the college or career training center visited. The College / Career Training Visit Request Form must be turned in two weeks prior to the visit. The attendance officer or designee will answer any questions concerning this matter.

Eligibility Criteria

- The student has not accumulated 72 hours unexcused in a school year.
- The visit does not fall during an active testing window.
- The student is passing at least 5 classes at the time of request.
- Maximum Number of Visits:
- Juniors – 3 during the 2nd semester.
- Seniors – 5 for the entire school year.
- Extenuating circumstances may be taken into consideration.

Enrollment Records

To enroll a student and prior to attending NLS, the parent(s)/guardian(s) must provide the following required documents:

- Proof of residency (two proofs dated within last 30 days)
- Completion of the enrollment application and required forms
- An official birth certificate
- The most current court documents establishing custody
- Signature to request official copy of all records from previous school
- Immunization records
- Social Security card (optional)

Guidance

Academic Expectations

Each student is expected to:

- Come to every class and be an active participant in the learning process, be on time, and have all materials required to learn (computer, writing utensils, notebook, text, completed homework)
- Know and be able to explain what the learning targets/teacher expectations for that assignment
- Be attentive and alert during class and maintain daily notes/notebook that accurately reflect the date and the learning activities that took place during class
- Accept and respond to teacher direction/instructions in a positive manner
- Complete all class assignments and homework independent from other students unless otherwise directed by the teacher
- Use class time allotted by the teacher for its assigned purpose
- Review lecture notes, lab journals, reading assignments, and other assignments in each class on a daily basis

- Seek help from the teacher when the concept presented and/or an assignment given is not understood

College Credit Plus

Ohio law permits qualified students in grades 7-12 to attend a local college/university. Students need to see their counselor during the first semester to start the process for the following year. Students who do not meet the placement guidelines will be denied participation. Students who meet the guidelines and who pass the placement exams may enroll in College Credit Plus. A mandatory meeting will be scheduled in February for interested students and parents.

Credit Flexibility

Ohio Senate Bill 311 allows alternate pathways for those students who are eligible to receive high school credit through the use of Credit Flexibility Plans (CFP).

Final/Semester Exams

Exams will be administered at the conclusion of each semester for students taking high school credit classes. Exams will be worth 20% of the grade for the semester. A schedule will be provided to students prior to administering the tests.

Foreign Exchange Students

Foreign exchange students may enroll at NHS.

Grade Cards

Grade cards are distributed quarterly. High school credit is awarded for successfully completing all course requirements. The semester grade is recorded on student transcripts. If a student is permitted to withdraw from a class after the end of one grading period, a "W/F" will be recorded on the transcript and computed into the student's grade point average as a failure.

Grading System

Grades for students will be determined by the classroom teacher and will be based upon the student's grade at the end of the semester.
Students earning a 3.30 GPA or higher will be placed on the Honor Roll.

Grading Scale	Regular	Honors
A = 100 - 90	4.0	5.0
B = 89 - 80	3.0	4.0
C = 79 - 70	2.0	3.0
D = 69 - 60	1.0	2.0
F = 59 - 0	0.0	0.0

Grade point averages (GPAs) are figured from semester grades. The total points earned are divided by the total credits attempted on a 4.0 scale. A "Pass" grade is not figured into the grade point average. Semester grades

(grades 9-12) will be based on the following criteria: Each quarter grade is 40%, and the final exam is worth 20%.
NOTE: To earn credit in a class, a student must achieve a passing grade in 2 out of the 3 components (grading periods/exam) attempted in the semester.

Class Rank
Semester grade point averages (on the NHS grade scale) are used to determine class rank. After eight semesters, the valedictorian is the highest-ranking student(s) in the graduating class. The salutatorian is the next highest-ranking student(s) in the class. Eligibility to be valedictorian or salutatorian requires a student to be enrolled at Northridge High for a minimum of four consecutive semesters.

Class Rank (grades 9-12) is determined by computing the average of all classes taken at NHS. Students with the same GPA will be assigned the same numerical rank. All students who meet graduation requirements will be included in the final rankings. Class rank if printed will just be a snapshot in time and not final.

Incomplete grades may be given in the event of a situation that may arise in which students will not be able to complete their work for the term. Students will have an assigned period of time to complete the work. If the assignments are completed during this period, those grades will be averaged for a course grade. If a student fails to complete their work, the grade for the term will be computed from only the assignments turned in.

Graduation Requirements

The graduation requirements of Northridge High School shall be a minimum of twenty-one (21) credits:

English	4 credits
Math	4 credits (1 Algebra 2)
Social Studies	3 credits (1 Am Hist,1 Government/Econ,1 W Studies)
Science	3 credits (1 physical science,1 biological science)
Health	½ credit
PE Required	½ credit (¼ credit each for 2 semesters)
Electives	6 credits

Total Credits = 21 Credits
Earning an Ohio High School Diploma - State Testing

Class of 2020 AND BEYOND

Graduation Seals:
Students must earn two Graduation Seals: A combination of one state seal and one local seal or two state seals.
Local Seals:
Community Service Seal
Student Engagement Seal

Fine Arts Seal

State Seals:
Military Seal
Honors Diploma Seal
Ohio Means Jobs Seal
Science Seal
Citizenship Seal
Technology Seal
College Ready Seal

Military Enlistment Seal Provide evidence that a student has enlisted in a branch of the U.S. Armed Forces; or Participate in an approved JROTC program.

Technology Seal A student can:
1. Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on an appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam;
2. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a "B" or higher in an appropriate class taken through the College Credit Plus program; or
3. Complete a course offered through the district or school that meets guidelines developed by the Department. (A district or school is not required to offer a course that meets those guidelines.)

Industry-Recognized Credential Seal
Earn a 12-point approved industry-recognized credential or group of credentials totaling 12 points in a single career field.

Citizenship Seal A student can:
1. Earn a score of proficient or higher on both the American history and American government end-of course exams;
2. Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams; or
3. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a "B" or higher in appropriate classes taken through the College Credit Plus program.

OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal
Meet the requirements and criteria established for the readiness seal, including demonstration of work-readiness and professional competencies.

College-Ready Seal
Earn remediation-free scores on the ACT or SAT. Visit the Department's website to see current remediation-free scores. Science Seal A student can:
1. Earn a score of proficient or higher on the biology end-of-course exam;
2. Earn a score that is at least equivalent to proficient on appropriate Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams; or
3. Earn a final course grade that is equivalent to a "B" or higher in an appropriate class taken through the College Credit Plus program.

Honors Diploma Seal Earn one of six Honors Diplomas outlined below:
1. Academic Honors Diploma;
2. International Baccalaureate Honors Diploma;
3. Career-Tech Honors Diploma;
4. STEM Honors Diploma;
5. Arts Honors Diploma;
6. Social Science and Civic Engagement Honors Diploma. Locally Defined Diploma Seals**

Community Service Seal (locally defined)
Complete a community service project aligned with the guidelines adopted by the school district's local board of education or school governing authority.

Requirements:
Students must complete and document 40 hours of community Service

Student Engagement Seal (locally defined)
Participate in extracurricular activities such as athletics, clubs or student government to a meaningful extent, as determined by guidelines adopted by the school district's local board of education or school governing authority.

Requirements:
Participate in clubs, groups, extracurriculars or sports for a minimum of three units (units is defined by a completed season, school year of activity, etc.).
--Signed off by advisor/coach/teacher annually
--Students who are ineligible due to discipline or academic issues cannot count that season/year towards this seal as determined by administration.

Performing Arts Seal (locally defined)
Demonstrate skill in the fine or performing arts according to an evaluation aligned with guidelines adopted by the school district's local board of education or school governing authority.

Requirements:
Students will complete a minimum of two (2) credits in ANY of the Fine & Performing subject areas: These areas include Music or Visual Art.

Graduation Threshold Tests and Scores:
Students must score a 684 or higher on the ELA II exam AND a 684 on the Algebra I exam to be eligible to graduate.
or
Competency Alternatives Ohio law established three alternatives to demonstrating competency on state tests. Prior to being eligible to demonstrate competency in alternative ways, students first must retake the test and receive remedial support.

The three alternative ways to demonstrate competency for the subject area not passed are as follows:

1. College Credit Plus – Earn college credit in a non-remedial math or English course (for the subject area not passed) to demonstrate competency.

2. Career Experience and Technical Skill – Complete two demonstrations to show competency, at least one of which must be a foundational option. Foundational: a. Earn a score of proficient or higher on three or more WebXams in a single career pathway; b. Earn a 12-point approved industry-recognized credential or group of credentials totaling 12 points in a single career field; c. Complete a pre-apprenticeship in the student's chosen career field or, for students ages 18 and older, show evidence of acceptance into an apprenticeship program after high school.

Supporting:
a. Complete a 250-hour work-based learning experience with evidence of positive evaluations;
b. Earn the workforce readiness score on WorkKeys; or
c. Earn the OhioMeansJobs-Readiness Seal.

3. Military Readiness – Competency can be achieved by meeting the requirements to enlist in the military, which can be demonstrated by a contract with the military to enlist upon graduation (see the Military Enlistment Seal guidelines in this document for more information about enlistment).

4. Industry recognized credential and score on workforce readiness test- Earn an industry-recognized credential or a group of credentials totaling 12 points and earn the required score on the WorkKeys test. Ohio pays for

you to take the test one time. Some districts offer the Senior Only program through which you can earn credentials in one school year.

5. College and Career readiness tests- Earn remediation-free scores* in math and English language arts on the ACT or SAT. Your district chooses either the ACT or SAT. You will take a one-time statewide spring test in grade 11 for free.

Miami Valley Career Technology Center
MVCTC offers Northridge High School students skills training in over forty vocational programs. Students attend MVCTC during their junior and senior years, spending approximately half the day in the laboratory and half in academic courses. Graduation is from Northridge High School with a Vocational Certificate received from the MVCTC. Applications may be made after January 1 of your sophomore year. For more information, see the Guidance Counselor.

Northridge Schools will provide transportation to MVCTC. All rules and regulations for bus transportation apply. Students enrolled at the MVCTC may participate in extracurricular activities.

Progress Reports
Progress reports are mailed to parents/guardians near the midpoint of each quarter. If parents wish to have more frequent information, they can contact the counseling office or classroom teacher.

Senior Pictures
Seniors who select Schwabe's Studios will have their pictures automatically included in the yearbook. Only seniors photographed by Schwabe's will be included in the class composite provided by Schwabe's and receive a copy at graduation. Any questions should be directed to the yearbook advisor.

Schedule Changes
Courses chosen during the scheduling process in the spring are considered to be final selections. No requests to change teachers or advance requests for teachers will be considered without an administrator/parent/teacher conference. Schedule changes might be necessary due to: 1) computer error, 2) failure, or 3) administrator, counselor/teacher, and parent agreements. All schedules will be final at the end of the tenth day of school.

Changes In Student Enrollment Information
All changes in enrollment information must be reported to the guidance office immediately. This includes but is not limited to: name, address, phone, health status, emergency contacts, guardianship, custody or other court orders.

The PreACT test is designed for sophomores. The components of this test are similar to the ACT. It is administered at the Northridge Local Schools.
The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is offered. This College Board test is primarily designed for juniors to prepare them for the college admissions test and potentially to qualify them for the National Merit Scholarship program.

SAT and ACT - Registration for the college admission tests (ACT/SAT) is available online. Testing centers are located throughout the area. Test results can be accessed on the student's online account.
All juniors are required by the state to take the ACT. This test will be administered at NHS during the academic school day.

Health and Wellness Clinic
The clinic is under the control of the school secretaries when the school nurse and assistant are not present. A student who becomes ill during the school day may request a pass from his/her teacher to see the secretary or the school nurse. The secretaries will make necessary arrangements for the care of the student. No student is to go home without first checking with the office staff. Students who are ill are not allowed to use the classroom phone to call home. All phone calls for illness should originate from the office.

Communicable Diseases
Emphasis on perfect attendance at times encourages students to be in school while in the contiguous stages of communicable diseases. However, the following conditions may require students to be excluded from school:

- Skin eruptions or rashes
- Purulent conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Lice
- Hepatitis
- Mumps
- Pertussis
- Chickenpox
- Streptococcal pharyngitis (strep throat)
- Scabies
- Tuberculosis
- Vomiting or fever above 100° F
- Covid-19 or other Public Health incidents

Immunizations
State of Ohio law requires all students who attend school to have the following vaccines documented and on record with the school:

- Three oral polio vaccines
- Four DPT (diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus vaccines)
- One rubella (10 day measles), one rubella (3 day measles), and one mumps vaccine
- Second dose of MMR prior to the 7th grade

Immunizations 2025-2026 State of Ohio law requires all students who attend school to have the following vaccines documented and on record with the school:

- DPT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) - 4 vaccines (a 5th may be required if the 4th dose before the 4th birthday)
- POLIO - 3 vaccines (a 4th dose may be required if the 3rd dose before the 4th birthday)
- MMR - 2 doses

- Hepatitis B - 3 doses
- Varicella - 7th Grade - 2 doses required; 8th-11th Grades - 1 dose
- Tdap - 7th - 12th grades - 1 dose
- Meningococcal/MCV4 - 7th-8th grades - 1 dose; 12th grade - 2 doses (only 1 dose required if given after 16th birthday)

Injuries/Accidents (see also Clinic)
Any known medical conditions and histories need to be reported to the building principal. Students are to report any injuries or accidents while at school. Students should report to the clinic for medical attention. The school nurse is "on call" and will provide first aid. By law, students are required to have an emergency medical authorization form on file in the main office. This authorizes school officials to provide a medical squad for medical attention.

Medication
No student is permitted to carry or administer his/her own medication, whether prescribed or over-the-counter. All medication should be administered to students at home if at all possible. All medications must be brought to the Attendance Office, or disciplinary action will be taken. It should be in the original container and clearly labeled by the physician or pharmacist. It is the responsibility of the student to come to the office at the time the medication is to be dispensed. Administering medication at school or school activities will be in accordance with the following procedures:

- School staff members appointed by the building administrator will supervise, secure, store, and dispense medication. A prescribed drug must be in the original container.
- The approved "Permission Form for Prescribed Medication" is available in the attendance office and must contain current instructions for dispensing medication and be completed and signed by the parent and the prescribing physician.
- The person designated by the principal must receive and retain the form, which complies with O.R.C. 3313.713.
- No person authorized to administer a prescribed or over-the-counter drug from the "Permission Form for Prescribed Medication" will be liable in civil damages for administering or failing to administer the drug, unless she/he acted in a manner that would constitute "gross negligence or wanton or reckless misconduct."
- No person employed by the Northridge Local Board of Education is required to administer a drug to a student except pursuant to requirements established under this policy. The Board of Education shall not require an employee to administer a drug to a student if the employee objects on the basis of religious convictions to administering the drug. (O.R.C. 3313.713, 3313.712, 2305.23, 2305.231)

Lunch/Breakfast
Polar Bear Cafe: The friendly place for delicious and nutritious food.

The mission of the Polar Bear Cafe is to prepare appetizing school meals and promote healthy eating choices to Northridge students and staff, fueling them to learn today and teaching them to make positive food choices for lifelong wellness.

Northridge participates in the National School Lunch Program Community Eligibility Provision. One qualifying breakfast and lunch is available to each student present every school day at NO Charge. Federal nutrition standards for school meals model the myPlate recommendations: make half your plate fruits and vegetables. Each qualifying meal must meet the federal standards or the ala carte price will be charged for each item.

Breakfast is available 10 minutes before the start of school in the Polar Bear Cafe by the main entrance. A breakfast includes the entree, fruit, juice, and milk. Choose at least 3 of the 4 components for a qualifying breakfast at NO CHARGE. A second breakfast may be purchased for $1.25.

The Polar Value Meal (lunch) includes milk, an entree, and up to 1 cup of fruit and 1 cup of vegetable. At least ½ cup of fruit/vegetable and two other components must be selected to qualify as a Polar Value Meal at NO CHARGE. A second lunch may be purchased for $2.25.

If selected items do not meet the requirements for a qualifying meal, then ala carte prices apply. Polar Bear Cafe staff are happy to assist guests in choosing a qualifying meal.

Ala carte prices for meal items:

- Milk 0.50
- ½ cup servings of fruit* or vegetable sides 0.75
  *includes juice. Limit of 1 juice per qualifying meal, a second may be purchased
- Lunch Entrée 1.75
- Small Breakfast Entree $0.75
- Large Breakfast Entree $1.50
  *Various drinks and snack items are also available for ala carte purchase.

Pre-pay for extra purchases using one of the procedures below:
- Credit Card: Go to www.PolarBearCafe.org. Then click the “PaySchools Central" tab. Follow the instructions to set up an account. A convenience fee is applied to each transaction.
- Cash or check accepted at the cashier stand during meal service
- Charging is not allowed.

Breakfast and lunch menus are available online at www.PolarBearCafe.org as well as information on downloading the WebMenus app for smartphones.

Special Diet Needs:
If your child has a life-threatening allergy, food intolerance,
for a disability that impacts their diet, please have the "Special Dietary Needs" form completed by the student's physician or qualified healthcare provider and return it to school as early as possible. Accommodations to your child's breakfast and/or lunch menu can only be made after receipt of the completed forms in the food service office. Forms are available at the main office or you may download them from our food service website. A link to the Special Diet section is located at www.PolarBearCafe.org . If your student's dietary restriction is no longer needed, documentation is required. Please send a note or email detailing the restriction to be lifted to the food service office. Email may be sent to: jhunter@northridgeschools.org.
This institution is an equal opportunity provider. All students are to eat in the cafeteria. Students are not permitted to eat in the lobby, hallways, or classrooms. Students are not permitted to bring in or have food from outside vendors brought to them during regular school hours.

**Exception: Approved event by administration to host activity involving food in the classroom or other location at lunch time or a designated time during the day.

School Policies and Procedures

Bus Transportation (5610.04) - SUSPENSION OF BUS RIDING/TRANSPORTATION) PRIVILEGES
Students are provided bus transportation to the NHS. Questions regarding transportation need to be directed to the Transportation Supervisor through the Board of Education office (937-274-4748). Specific rules are established to protect the safety of all passengers. Students may be denied transportation privileges if guidelines are violated. The responsibilities for students riding a bus are:

1. Students are to arrive in an orderly manner at the designated stop. While waiting to load, all passengers should stand quietly in line. Noise must be kept to a minimum. Heads and arms are not allowed out of the bus windows. Sit and talk quietly.
2. Seats may be assigned or a plan for being seated will be explained by the bus driver/bus aide.
3. Students are to remain in their seats until the bus comes to a full stop at the designated drop points. No moving from seat to seat, pushing, throwing articles, or harassing others while on the bus.
4. Aisles and exits must remain clear of possessions. Only items that can be held in laps or placed under the seat are permitted. No animals or pets are permitted on the bus. No hazardous objects are permitted on the bus.
5. When a bus is stopped at any railroad track, all passengers must be silent until the crossing is completed.
6. Students are to observe the student code of conduct and obey the driver promptly and respectfully. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action by school officials.

Violating bus regulations may result in counseling with the student or parents, detention, school suspension/expulsion, or losing the privilege to ride the bus.

Cell Phones/ Headphones / Earbuds (5136 - Personal Communication Devices)

****All 6th - 8th graders will be required to place phone in a locked box during Polar Pride and remain there during the day** All phones will be unlocked and returned before dismissal.***

****9th-12th grade students who violate cell phone policy three times will be required to lock phones in locked boxes for a 2 week period. Phones will be unlocked and returned before dismissal.***

Cell phone usage should never be offensive, vulgar, or disruptive to the school environment, nor should they be out or used during class time unless given permission by the teacher. School personnel may temporarily confiscate these devices if these guidelines are not followed. HEADPHONES/EARBUDS should not be worn in the hallways or classroom during school hours. This is a safety concern and will be addressed. Repeated violations of this policy will result in consequences.

(6-8) Cell phone Policy

Cell phones will be required to be placed in a lock box in the morning when students arrive. The phone will be put in the locked cart and they will remain there during the school day. All phones will be unlocked and returned to students during 7th period before dismissal.

Students who refuse to give their phone up, for the first incident, the student will be taken out of class and a parent will be contacted by the Behavior Interventionist. The parent/guardian will be informed that the student's phone will need to be taken for the day and kept in the office.

After the first incident of the student refusing to give the phone up a parent will be contacted by the Behavior Interventionist. The parent/guardian will be informed that the student's phone will need to be taken for the day and kept in the office until the parent/guardian comes to pick it up. The student will be assigned an appropriate consequence. The teacher and administrator will log the incident in Abre.

(9-12) Cell phone Policy

Cell phones are a major part of our children's lives that provide us a lot of benefits. We, as a school, recognize this and want to provide the opportunity for you and your child to enjoy these benefits without interfering in the educational process. Therefore, we have created a policy where your child can bring his/her phone to school to be able to use before, at lunch, during transitions, and after school only.

Cell phone use will not be permitted during instructional/classroom time. All cell phones will be off or appropriately silenced and out of view for all instructional/classroom time.

The teacher will give a verbal warning for the student to put the phone away, if the student puts it away no further action is needed.

If a student does not put the phone away then the teacher will give the student a teacher assigned consequence, communicate with the parent/guardian, and document in Abre.

Student continues to have the phone out. The teacher will temporarily confiscate the phone . If the student complies the teacher will keep the phone and give it back at the end of the class period or day. (teacher discretion)

If the student refuses, then the teacher will notify the (Behavior Interventionist) who will come to get the phone or the student. If the student gives the phone to the Behavior Interventionist he/she will follow a similar process of what was stated above and the student stays in class.
If the student refuses to give the phone up, for the first incident, the student will be taken out of class and a parent will be contacted by the Behavior Interventionist. The parent/guardian will be informed that the student's phone will need to be taken for the day and kept in the office.
After the first incident of the student refusing to give the phone up then the student will be assigned In School Suspension. The teacher and administrator will log the incident in Abre.
9th-12th grade students who violate cell phone policy three times will be required to lock phones in lock box for a 2 week period. Phones will be unlocked and returned before dismissal.
Note: Each student is responsible for his/her own cell phone and Northridge Local Schools takes no responsibility for stolen, lost, or damaged cell phones.*

Earbuds/Headphones
No headphone/Earbuds out in the classroom and hallway. Earbuds/Headphones are permitted ONLY during assigned lunch times and when in the cafeteria.
Teachers will follow the same process as the phone policy above with earbuds and headphones.

Cheating
Any form of cheating, including misrepresentation, is subject to discipline according to the Student Code of Conduct.

Computer/Acceptable Use Policy for Network/Internet
Access to the Northridge Local School District's computer network and Internet is a privilege, not a right. Use of district technology resources should be for Educational Purposes Only. All users must follow established guidelines as stated in the district's Acceptable Use Policy.
Students will receive a copy of the Acceptable Use Policy and Agreement form at the start of each school year. Students and their parents/guardians must review the policy and return a signed agreement form in order to have access to technology based educational resources. Signing the form indicates that the student and parent/guardian have read and understand the expectations of the Northridge Local School District in relation to technology use. The policy will also be posted on the district website. With the exception of testing purposes, students without a signed agreement form will not have access to district technology resources.

One to One Chromebooks
Students will be assigned a single Chromebook for the school year. The Chromebook will have a barcode that is scanned to each student's ID number. This process will hold each student accountable for the Chromebook assigned to their ID number. The Chromebook will be used during the school day and is not to be taken home or used by anyone else. If the Chromebook is lost or damaged the student will be financially responsible for the replacement/repair of the Chromebook.

Driving/Parking At School (5515 - USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES)

Driving to school is a privilege. Do not abuse it, or it will be revoked!
Students who drive must use the parking lot located in front lot by Timber Lane in front of door #1 in designated student parking only

- Students are not permitted to visit the parking area during the school day unless they have permission.
- Cars should be locked upon arrival at school. Students are to leave cars immediately upon arrival and go into the school.
- Cars are not to be used during the day, except with permission from the administration.
- All cars should be parked properly in the parking lot. Do not block driving lanes or park perpendicular in multiple spaces.
- The school is not responsible for any damage, theft or vandalism.
- All cars must be registered with the main office and have proper permit
- Students must display their parking permit in the car at all times.

*AS PER BOARD POLICY STUDENT PARTICIPATION MAY BE DENIED IF ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET. (SEE ATTENDANCE POLICY)

Fees
The Northridge Board of Education approves fees for courses and athletic participation. The fees are based upon the quoted cost of materials and instructional supplies. Any student with outstanding financial obligations will have his/her report card and records withheld. All checks should be made payable to Northridge Local Schools. Financial obligations may include but are not limited to: replacement of assigned books or materials, school fees, library fines, athletic equipment or uniforms; band/choir fees, uniforms, and supplies; assigned sales campaign materials; theater scripts or costume rentals; and loaned equipment or supplies.

Fire and Disaster Drills
Fire and disaster drills are conducted in accordance with state law. Evacuation plans are posted in each room. Students should become familiar with the plan and drill procedures. Students are expected to be orderly, move in a safe/timely manner, and cooperate.

Inclement Weather
Emergency closings or delays are reported to Dayton area radio, social media, school website, and television stations as soon as possible. An automated phone call will also be made based on the phone number you have on file. Please be sure to submit updated information at the start of each school year ! In the event of a delay, students are not to arrive at school before the delayed starting time. Generally, no one is available to answer the school phone during closings or delays. Students and parents are encouraged to sign up for text message/email alerts from local television and radio stations.

Lockers
Lockers are school property and may be opened and/or inspected by school personnel at any time.
Do not leave money or valuables in your school locker. Students are responsible for the contents and condition of the locker and security of the locker combination assigned. Northridge Local Schools does not assume responsibility for items in lockers. Any personal property brought on school property is subject to search. Lockers are provided for athletics and physical education. Students are expected to bring their own locks and to keep their personal valuables locked in a locker during physical education.

Money
Students should not bring large amounts of money or other valuables to school. Lockers offer only limited security.

Pictures
Underclassmen pictures are scheduled in the fall of the year. Each student is to have his/her picture taken for school records and the yearbook. For students interested in purchasing pictures, the photographer provides a variety of packaged offerings, which must be prepaid.

School-Related Trips
All Northridge High School rules and policies are in effect during all school-related trips.

Signs, Posters, and Decorations
Any postings are to be approved by a Northridge Local Schools administrator. Spirit, school-related, or commercial signs/advertisements will only be approved with regard to appropriateness and timeliness. Signs are to be posted when dry, leave no residue, and must be securely fastened. Signs are to be taped to concrete blocks only. No signs are to be posted to any brick, window, ceilings, or wood surfaces. Signs on lockers must be taped with masking tape only. On the day following the event, the person/group responsible for posting the signs is to remove all signs and tape and dispose of them in the proper trash containers.

Statements/Comments
All verbal or written statements and comments made by students publicly or privately are taken seriously by the staff and administration of Northridge Local Schools , especially those that “incite panic.” If warranted, charges may be filed with the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Department in accordance with state law.

Video Surveillance
Students may be under video surveillance while on the grounds or in the vehicles of the Northridge Local Schools. Such surveillance is designed to insure the safety and control of students.

Video Recording in Educational Settings

Video recording is done occasionally within classrooms to aid in improving instructional techniques. If parents do not wish for their child's recording or photo to be used for educational or promotional purposes, please notify the administration in writing.

Visitors
All visitors must register in the attendance office. Student visitors are not permitted to attend NHS under ordinary circumstances. Requests must be made in advance to the building principal. No visitors are permitted to ride Northridge Schools buses.

Withdrawal From School
Students withdrawing from Northridge Local Schools must sign a withdrawal form. All obligations must be met and fees paid prior to any records being released by NHS to another school. Withdrawals from school are not finalized until approved by the Superintendent. Withdrawal forms must include new home phone number, new home address and new school district of attendance.

Work Permits
Work permit applications are available in the main office. Upon completion of the required forms and presentation of a valid birth certificate, a work permit may be issued. Work permits require a minimum of 48 hours processing to be ready for pickup.

*AS PER BOARD POLICY STUDENT PARTICIPATION MAY BE DENIED IF ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET (SEE ATTENDANCE POLICY)

Student Activities
Many extra and co-curricular activities are available to students.

Athletics

Football	Golf	Volleyball	Tennis	Cross Country
Basketball	Wrestling	Baseball	Softball	Track
Bowling				

Extracurricular Activities

Band	Pep Band	Gaming Club
Quiz Team	Cheerleading	Pep Club
Class Officer	Drama Club	National Honor Society
FEA	Key Club	Foreign Language Clubs
Muse Machine	Marching Band	Color Guard
Yearbook Staff	Student Government	Student Ambassador
Science Club	Polarettes	Synchrony Mentoring
Greenthumb Club	STEM Club	National Jr. Honor Society
Chess Club	Ridge Riders Club	Poetry Club

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Athletic/Extracurricular Code of Conduct

Activities are a valuable part of a student's education. However, due to their nature, they are privileges that carry additional responsibilities. Students are representing Northridge Local School and their community and are to act accordingly.

All school rules are in effect at all practices and group activities and at any time, either on or off school property, when group activities are happening. Violation of these rules will result in the enforcement of the school policy and may result in a loss of the privilege of group membership. Any member under disciplinary suspension or attendance violations will not be eligible to participate in any manner during that suspension.

All students are encouraged to participate in many extracurricular activities. Academic eligibility requirements for participating in extra and co-curricular activities are set each year by the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
Please see our Athletic Director for the Athletic Code of Conduct.

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Notice of Non-Discrimination (TITLE IX NOTICE)

The Northridge Local Schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated as the district's Title IX Coordinator and will handle inquiries and concerns regarding this notice of nondiscrimination.

Jeff Lisath
jlisath@northridgheschools.org
2011 Timber Lane
Dayton, Ohio 45414
937-274-8545

Ohio High School Athletic Association

NHS is a member of the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA). This is the state governing body that establishes regulations and procedures for interscholastic athletics among member schools. The OHSAA has established guidelines regarding individual and team eligibility for competition.

Team and Individual Pictures

The Athletic Director schedules team pictures for each Northridge Local Schools sports team. Pictures are utilized for publicity, the yearbook, and the sports programs. For athletes interested in purchasing pictures, the photographer provides a variety of packaged offerings which must be prepaid.

Publications
The annual yearbook is The Polaris. Students are encouraged to participate in the design, writing, editing, and layout of these publications under the leadership of staff advisors (with final approval by the building principal).

Sales Projects
Only sales campaigns or money making activities authorized by the building principal may be conducted. Students are financially liable for items assigned/given to them for sales projects. Under no circumstances are commercial salespeople or organizations permitted to contact area businesses "in the name of Northridge Athletics," etc., for the purpose of providing items for sale or distribution by clubs/teams/groups/organizations. The name of Northridge High School and its entities (colors and/or mascot) are registered with the Ohio Secretary of State. Permission for their use must be granted by the Northridge Board of Education or its representative.

Three Rivers Conference
NLS is a member of the Three Rivers Conference for athletic competition. The TRC sponsors league competition and awards. Member schools are: Bethel, Covington, Lehman, Miami East, Milton Union, Riverside, and Troy Christian

Student Dance/Activity Rules
All school rules are in effect at all times, including guests accompanying NHS students to school-related activities. Any student who exits the building prior to the conclusion of an activity may not return. Students must purchase a ticket to enter the activity area for any reason. Students who attend school activities are expected to have been in attendance at school on the day of the activity and if not then no admittance unless approval from an administrator is obtained. Chaperones have the authority to supervise and enforce NHS rules. Parents and/or the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department will be contacted if a situation warrants attention.

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Teacher Aides/Office Aides
Students may be assigned to a teacher as a "teacher's aide" or to one of the offices as an "office aide." Aides are considered as students assigned to that teacher or staff person. Aides must be on time and have a written, signed pass whenever leaving the room. Aides are not to engage in any tasks involving student confidentiality nor have access to any teacher's records.

Telephone Calls
Per board policy students are permitted to use the school phone system to contact their parents and guardians with staff approval. Unless it is an emergency, students will not be excused from class to make phone calls. The school secretaries will take/give messages from parents/guardians to students at a convenient time.

Student Responsibility/Discipline/Consequences

The administration and staff of Northridge Local Schools expect exemplary behavior from students. Students are expected to conduct themselves in such a way that they respect and consider the rights of others. The students of the district must conform to school regulations and accept directions from authorized school personnel. School rules are designed to protect the educational process from disruption, to conduct school and activities in an orderly manner, and to ensure the safety and welfare of students and staff. All school rules are in effect any time students are on school property, riding school buses, or in attendance at a school-related activity away from Northridge Local Schools.

Disciplinary action, depending on the severity of the infraction, may be: a warning, detention, community service, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, and/or expulsion. It is the decision of the school administration, after weighing the circumstances, as to which measures are taken. A search may be conducted of possessions by school authorities upon reasonable suspicion. In some instances, the school may provide referrals to law enforcement authorities. An "emergency removal" of a student may be deemed necessary. All suspendable offenses as stated in O.R.C. 3313.66 are covered in this discipline policy. If a situation occurs that is not covered in this student handbook, Northridge Local Schools administrators will take appropriate action.

Student Expectations/Conduct

A student may forfeit his/her right to educational opportunities when his/her conduct is such that it disrupts the educational process, deprives others of their basic rights, or violates rules established for the maintenance of the educational environment.

- Behave in a manner as to not disrupt class or reflect negatively upon Northridge Local Schools
- Do not litter, and be responsible for general building cleanliness.
- No amorous activity or public display of affection
- Do not run, talk loudly, push, or block halls, stairs, or doors
- Book bags may be inspected upon request of an administrator
- Students sent out of class are to report immediately to the main office, failure to do so may result in further disciplinary action

NORTHRIDGE PBIS MATRIX
Middle/High School

	RESPECT	RESPONSIBILITY	EFFORT
Universal (All Settings)	I will… -Use kind and school-appropriate language -Follow adult instructions	I will… -Keep body to self -Take care of school property -Appropriately use devices during instructional and non-instructional times	I will… -Be a problem-solver -Clean up after myself
Classroom/ Learning Spaces	I will… -Listen attentively -Get permission before leaving	I will… -Raise my hand and wait to be called on -Have my materials ready	I will… -Be on time -Stay on task and participate
Common Areas (Library,Lockers, Parking Lot, etc)	I will… -Give others privacy -Use a conversational voice	I will… -Walk at all times (including on stairs)	I will… -Go directly to my destination with a purpose
Cafeteria	I will… -Use a conversational voice	I will… -Stay in my seat -Raise my hand if I need help	I will… -Wait my turn -Use table manners -Get my food and go directly to my seat
Restroom	I will… -Give others privacy -Take care of my business	I will… -Wash my hands -Take care of	I will… -Flush the toilet -Return directly back to class
Bus	I will… -Use a Level 1/conversational voice	I will… -Stay in my seat and out of the aisle -Keep track of my belongings	I will… -Wait in designated areas -Keep food and drinks in my bag
Events & Extracurricular	I will… -Represent the school with integrity	I will… -Manage myself according to the setting	I will… -Stay in designated areas -Practice sportsmanship

Student Code of Conduct (5500 - STUDENT CONDUCT)

This student conduct code is published in conformity with O.R.C. 3313.661. Students have a right to reasonable treatment from the school and its employees. The school, in turn, has a right to expect reasonable behavior from students. Freedom carries with it responsibilities for all concerned. The infractions of school discipline listed below are grouped into categories according to the seriousness of the offense. The listing has been drawn from the past records and from known situations. It is not intended to be exclusive or all-inclusive. All types of infractions may not be included so modifications will be made, if necessary, at the discretion of the administrative team. In all instances, discretion of interpretation is left to the administrative team to modify penalties suggested whenever extenuating circumstances seem to be present in order that justice may be tempered with mercy and understanding. Students are subject to school disciplinary action, up to and including suspension and expulsion, for all actions that affect the good order, efficiency, morale, management and welfare of the school. Primary emphasis will be directed to activities taking place on school premises; at any school activity, function, or event; during any school transportation (in a school vehicle or in any mode of transportation arranged by the school); and near school premises before, during or after any school-related activity. However, any student action or behavior that directly affects the school, regardless of place or time, will be subject to disciplinary actions.

Student consequences may consist of:

- Non-instructional Consequences
- Administrative Detention/Consequences
- In-School Suspension (I.S.S.)
- Out-of-School Suspension (O.S.S.)
- Expulsion
- Other consequences deemed appropriate

Student Rights (5780 - STUDENT/PARENT RIGHTS)
All students have certain rights as bestowed upon them by Ohio law and the Constitution of the United States. In exercising these rights, all students have the responsibility to refrain from the violation of the fundamental rights of others and to adhere to the rules and procedures of Northridge Local Schools. Students are protected by their "due process" right that allows them adequate and timely notice of the offense they are accused of, an opportunity to provide their information regarding the offense, a timely adjudication of the matter, and a right to appeal.

Search and Seizure (5771 - SEARCH AND SEIZURE)
A student shall not place, keep, or maintain any article or material in a school-owned locker and/or desk that is of a nature that shall cause or tend to cause a disruptive activity on any school property or at a school-sponsored function.
NOTE: Lockers are purchased, furnished, and maintained by the school district and remain the property of the school district.
A specific search of an individual locker will be made when there is a reason to suspect the possession of illegal materials or unauthorized possession of school or personal property. A record will be maintained by the school of all lockers searched, including the reason for the search and the findings.
Random inspection of student lockers by the administration will be conducted periodically.
If, in the opinion of a member of the school staff, there is strong evidence to support the belief that a student has in his/her possession any item that would constitute violation of the student code of conduct, an administrator of the same gender will conduct a search of the student to ascertain the validity of the belief.

Student Dress (Code 5511 - DRESS AND GROOMING)
School dress should not threaten the health, welfare and safety of the members of the student body and should enhance a positive image of the students and the district. Any form of dress or grooming that attracts undue attention, promoting or potentially promoting a disruption of the learning environment or violating the previous statement, is unacceptable.
Further:
In providing the safest possible environment for our students and staff, NO ONE is to wear any head apparel/coverings (Hoodies/Hats). Compliance is required in this expectation and any insubordinate behavior will not be tolerated.

1. Any clothing that is revealing is unacceptable regardless of the style, including short shorts, pants below the waistline, muscle shirts (wife beaters, bare midriff, crop tops, racerback shirts, pajamas, slippers, and other clothing deemed inappropriate. This also applies to sheer, lace or see-through garments. Slacks and

or pants should not contain slits or cuts which reveal skin in the upper thigh area. Excessive rips and tears are not acceptable.

2. Shirts and or dresses must cover the top of the shoulders. Shirts and or dresses with very small (spaghetti) straps or no straps are not permitted. There should be no large openings on the sides or backs of shirts. All undergarments must be covered. Shorts and skirts that are shorter than fingertip length will be deemed inappropriate for the school setting and students will be requested to change clothes.

3. Any decals, slogans, pictures or sayings on clothes that are obscene, sexually suggestive, disruptive, rude, vulgar advertisements or promote alcohol or alcoholic beverages, or tobacco, or promote illegal drugs or are overtly racially or sexually offensive or reference illegal or immoral behavior are not allowed.

In determining whether a student's dress is overtly racially or sexually offensive, school administrators shall apply the following criteria:

- The student's purpose in wearing the subject clothing
- The symbols or words on the clothing in the context of all other words, symbols or image on the clothing
- The actual reaction, not the perceived reaction, of other students to the clothing
- Whether the clothing materially interferes with the work of the school or impinges upon the rights of other students

Clothing that is designed to be worn outside is not to be worn inside the building. This includes sunglasses, hats, caps, bandanas, or other pieces of cloth worn as head coverings (e.g.., do-rags), coats, and other types of jackets regardless of being part of a coordinated outfit.
Personal attire/jewelry must not be potentially dangerous to other students (sharp, pointed, chains, etc.).

Tobacco/Vape/CBD Products (5512 - USE OF TOBACCO)
As of October 17, 2019 it is illegal to use, give, sell, or otherwise distribute cigarettes, other tobacco products, or alternative nicotine products like e-cigarette/vaping products to any person under the age of 21. (Cigarettes, Electronic smoking devices (vapes, e-cigs, tanks),Cigars,Pipe tobacco, Chewing tobacco,Snuff,Snus, Dissolvable nicotine products,Filters, rolling papers, pipes, blunts, or hemp wraps, Liquids used in electronic smoking devices (whether or not they contain nicotine), Vapor products (any component, part or additive that is intended for use in an electronic smoking device, a mechanical heating element, battery, or electronic circuit and is used to deliver the product), for full list see Ohio Revised Code 2927.02 The use of or possession of these products at school or school activities, even a first offense may result in a referral to the Montgomery County sheriff office..

Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying (5517 - ANTI-HARASSMENT)
Ohio and federal law define harassment and bullying as unwanted verbal, visual, or physical advances that may be implicit or explicit.This may include racial, ethnic, or sexual misbehaviors. **HARASSMENT AND BULLYING ARE IMPROPER AND ILLEGAL AND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED AT** Northridge Local Schools **OR AT ANY SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITY.** No employee of the school district shall encourage, condone, permit, or tolerate any of these behaviors. Any harassment/bullying must be reported immediately to a school employee. Failure to abide by this policy will result in disciplinary action (including suspension from school) and may incur liability for civil and criminal penalties in accordance with Ohio law. (Ohio Revised Code 3313.66)

Hazing (5516 - STUDENT HAZING)
It is the policy of the Northridge Schools that hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational process and shall be prohibited at all times. Hazing is defined as doing any act or coercing another, including the victim, to do any act, which causes mental (i.e. frightening, degrading, disgracing, embarrassing, etc.) or physical harm to any person. No student or employee shall encourage, plan, or engage in any hazing activities. Failure to abide by this policy will result in disciplinary action (including suspension from school) and may incur liability for civil and criminal penalties in accordance with Ohio law.

SECTION A (major)
PENALTY: for Infraction A Section
Students behaving in an illegal manner may be suspended from school for ten (10) school days and a letter recommending expulsion may be sent to the superintendent. The student is responsible for restitution of all damages incurred by the school. In addition, the school will refer the student to the proper legal authorities. Consequences for drug-related infractions that result in suspension or expulsion might be modified at the discretion of the principal at the time of enrollment in or completion of a drug intervention program.

Possession, Use, Transmission and/or Concealment of Narcotics, Alcoholic Beverages, and/or Drugs
The Northridge School District believes unlawful possession and/or use of alcohol and illicit drugs is wrong and harmful; therefore, students shall not possess, sell, use, transmit, be under the influence, or display any signs of the use of any narcotic drug, hallucinogenic drugs, amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, tranquilizers, prescription drug, non-prescription, inhalant or mood altering chemical of any kind or drug-related tool, paraphernalia, alcoholic beverages, or intoxicant of any kind on the school grounds during and immediately before or immediately after school hours and at any other time when the school is being used for any school activity, function or event.

Drug-Like Substances and Drug Paraphernalia
A student shall not possess, sell, use, transmit, be under the influence of, nor show any evidence of usage or any drug or drug-like substance or possess drug paraphernalia on the school grounds during and immediately before or after school hours and at any time when school is being used by any school group or off the school grounds at a school activity, function or event. This shall include, but not limit itself to caffeine pills, unknown powder or pills, marijuana-like substance(s), or other "counterfeit," facsimile, or look-alike type drug substances/prescription/non-prescription drug.

Assault
A student shall not cause or attempt to cause personal injury or behave in such a way as would cause physical injury to a student, teacher, administrator, school employee, or other persons or visitors not employed by the school.

Transmission, Concealment, Creation, Handling, and/or Use of Firearms
A student shall not possess, transmit or conceal any type of firearm or facsimile of a firearm.A violation of the firearms policy will result in an expulsion of the student for a period of one year.

Arson
A student shall not cause the willful and malicious burning of or attempt to bum any property of the Northridge Local Board of Education or property of any person that may be located upon the school grounds.

False Alarms/Bomb Threats
Students shall not cause a false fire alarm or cause a false warning of a fire or impending bombing or other catastrophe.

Violation of the Law
No student shall violate any law or ordinance when under the authority of school personnel.

Dangerous Weapons
A student shall not possess, handle, transmit or conceal any object which might be considered a dangerous weapon or instrument of violence--for example (but not limited to), knives, ice picks, night sticks, mace, brass knuckles, explosives (firecrackers)--while under the jurisdiction of the school.

Sexual Misconduct
No student shall intimidate or be a party to the intimidation of or create an environment for the intimidation of another student for the purpose of sexual interests, engage in any form of exhibitionism, or engage in any act of sexual misconduct during school or school-sponsored activities, on school grounds or bus, or in transit to or from school.

Threatening School Personnel or Other Students
A student shall not threaten or attempt to cause physical injury or behave in such a way as could cause physical injury to a teacher, administrator, school employee, or another student.

SECTION B (major)
PENALTY: for Infraction B Section
Violators may be counseled, assigned detention, assigned Tuesday school (Admin. 1)Thursday School (Admin.II), or assigned to ISS (In-School Studies), suspended from school or recommended for expulsion. The student is responsible for restitution of all damages incurred by the school. The proper authorities may be called at the discretion of the school administration.

Extortion
Students shall not shake down and/or use strong-arm tactics such as the act of extorting or borrowing or attempting to borrow money or things of value from a person in the school, on Board of Education owned vehicles, or in attendance at a Board of Education sponsored and supervised activity .Consequences for violating this policy may be detention, Tuesday/Thursday School, restitution, suspension, expulsion.

Vandalism/Destruction of Property
A student shall not misuse, damage or destroy school or private property either on school grounds or during a school activity, function, or school event off the school property. Consequences for violating this policy may be detention, Tuesday/Thursday School, restitution, suspension, expulsion.

Stealing
A student shall not take or acquire the property of others without the consent of the owner. Consequences for violating this policy may be detention, Tuesday/Thursday School, restitution, suspension, expulsion.

Tobacco/Vape/CBD Products
Tobacco law 21 of Ohio and Health professionals have determined the use of tobacco products are illegal for anyone under the age of 21 and they can be detrimental to one's health. Therefore, the Board prohibits the smoking, use or possession of tobacco in any form, including but not limited to Cigarettes, Electronic smoking devices (vapes, e-cigs, tanks),Cigars,Pipe tobacco, Chewing tobacco,Snuff,Snus, Dissolvable nicotine products,Filters, rolling papers, pipes, blunts, or hemp wraps, Liquids used in electronic smoking devices (whether or not they contain nicotine), Vapor products (any component, part or additive that is intended for use in an electronic smoking device, a mechanical heating element, battery, or electronic circuit and is used to deliver the product, by any student in the area under the control of the school district or at any activity supervised by any school within the district. The use of these products at the bus stop will be treated in the same manner as if they were in school. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration. The product will be confiscated, students may be sent home for the day, students will have to attend Prime for Life,In Depth, and or CATCH, classes provided by the school. Students also may be suspended, expelled,and referred to the local authorities.

Leaving School Grounds Without Proper Authorization
Upon boarding the school bus or upon arriving on the school grounds, the student is considered to be on school property and under the direction of school authorities. Students are not permitted to leave school property until the end of the school day unless they have an early dismissal approved by the administrator. Students are to remain within the specific boundaries of the high school building and the facilities specified for their use. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention,suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities.

Fighting
Disciplinary action will be taken if fighting occurs in or on school property, including Board of Education owned vehicles or while in attendance at any Board of Education sponsored activity. Multiple fights in one school year will result in progressive disciplinary action. Students who take aggressive actions during a fight will be suspended. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities.

Student Protest
A student shall not participate or encourage any other student to participate in any protest march, picketing, or similar activities which cause or result in the disruption of school. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities.

Hazing/Harassment
A student shall not attempt to embarrass by ridicule or coerce another, including the victim, to do an act that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm to any person or to chronically trouble or annoy any member of the student body, employee of the Board of Education or a visitor in the school. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities.

Disruption of School
A student shall not engage in such behaviors in the following locations: school building, on school grounds, on a school bus, at a school athletic event or school-sponsored event. (i.e., violence, physical assault, force, noise, coercion, verbal threats, intimidation, fear, passive resistance, trespassing, forgery, throwing of objects, any form of cheating, or any conduct that is potentially dangerous to oneself or others or that will cause the substantial and/or material disruption or obstruction of any lawful mission, process, or function of the school). Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities.

Misuse of School Equipment/Materials
A student shall not use the equipment, materials, or building of the Northridge Board of Education for any illegal or unauthorized purpose. . Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities.

Harassment/Intimidation
Ohio and federal law define harassment as unwanted verbal, visual, or physical advances that may be implicit or explicit. Harassment includes racial, ethnic, or sexual misbehavior. Harassment is improper and illegal and will not be tolerated at school or any school-related activity. No employee of the district shall encourage, condone, permit, or tolerate any harassment. Any harassment must be reported immediately to a school employee. Failure to abide by this policy may result in disciplinary action (including suspension from school) and may incur liability for civil and criminal penalties in accordance with Ohio law. . Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities.

Sexual Harassment

Sexual harassment is defined as unwanted sexual advances or unwanted visual, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature. Such offensive behavior includes but is not limited to the following:

- Unwanted sexual advances, including propositioning or repeatedly asking someone for a date after it is clear that the person is not interested. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities.
- Explicitly or implicitly offering benefits of any nature in exchange for sexual favors Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities.
- Making or threatening reprisals after a negative response to sexual advances Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities.
- Non-verbal conduct: leering, making sexual gestures, displaying sexually suggestive objects, pictures, cartoons, or posters Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities.

Verbal Conduct

Making or using derogatory comments, epithets, slurs, or jokes Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities.

Making sexually based remarks about another person's or one's own body or initiating unwanted physical contact Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities.

PDA (Public Display of Affection)

Public displays of affection (PDA) such as kissing, embracing, and other physical contact of this manner are in poor taste and do not have a place in school. Students should use discretion at all times in order to promote a good personal image. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities.

Repeated Violation

A student shall not repeatedly fail to comply with directions of teachers, student teachers, substitute teachers, teacher aides, bus drivers, principals, or other authorized school personnel during any period of time when the student is properly under the authority of school personnel. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities, and referral to an alternative school placement.

Truancy
Truancy is declared when a student is absent from school or any portion thereof without school authorization. Excuses from school must meet state and board of education conditions as outlined in the student handbook. Students being truant from school will be referred to the Montgomery County Attendance Services and assigned appropriate consequences. If truancy continues, the student may be referred to juvenile court. Excessive tardies will be considered for disciplinary action.

Deliberate Damage
This includes damage to books or school materials, improper care of books or school material, marking or defacing books, and marking or defacing other school property. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities, and referral to an alternative school placement.

Improper Dress
A student shall not dress or appear in a fashion deemed inappropriate because it (1) interferes with the student's safety, health and welfare or that of other students, (2) causes disruptions or directly interferes with the educational process, or (3) is contrary to the vocational requirements of a specific program. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities, and referral to an alternative school placement.

Distribution
Distributing pamphlets, leaflets, buttons, insignias, badges, etc. without written permission by the building principal. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, and referral to an alternative school placement.

Computer Acceptable Use Policy
Failure to abide by the Computer Acceptable Use Policy. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities, and referral to an alternative school placement.

Publicizing or Posting of Obscene, Pornographic or Libelous Material
Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities, and referral to an alternative school placement.

Aiding or Abetting
Knowingly aid or abet another who is violating school rules or engaging in passive resistance. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities, and referral to an alternative school placement.

Photography and Video/Audio Recording
In-school photography and recording must be approved by an administrator. Unauthorized recordings are subject to disciplinary actions. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities, and referral to an alternative school placement.

Suspension Violation
Attending school while suspended will result in an extension to the previously issued suspension.

SECTION C
PENALTY for Section C
Students will be assigned consequences that range from warnings, counseling, detention, Thursday School (Admin I), ISS (In-School Studies), suspension, or recommendation for expulsion from school. Electronic devices will be confiscated and returned at a later time, referred to the local authorities, and referred to an alternative school placement.

Insubordination/Disobedience
A student shall not repeatedly disregard or refuse to obey directions given by school personnel. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities, and referral to an alternative school placement.

Disrespect
Students shall not intimidate, insult, verbally abuse, or abuse in writing any member of the student body, employee of the Board of Education, or a visitor in the school. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities, and referral to an alternative school placement.

Tardy to Class
Any time a student comes to class after the bell has rung, the student is considered to be late unless he/she has an excuse pass (either from another teacher or from the office). Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, and referral to an alternative school placement.

Cutting Class
A student shall not cut any class for which he/she has been assigned. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, and referral to an alternative school placement.

Trespassing
A student shall not enter the school building, locker, or closed area without proper authorization. Students are not to be unsupervised on school grounds after 2:30. Students who loiter more than 30 minutes after the end of the school day will be subject to disciplinary action. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities, and referral to an alternative school placement.

Not on Task/No Materials
Students are expected to come to class with proper materials to do their assigned work.

Student Health
A student shall not attend school if suffering from a contagious or infectious disease or if physically unclean so as to be offensive to other students and school personnel.

Lying/Cheating/Dishonesty
No student shall supply false information or be dishonest in dealing with his or her teachers, administrators, or peers. Cheating on tests and other assignments will result in lowered grades as well as the possibility of more severe punishment. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, and referral to an alternative school placement.

Disruptive Behavior
No student shall cause a disruption or obstruction of any class or school-sponsored event. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities, removed from the event, and referral to an alternative school placement.

Profane Language/Obscene Gestures/Obscene Materials
No student shall make rude remarks to others or use language that is considered to be profane. Obscene gestures shall not be made. No form of material that may be considered obscene or pornographic is to be brought to school. Consequences for violating this policy will be the following determined by the administration; detention, suspension, expulsion, referred to the local authorities, and referral to an alternative school placement.

Consequences
Non-instructional time (Consequences) Staff members or administrators may assign detention (Consequences). Students are given at least a 24-hour notice of the length, date and time when the detention is to be served. Students are to arrange their own transportation. Students are to work on academic material while in detention. Failure to serve detention/consequences will result in further disciplinary action.

Tuesday School (Admin. Consequence 1) **30-60 minutes of after school**
detention/consequence assigned by an administrator or staff member, students are expected to be actively engaged, (no cell phone use or sleeping) Students must arrange their own transportation.

Thursday School (Admin. Consequence II) **60-80 minutes of after school** detention/consequences assigned by an administrator or staff member, students are expected to be actively engaged (no cell phone use or sleeping). Students must arrange their own transportation.

Community Service
Students may be assigned “community service” for discipline/consequence. The amount of time assigned varies, as well as the tasks assigned. Often students are self-supervised. In all instances, “community service" assignments must be completed to the satisfaction of the administration.

In-School Suspension
A student may be assigned to In-School suspension. Students are expected to complete academic work during ISS and are not permitted to sleep, use cell phones, consume food or drink during this time.

Suspension (See Code of Conduct)
A student may be suspended out of school with due process for violating the disciplinary policy. While under suspension, a student is not permitted on school grounds and may not participate in extracurricular activities or attend school activities regardless of location. Students receiving out-of-school suspension MAY be provided make-up work missed during absence. Upon return to school, students will be REQUIRED TO ATTEND one follow-up instruction session and will be given one day to complete work for each day of suspension.

Expulsion
A student may be expelled from attending any public school in Ohio for up to 80 school days by the Superintendent of Schools. The 80 days may carry over into the next semester . By state law, having a weapon on school grounds results in an expulsion for one year. A recommendation for expulsion is made to the Superintendent of Schools.

Permanent Exclusion
Permanent exclusion can result when a student sixteen years of age or older has been found guilty of committing the following crimes while on school grounds or at school-related activities:

- Possession of or involvement with a deadly weapon
- Trafficking in drugs
- Murder, involuntary manslaughter, assault or aggravated assault.
- Rape, gross sexual imposition, or felonious penetration
- Complicity of any of the above listed crimes.

Emergency Removal
This is the immediate removal of a student because the student’s presence poses a continuing danger/threat or consistant disruption to persons or property. Parents/guardians will be notified.

NORTHRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

2025-2026

STUDENT HANDBOOK/PARENT
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Please indicate by your signatures below that you have received a copy of the 2024-2025 Student Handbook and that you are aware of the NMS/NHS rules, policies, and procedures included within. Please take time to review the information in the handbook with your student. If you have questions call the school (937-275-7469)

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PRINT STUDENT NAME GRADE

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STUDENT SIGNATURE DATE

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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE

PLEASE RETURN THIS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.