

**NORTHSIDE  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
2026 / 2027



***Northside***

# **STUDENT & PARENT HANDBOOK**

**NORTHSIDE PATRIOTS:  
UNLOCKING POTENTIAL; CHANGING THE WORLD**

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| July 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**1-24** Summer Break  
**6** Independence Day Observed  
**27-31** Teacher Planning/Staff Development Days

| October 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**6** End of Nine Weeks  
**9-12** Fall Break  
**13** Report Cards

| January 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**1** Winter Break  
**4** Teacher Planning/Staff Development Day  
**5** 2nd Semester Begins  
**6** Report Cards  
**18** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

| April 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**5-9** Spring Break  
**21** Progress Reports

| August 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**3** 1st Day of School/1st Semester Begins

| November 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**10** Progress Reports  
**11** Veterans Day  
**23-27** Thanksgiving Break

| February 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**5** Progress Reports  
**11** Teacher Planning/Staff Development Day  
**12-15** Mid-Winter Break

| May 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**???** Graduation  
**21** Last Day/Report Cards (Elementary)  
**24-25** Teacher Post Planning  
**25** Report Cards (Secondary)  
**26-31** Summer Break  
**31** Memorial Day

| September 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**2** Progress Reports  
**7** Labor Day  
**24** Virtual Day  
**25** Teacher Planning/Staff Development Day

| December 2026 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**18** 1st Semester Grading Period Ends  
**21-31** Winter Break

| March 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**12** End of 3rd Nine Weeks  
**17** Report Cards

| June 2027 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**1-30** Summer Break



**2026-27**  
**School Year Calendar**

- Student/Teacher Holiday
- Semester Start Dates
- Teacher Planning/Staff Development/Student Holiday
- Virtual Day
- Last Day for Students

# OH PATRIOTS

## ALMA MATER

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Oh Patriots, Oh Patriots, we stand tall and proud.  
We fight our way to victory; defend our honor and our pride.  
Oh Patriots, there's none like us, we'll rise come what may.  
Succeed in everything we do, conquering each day.  
Northside High, Northside High  
Red, white, and blue.  
We are the best, above the rest. We pledge our hearts to you.  
Northside Patriots.

## ADMINISTRATION

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|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Principal .....           | Mr. Nathan Laney    |
| Assistant Principal ..... | Mr. Isiah Harper    |
| Assistant Principal ..... | Mrs. Sheryl Green   |
| Assistant Principal ..... | Mrs. Chelsie Rogers |
| Athletic Director.....    | Mr. Morgan Ingram   |

## GUIDANCE

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|                        |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| School Counselor.....  | Mrs. Teresa Dean     |
| School Counselor ..... | Mrs. Auburn Randolph |
| School Counselor ..... | Mrs. Ashley Redondo  |
| School Counselor ..... | Mrs. Nicole Rolison  |

## DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSONS

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|                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Career Education/Technology ..... | Mrs. Marlena Killingsworth |
| English .....                     | Mrs. Christie Akers        |
| Fine Arts .....                   | Mrs. Katie Black           |
| Foreign Language.....             | Mr. Chris Calle            |
| Magnet Coordinator.....           | Mrs. Denise Fuller         |
| Math .....                        | Mrs. Leslie Cooper         |
| Physical Education.....           | Mrs. Tish Hidle            |
| Science.....                      | Mrs. Melissa Seckinger     |
| Social Studies .....              | Mrs. Carol Walker          |
| Special Education .....           | Mrs. Lindsay Johnson       |

# OH PATRIOTS

## ABSENCES

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Parents are encouraged to schedule medical and legal appointments outside of school hours. If this is not possible, students should come to school and check out just before their appointment time. Attendance is taken each period, and a student must be in attendance for at least 30 minutes of a class to be counted as present.

### RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER AN ABSENCE:

- For an absence to be considered excused, students should submit a parent's/ doctor's note containing the date(s) and reason(s) for the absence to this link <https://forms.gle/CVWNNXe4VTbWaAUe7>
- Parent/ doctor notes MUST be submitted within 3 days of their return to school
- Students are only allowed 3 parent excused absences per 9 weeks
- All other absences will be considered unexcused without a doctor's note or court order
- It is the student's responsibility to make up all work missed as a result of an excused absence
- Student must make arrangements for make-up work upon their return within 3 school days
- Presentations/tests may be required on the first day of attendance after an unexcused or excused absence
- Any coursework missed due to an UNEXCUSED absence will NOT be accepted for credit
- Regardless of the checkout being done in person or over the phone, an excuse must be submitted through the app/ digital submission, within 3 school days of their return to school, to be excused
- After submitting the excuse through the app you will receive an email confirmation that the excuse has been received



## ARRIVAL

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Attendance is an important part of learning, and all students are expected to be at school on time each day. School hours are from 8:45 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Students who arrive at school before 8:35 a.m. should report to the Cafeteria or the Courtyard. Students will be allowed in other areas of the school before 8:35 a.m. only if they have a pass from a teacher or administrator. A pass needs to be secured before the student leaves school on the previous day.

## CERTIFICATE OF ENROLLMENT

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Students who need a "Certificate of Enrollment" or "ADAP" form to get their driver's permit or license should sign up using the form found on the Northside website the week before they visit the Department of Driver Services. Forms are available for pickup the following Friday in the Guidance Office and expire 30 days after issuance.



## CHECK IN/ CHECK OUT

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Parents, legal guardians, or those specifically designated by the parents, will be the only persons allowed to pick up the student. Parents are discouraged from requesting, by phone, for students to check out. Driving students are allowed 5 checkouts by phone call from the parent/ guardian at the time needed for checkout. If the student submits a doctor's note within 3 days of their return, it will take the parent call away. After the 5th checkout, a parent must be present to check the student out of school. All students must be signed out through the Attendance Office before leaving campus.

# WE STAND TALL

## CHECK IN/ CHECK OUT CONT'D

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Proper photo ID must be shown by the parent/guardian/designee before the student will be released. A parent is required to go to the attendance window for all INITIAL check-ins after 12 p.m. or the student can present a doctor's note at check-in. Students attempting to check out, using others to impersonate a parent, will be suspended from school for a minimum of one day. Students may not be checked out after 3:30 without an official doctor's appointment card being provided. No phone checkouts will be allowed on the last day of school or before the following breaks: Fall Break, Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, Spring Break, and end of the year.

## TARDY TO SCHOOL

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Tardiness is a school and classroom disturbance. Students reporting to school after the 8:45 bell are considered tardy to school. Students arriving to school at any time throughout the day after the initial 8:45am bell, must check in at the attendance window.

### **Tardy to Class:**

A student is tardy to class when he arrives to class following the ringing bell, chime, or other audible signal indicating the beginning of the instructional time. Tardies are only considered excused when the student presents official documentation for that day. These excused tardies will not be counted in the disciplinary steps associated with habitual infractions. Parent notes do not excuse tardies to school.

### **Tardies:**

Students accumulating three (3) days of tardies will receive central detention from the teacher.

### **Continued Tardies:**

6th & 7th - Referral to the Principal or the Principal's designee, where ISI will be assigned. Subsequent Referrals will result in 3 days ISI, and mandatory parent conference.

### **10 or More Days:**

Referral to the school social worker and to support agencies outside the school system, as the Principal deems appropriate. Among these agencies are the Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS), law enforcement, Juvenile Court, Family Connection, or other external agencies.

## ALCOHOL, NARCOTICS, STIMULANTS, & OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS

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The Muscogee County Board of Education places the highest priority on the elimination of substance abuse in the school and in the community. The use, possession, or transmission of illicit substances will be met with firm and consistent disciplinary measures with referral to the MCSD Discipline Tribunal. Students in the Muscogee County School District are prohibited from possessing, using, selling, transmitting, intending to transmit, or being under the influence of alcohol and substances made illegal by the Georgia Controlled Substances Act. This includes, but is not limited to:

- On the school grounds during, immediately before, or immediately after school hours;
- On the school grounds at any other time when the school is being used by any school group;
- On the school grounds at a school activity, function, or event;
- Within legal proximity to school grounds as designated under Georgia Statutes;
- On the way to or home from school;
- At any school-sponsored function, whether held during or after regular school hours, whether held on or off school property;
- On the way to or from school functions, activities, or events, or during any time that students are under the jurisdiction of school authorities.

# AND PROUD

## ALCOHOL, NARCOTICS, STIMULANTS, & OTHER DANGEROUS DRUGS

Illegal and dangerous substances defined by local and state laws are covered by this policy. Such substances include, but are not limited to:

- Drugs (stimulants, depressants, hallucinogens, inhalants, opiates), including but not limited to narcotic drugs, amphetamines, barbiturates, marijuana, cocaine, or any other contraband or controlled substance or prohibited drug;
- Alcoholic beverages or intoxicants of any kind;
- Prescriptive medicine or drugs, with or without medical cause or medical permission, unless such medications have been registered with the school's main office personnel according to school procedures.

Parental permission to have or use substances prohibited by this policy, including alcohol, does not exempt a student from this policy. Police will be involved with any violation of the Georgia Controlled Substance Act. All students found guilty of being in possession of or selling illegal substances prohibited by the policy will be taken before the MCSD Disciplinary Tribunal and expulsion will be recommended.

## ATHLETICS

Northside offers a wide variety of sports for student participation. We are a member of the Georgia High School Association, which governs student eligibility. Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to Morgan Ingram, Athletic Director. For information regarding a particular team, please contact the respective coach.

|               |              |            |               |
|---------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Baseball      | Rifle        | Softball   | Basketball    |
| Cross Country | Cheerleading | Track      | Tennis        |
| Golf          | Football     | Swimming   | Wrestling     |
| Drill Team    | Soccer       | Volleyball | Flag Football |

## ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP SIGNING

Student athletes will be allowed to participate in one of the three signing ceremonies that are scheduled each year in conjunction with nationally recognized signing dates. To be eligible to participate in one of the signings, an athlete must: 1) notify their head coach and Coach Ingram of their intent to accept an athletic scholarship offer two days before the scheduled event; 2) provide written documentation from the college from which the scholarship is being offered; 3) have completed the last full season of the sport at Northside High School, in which the scholarship is being awarded. Appropriate signing décor will be regulated, and items must be pre-approved before they will be added to the signing table or stage. Appropriate attire by student athletes is at minimum business casual. Any questions concerning dress should be directed to Coach Ingram before the day of signing. Individuals not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to participate in the ceremony.

## ATHLETIC SEASONAL PARTICIPATION

Northside offers 25 team sports each year. To create a team-first environment, student athletes are expected to complete the season of their chosen team prior to beginning another sport.

# WE FIGHT

## AUTOMOBILES

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Parking is by permit only. All others are subject to tow at the owner's expense. All students who drive to school must register their vehicles with the school. There is a \$50.00 charge for parking privileges, and students must be a "full-time" driver to purchase a permit. A completed application and a current driver's license are required to purchase a parking permit. Parking permits must be properly displayed and clearly visible. Teacher parking is in the parking lot adjacent to the bus loop. This area is off limits to student drivers. Students parking in teacher areas may lose their parking privilege. Students are not permitted to go to their cars during the school day without permission from an administrator. Cars and the parking lot are off-limits during the school day. Any vehicle on MCSD property is subject to search.

### **Parking Lot Etiquette and Rules:**

- Park in your assigned spot
- Display hang tag on the rear view mirror
- 5 MPH max speed on campus
- Follow traffic patterns
- Exit Cars Upon Arrival
- Maintain Low Radio Volume
- Arrive on time daily (no more than 7 tardies or 15 absences)

A violation of any of the rules listed above, continued discipline infractions, or unsafe driving practices will result in the loss of parking privileges.

\* The recreation center and its parking lot are city property and does not fall under the jurisdiction of NHS or the MCSD. Any incidents occurring there may be referred to the Columbus Police Department.

## BUS TRANSPORTATION (MCSD BUS RULES APPLY AT THE BUS STOP)

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Free and reliable bus transportation is a service provided for students as long as their behavior is safe and acceptable. Bus passes are required for all students riding MCSD buses. Magnet students out of the area will be transported. Transportation is not provided to students attending Northside through a hardship assignment. Students can and will be disciplined by the administration when behavior on the bus is unsafe or disruptive. Disciplinary measures begin with a one day suspension from the bus, and can, after continued unsafe behavior referral from the bus driver, result in a student's suspension from the bus for the remainder of the school year.

## CAFETERIA/ LUNCH & BREAKFAST

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Eating at school is permissible only in the cafeteria or on the patio during lunch period. No food or drinks will be taken to other areas or consumed during class. Teachers will monitor this before and after school, and during every class period. Breaking the line or saving places in line for friends is not permitted. You may bring your lunch from home, but food brought in from outside restaurants is not permitted in the lunchroom or patio eating area. Lunch trays and trash should be disposed of before leaving the cafeteria. You may not be tardy to lunch without a pass from a teacher or administrator. We have ample eating space inside the cafeteria. In good weather, there is also outdoor seating. This area must be kept clean and trash-free, or the privilege of eating outdoors may be revoked.

# OUR WAY

## CAFETERIA/ LUNCH & BREAKFAST CONT'D

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Students are expected to exhibit good manners so that everyone can enjoy breakfast or lunch break. Students are expected to follow these guidelines:

- Report directly to the cafeteria when the bell rings
- Do not be tardy to the cafeteria
- Remain orderly and maintain a low conversational tone
- Clean off the table before you leave, and properly dispose of waste
- REMAIN in the cafeteria during your assigned lunch period; after you have eaten, remain in the cafeteria until you are dismissed.
- Breakfast is served from 8:10-8:35

## SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM (SNP)

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The Mission Statement of the Muscogee County School Nutrition Program is to provide a nutrition program that will maintain and improve the health of school children and the educational community and encourage the development of sound nutritional habits that will foster academic success.

USDA has regulations that the School Nutrition Program (SNP) must meet to be in compliance with their guidelines. Caloric and nutrient requirements are based on age and grade. Also, the MCSD Board Approved Wellness Program (EEE and EE-R) encourages and promotes healthy guidelines to be followed. School lunches also offer a variety of foods, whole grains, and fat free and low-fat milk choices. Muscogee County School District shall abide by nutrient standards of the School Nutrition Program for all foods sold and served on campus during the school day. The sale of foods or beverages to students on school premises other than through SNP is prohibited from 12:01 a.m. until 30 minutes after the end of the school day. Food shall not be used as a reward or punishment. The use of candy and other food rewards for academic performance or good behavior is prohibited. Fundraising efforts shall be supportive of healthy eating, encouraging the sale of non-food items or nutrient dense foods. USDA regulations ban the sale of foods of minimal nutritional value.

The School Nutrition Program provides a healthy breakfast and lunch choice for students every day. Students may bring their own lunches from home. Restaurant containers are not allowed in the cafeteria. Parents are encouraged to have lunch with their children and a school lunch may be purchased to eat in the cafeteria with the students. School meals are to be captured at the point of sale. Pin pads, bar code scanners or student look-up will be used.

### Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) was established by Congress through the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, which reauthorized the Child Nutrition Programs. CEP aims to increase access to the School Meal Programs by offering breakfast and lunch at no charge to all students, without the need to process or collect individual free and reduced meal applications. Forty-eight of our schools are CEP schools. Please contact your student's school office or call the School Nutrition Office at (706) 748-2386 to see if your student's school is a CEP school.

# TO VICTORY

## SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM (SNP) CONT'D

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### CEP schools School Year 2024-2025:

Aaron Cohn Middle School, Allen Elementary School, Arnold Magnet Academy, Baker Middle School, Blackmon Road Middle, Blanchard Elementary School, Brewer Elementary School, Carver High School, Clubview Elementary School, J.D. Davis Elementary School, Dimon Magnet Academy, Dorothy Height Elementary School, Double Churches Elementary, Double Churches Middle School, Downtown Magnet Academy, Eagle Ridge Academy, East Columbus Magnet Academy, Eddy Middle School, Forrest Road Elementary School, Fort Middle School, Fox Elementary School, Gention Elementary School, Georgetown Elementary School, Hannan Magnet Academy, Hardaway High School, Johnson Elementary School, Jordan High School, Kendrick High School, Key Elementary School, Lonnie Jackson Academy, Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School, Mary A. Buckner Academy, Midland Academy, Midland Middle School, North Columbus Elementary School, **Northside High School**, Rainey McCullers School of the Arts, Reese Road Leadership Academy, Richards Middle School, Rigdon Road Elementary School, River Road Elementary School, Rothschild Leadership Academy, Shaw High School, South Columbus Elementary School, Spencer High School, Veterans Memorial Middle School, Waddell Elementary School, Wesley Heights Elementary School, Wynnton Arts Academy

Families may use [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com) to add money to their student's account for the purchase of Ala Carte items.

### Menus

Monthly menus can be found on the Muscogee County School District website under the families tab. Menus may change on a very short notice due to supply chain issues, market conditions, deliveries, or special school activities.

### Special Dietary Needs

MCSD School Nutrition will make meal modifications and substitutions to the regular school meals for a student with a disability that restricts their diet. The Special Dietary Needs Prescription Form must be completed and signed by a licensed physician, unless the child has a healthcare plan or an IEP/504 Plan on file. Special Dietary Needs Form can be found on the Muscogee County School District website under the School Nutrition tab, or in the school clinic or cafeteria. Forms should be turned into the school nurse or clinic worker, who will then provide the information to the Nutrition Specialist. The Nutrition Specialist will review the information and discuss the meal modifications with the cafeteria manager. You may contact the School Nutrition office at 706-748-3220 for more information.

A nutrition analysis chart for menu items is available on the website. Please be aware that there are factors that may affect a product's actual nutritional value and/or ingredient composition at any given time: Supply chain issues may cause substitutions; manufacturers' formulations may change without notice. USDA donated products may become available at any time during the year and may replace a purchased item. Product brands may change during the year as new bids are approved. Schools may be using inventory from a previous bid or manufacturer. Our recipes may change during the school year. A la carte snack items vary from school to school, so check with the Nutrition Manager at your student's school for specific information.

# DEFEND OUR HONOR

## SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM (SNP) CONT'D

Seamless Summer Option  
SNP provides breakfast and lunch at various schools throughout the district during the summer. Please check the website or call 706-748-2386 for locations. All children up to 18 years of age receive a free meal. Adults may purchase a lunch.

### Paying for School Lunch

Muscogee County SNP does accept personal checks as payment for meals in our cafeterias. Payments may be made by cash, money order, cashier's check, traveler's check, or online via our online payment system, My School Bucks, using your credit or debit card.  
[www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com)

### School Meal Prices:

First Meal: No cost for students  
Breakfast: Students \$1.25; Adults (MCSD Staff) \$2.00; Adults \$2.50  
Lunch: Students \$2.70; Adults (MCSD Staff) \$4.25; Adults \$5.00

## CAMPUS AUTHORITY

Students must be aware that all administrators, teachers, and support staff have authority over students. Instructions from a teacher or staff member are to be followed by every student, whether or not that student is assigned to that respective teacher, class, or area. Failure to cooperate with school officials or personnel will result in disciplinary action. All faculty and staff members have the responsibility of enforcing all rules, regulations, and policies.

## CLINIC

Students who become ill during the school day can report to the Clinic from 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. or the Front Office at other times for assistance. If parents need to be notified, this will be done at that time. Students may not call their parents from any other location. Illness does not permit a student to stay in the restroom for an extended period of time. Prescribed drugs and medicines are to be registered and kept in the clinic. Students who are required to take medication during school hours must have the medicine administered in the Clinic.

## CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

|                                     |                                |                           |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Academic Decathlon                  | Spanish Club                   | Literary Meet             |
| Band – Marching, Jazz & Ensemble    | Technology Student Association | Mock Trial                |
| Chorus – Northside Singers Ensemble | Yearbook                       | National Honor Society    |
| Jr. Class Council                   | GSA                            | One Act Play - Drama      |
| Drama                               | Art Club                       | SADD                      |
| Future Business Leaders of America  | Book Club                      | Science Honor Society     |
| Literary Magazine                   | Chess Club                     | Drama                     |
| Math Team                           | Sr. Class Council              | TSA                       |
| Model United Nations                | DECA                           | Earth Club                |
| National Technical Honor Society    | FCCLA                          | Multicultural Club        |
| Peer Helpers                        | HOSA                           | **Clubs added as approved |
| Science Academic Team               | SKILLSUSA                      | by the Principal          |
| Science Olympiad                    | Junior Class Council           |                           |

# AND OUR PRIDE

## COMPUTERS/ RESOURCE MATERIALS

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All students have been issued a Chromebook (to include Case and Charger) to use during the school day. Students must be responsible for their Chromebook/Case/Charger at all times. In an effort to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars, students must be responsible for the care of their Chromebook and not damage it in any way. Chromebooks are to be carried in a case at all times when not in use. Students who damage Chromebooks and/or accessories can be assessed a replacement fee as per Board (see MCSD Board Policy JS: Student Fees, Fines, and Charges). Computers in this school are for educational use only. They are not to be personalized by students in any way—no screen savers, no passwords, and no changes in programs added to or deleted from the programs list. A minimum punishment is three days In-School Intervention, and a maximum punishment is assignment to alternative school if a student does ANY ONE of the following:

- Damages or password protects ANY computer, peripheral device, or ANY equipment whatsoever, OR changes ANY settings on them.
- Steals or removes parts from ANY computer or peripheral device.
- Downloads or accesses ANY program or file without consent from the teacher in whose room the computer is located.
- Accesses ANY program or inappropriate file (such as inappropriate photos, games or videos, or threatening, derisive, or hate-oriented information) on the Internet or from a personal storage device.
- Posts or creates threatening, derisive, or hate-oriented materials.
- Uses a flash/jump drive or a disk without approval from a teacher.
- Puts a rude, threatening, or obscene file name or similar content in a file on any computer
- Tries to circumvent the district's WAN firewalls by using ANY alternate routes.
- Streams video or music from any website, OR listens to music or watches videos without teacher approval

### Care and Use of School Property

Chromebooks, Textbooks, and Media Center Checkouts: Students will be held responsible for the proper care of all books, supplies, Chromebooks, and accessories or equipment furnished to them by the school. A student who defaces, damages, or loses school property shall be required to pay for the damage or loss (see MCSD Board Policy JS: Student Fees, Fines, and Charges). A Parent/Student must pay all fees and fines owed to the school in a timely fashion. Parent/Student must clear all fines or fees during the year the fines are assessed. Fines must be paid/cleared where they were assessed and before moving to the next level in school.

Students are expected to come to school with a fully charged Chromebook. Students who do not have their Chromebook or a charged Chromebook are subject to disciplinary action. **The fourth time a student is without a Chromebook or charged Chromebook will receive ISI.**

## DATE APPROVAL FORM

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Attendance at the prom, homecoming dance, and certain other events are exclusive to Northside students and their pre-approved dates. Northside students wishing to bring a non-Northside student to one of these events must submit a single date approval form 10 days prior to the scheduled event for administrative approval. Outside guests may not be over 20 years of age, must be enrolled and in good standing in a high school or have recently graduated.

# OH PATRIOTS

## DETENTION

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Individual teachers, for a wide variety of offenses, can assign detention to students. Detentions assigned on any given school day are to be served by the student on the next school day. Detentions assigned on Monday, for example, are to be served by the student on Tuesday. Detentions will last for a minimum of 30 minutes beginning at 4:05 p.m. Students are to leave the building immediately after detention. Timely transportation home after detention is the student's responsibility, and lack of transportation is not an excuse for missing detention. If a student misses detention, he/she must serve after school for the next two school days to make up for the absence from detention on the day originally assigned. These two days are automatically assigned, and the teacher does NOT give another detention notice. ISI or Discipline School assignments are assigned to students who fail to serve detention. Out of school suspension will result if students miss detentions on a frequent basis.

## DRESS CODE

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Northside adheres to the Dress Code set forth by the MCSD Board of Education. Updates will be published on the MCSD website under Board of Education and Policies. Students in violation of the dress code will suffer the following consequences:

- 1st-3rd offenses will result in Central Detention.
- Subsequent offenses will result in one day ISI.

Please note:

- Students wearing extremely disruptive dress will be sent home immediately.
- Dress code violations must be corrected in order to attend classes throughout the day. The inability to correct the violations will result in the student spending the day in ISI.

It is not the intent of the Muscogee County School District to dictate the quality or style of clothing worn, but rather an effort to encourage good habits and acceptable group behavior. A student shall not dress, groom, or wear or use emblems, insignias, badges or other symbols where the effect thereof is to distract unreasonably the attention of other students or otherwise to cause disruption or interference with the operation of the school.

It is prohibited for any student to wear clothing items that advertise alcoholic beverages, sex, tobacco, obscene, crude or suggestive messages or use of profanity. Designs or insignias that are satanic symbols, gang-related badges, insignias and colors; logos or symbols which denigrate social or ethnic groups are also prohibited. "Fake" alcohol or drug advertisement is also disallowed.

Individual schools may create a school-specific dress code, and are permitted to designate uniforms or apparel for students to wear. The schools shall present their choice to the Board of Education for review.

### Shirts

No undergarments are to be worn as outer garments

No midriffs should be exposed while sitting, standing or in any normal maintained position.

No see-through shirts/blouses

No tank tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops

Nothing that advocates drugs, sex, alcohol, violence, gangs, hate, or profanity

### Shoes

Northside High School is a very large campus that requires students to travel sizable distances both indoors and outdoors. It is our recommendation that only shoes that are suitable for inclement weather and safety in all scenarios be worn. \*\*Some classes will require specific types of footwear to be worn.

# THERE'S NONE

## DRESS CODE CONT'D

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### **Pants**

Pants are to be worn on or above the waist / No Sagging

If pants can be worn properly on or above the waist, no belt is required

Pants with holes 3 inches above the knee are not to be worn

Pajamas are not to be worn

### **Dresses & Skirts**

Dresses and skirts may be worn with the length to be no higher than three (3) inches above the top of the knee cap.

### **Tights/ Leggings/ Yoga Pants, etc.**

Leggings and compression shorts may only be worn with a shirt that meets the minimum length for skirts and shorts.

### **Shorts**

Shorts may be worn with the length to be no higher than three (3) inches above the top of the knee cap.

### **Coats & Hoodies**

Hooded garments may be worn to school as long as the hoods are not worn indoors.

### **Hats**

No head coverings i.e., bandanas, do rags, sweat bands, and hats

### **Jewelry**

No jewelry with reference to gangs, drugs, hate, violence, or sex is allowed. Items such as chains on a belt, wallet, etc. and items with spikes are not permitted.

Each school is expected to create a progressive discipline plan to address dress code violations using out of school suspension as the last intervention. The administration shall determine whether any particular mode of dress, apparel, jewelry, grooming, emblem, insignias, badge, or symbol results in such interference or disruption as to violate the dress code. Those students who, in the opinion of an administrator, are not dressed appropriately may not return to classes until properly dressed and groomed and may be subject to disciplinary action.

## DROP OFFS & DELIVERIES

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This policy is intended to support a safe, secure, and disruption-free learning environment by limiting non-essential deliveries during school hours. Students will not be permitted to receive lunches, packages, or other items delivered to the school during instructional hours. This includes, but is not limited to: fast food or restaurant deliveries (e.g., DoorDash, Uber Eats); parent/guardian drop-offs of forgotten lunches, personal items, or non-educationally essential items; and deliveries of gifts (e.g., flowers, gifts, balloons).

Students are expected to come to school prepared each day with all necessary items, including lunch, materials, and personal belongings. Free nutritious meals are available daily through the cafeteria. In the case of a verified emergency, parents/ guardians should contact the school office directly. Deliveries that arrive at the front office without prior administrative approval will be refused or held until the end of the school day.

Students who attempt to circumvent this policy may be subject to disciplinary action under the school's Code of Conduct. Repeated violations may result in further administrative consequences.

# LIKE US

## EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

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Fire drills and tornado drills are mandated by law. Plans for Emergency Preparedness are updated yearly, kept on file in the main office, posted on the bulletin board in the office, listed as part of the NHS Teachers' Handbook and Crisis Response Handbook, and are covered in detail in faculty meetings. Teachers should remind students of procedures for drills and emergencies during the first week of school and periodically throughout the school year.

Fire drills are signaled by a special alarm siren that continues to sound for an extended period of time. Students are to move quickly and silently, in single file, to the exit designated for the class to which they are assigned. Fire drill routes are posted prominently in every classroom. Teachers will take roll and note any missing students.

The signal for a tornado drill is three (3) long tones sounded over the PA system. Students are to remain calm and quiet, and follow the instructions posted in each classroom and/or given verbally by the teacher.

In a "Lockdown" situation, an announcement will be made over the PA system to notify teachers that we are now in a "Lockdown". Teachers are to make sure students are in class, seated, and the doors to their respective classrooms are locked. Under no circumstances are students to be allowed to leave the room once this announcement is made, and they are not to be released to their next class or to go home until specified by an administrator. Further information or instructions will be provided as quickly as possible by courier, radio, television monitor, or over the PA system.

Teachers are reminded that, in any emergency situation, their primary responsibility is their students. Teachers will carry their roster or attendance books with them any time they leave the room in any emergency situation. Students should stay with their classes for roll call.

## FIGHTING

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Fighting is considered a major offense because it threatens the safety of our students and teachers and is a major disruption to the school day. Students who fight at school will be suspended for a minimum of five school days and may be charged by the MCSD Police Department with a minimum charge of disorderly conduct. Let a teacher or administrator know when there is a potential problem so we can help before the fight erupts. Fighting will not be tolerated.

## GRADING SCALE

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MCSD uses a ten-point grading scale. Quality points are used to calculate Grade Point Averages.

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| 90-100   | A | 4 Quality Points |
| 80-89    | B | 3 Quality Points |
| 70-79    | C | 2 Quality Points |
| Below 70 | F | 0 Quality Points |

# WE'LL RISE

## HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS FOR DIPLOMA & ENDORSEMENTS

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Current Georgia High School Graduation requirements are effective for students enrolling in the ninth grade for the first time after the 2008-2009 school year. The Muscogee County School District offers several programs leading to completion of high school. Special programs such as Magnet Schools, Performance-Based, and Special Education may have different requirements.

### Course Requirements For All Students

All students will take:

- 4 units of English
- 4 units of Science
- 4 units of Mathematics
- 3 ½ units of Social Studies
- 1 Health/Personal Fitness Course
- 3 units (at least) of Career/Technical/Agricultural and/or Modern (Foreign) Language /Latin and/or Fine Arts
- 3 ½ (at least ) Electives

A total of 23 Carnegie Units are required by the Muscogee County School District.

- Core Courses include mathematics, English/language arts, science, social studies and modern language.
- CTAE designated courses may be used to meet the fourth science unit.
- Core Area Electives may include fine arts, CTAE, and/or modern (foreign) language. Two units of one selected modern (foreign) language are required of students with intentions to enter a University System of Georgia institution. A total of three (3) units are required from CTAE and/or modern (foreign) language and/or fine arts for all students. Students are encouraged to choose electives that support their future academic and career goals. A wide range of courses are available.
- Students with Disabilities will be eligible to earn a regular diploma by meeting the requirements outlined in the rule and in their Individualized Education Program.

### Graduation Requirements for MCSD

A student must meet the graduation requirements in effect at the time of enrollment in the ninth grade, regardless of changes in requirements affecting subsequent classes. The requirements include the following:

1. Earn a total of twenty-three (23) Carnegie units of credit in grades 9 through 12.
2. Pass specific courses as prescribed.
3. Complete one Term (18 weeks) of attendance immediately preceding graduation in a Muscogee County School District high school.

# COME WHAT MAY

## GUIDANCE SERVICES

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(706) 748-2935 – Northside Guidance Department

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8:05 a.m. - 4:05 p.m. (Lunch: 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

The efforts of the Guidance Department are directed toward encouraging Northside students to develop self-knowledge and self-discipline and to define and attain their educational and vocational goals to the highest degree consistent with their abilities. Northside's multifaceted approach with counselors, advisors, and classroom teachers providing information and guidance plays an important role in the total educational process. Parents, students, and faculty are invited to make use of this service. Students and parents are encouraged to seek the assistance of the guidance department for scholarship information, financial aid, college applications, problems in the classroom or academic advice. Parents should contact the guidance department 48 hours in advance to schedule conferences with teachers or staff. Parent teacher conferences are available for schedule from 8:05-8:35 AM Monday-Friday.

## HALL PASSES

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Students are not to be out of class without the classroom teacher's permission. The Minga Hall Pass System will be used to monitor student's hall passes. Students that demonstrate a pattern of abuse of hall passes, are in poor academic standing, or have disciplinary cause may have their hall pass privilege revoked. Students out of class without authorization are considered to be skipping and will be disciplined accordingly. Students (with or without a pass) who are not where they should be at any given time will be referred for skipping.

## IN SCHOOL INTERVENTION

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In-School Intervention (ISI) is an in-house consequence for some misbehaviors. Students spend their assigned days in the ISI room, work on assignments sent by their teachers, take tests, do school community service, and get credit for attendance at school. Grades are not penalized in any way if ISI is completed successfully. Students must stay on task while in ISI. Failure to follow ISI rules will result in out of school suspension. Students suspended from ISI will not be allowed to return to ISI during the course of the current school year. All work assigned by teachers must be completed before a student is permitted to resume their regular class schedule.

## LOCKERS

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Lockers are provided for student use for a rental fee of \$10.00 or as a part of their class package. When lockers are left open or combinations shared, three undesirable consequences might occur:

- (1) items are stolen
- (2) locker doors are bent or otherwise vandalized and/or
- (3) students become responsible for contraband left in their lockers by others.

School administrators have the legal right and obligation to ensure enforcement of school policies and have the right to search a student, his/her locker, and other personal effects. Students are not permitted to share lockers. The sharing of lockers will mean loss of locker privileges. Students may bring book bags on campus but they are encouraged to be left in lockers during the school day.

# SUCCEED IN

## MEDIA SERVICES

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The Media Center plays a strategic role in the instructional program of Northside High School. The center contains a wealth of materials and services, including books, videos, online capabilities, and other media for the use of students and faculty. The Media Center is available to students during the day with a pass from their respective teachers.

## OUT OF SCHOOL SUSPENSION (OSS)

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**\*\*THIS POLICY ONLY APPLIES TO A STUDENT'S FIRST OSS RESOLUTION – ALL ADDITIONAL OSS RESOLUTIONS WILL RESULT IN ZEROS FOR ALL MISSED ASSIGNMENTS\*\***

The purpose of this policy is to ensure students placed on Out-of-School Suspension (OSS) remain accountable for their academic responsibilities while also engaging in restorative and educational intervention to promote positive behavior change.

### Policy Guidelines

#### 1. Notification of Suspension

- Parents/guardians will be notified in writing of the suspension, including the reason, duration, and expectations during the suspension period.
- Students will receive instructions on how to access and complete the required intervention module.

#### 2. Academic Responsibilities

- During OSS, students are encouraged to remain current with classroom assignments, readings, and other academic responsibilities.
- Upon return and with proof of module completion, students may request all missed assignments from each teacher.

#### 3. Intervention Module Requirement

- Students must complete a school-approved Intervention Module focused on behavior reflection, conflict resolution, or relevant topics as assigned.
- Proof of completion (certificate, submission form, or verification from administration) must be submitted to the school office or designated staff member on the first day of return.

#### 4. Make-Up Work and Grading

- If the student completes the required Intervention Module:
  - The student will be allowed to make up all missed assignments, quizzes, and tests.
  - Work must be completed and submitted within three (3) school days of the student's return.
  - The maximum grade a student may earn on these make-up assignments is 70%.
- If the Intervention Module is not completed by 11:59 PM on the day prior to return to school, the student will receive a zero for missed assignments.

#### 5. Teacher Responsibilities

- Teachers will provide missed work in a timely manner upon student return.
- Graded assignments will reflect effort and quality of make-up work up to the 70% maximum.

#### 6. Support and Accountability

- Counselors or designated staff will review the Intervention Module with the student upon return to discuss strategies for success and prevent future suspensions.

# EVERYTHING WE DO

## PROMOTION/ RETENTION

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Students' class level/grade is specified at the beginning of the year. A set number of credits must be earned prior to beginning the school year in order to be promoted.

0-4 Credits Freshman 9th grade

Minimum of 5 Credits & 1 complete year in high school Sophomore 10th grade

Minimum of 11 Credits & 2 complete years in high school Junior 11th grade

Minimum of 16 Credits & 3 complete years in high school Senior 12th grade

A student must earn at least 23 Credits by the end of the school year to graduate. Credit Recovery is offered during summer break to students that have failed to gain a credit in select courses. A minimum yearly average of a 60 is required for summer participation.

## SCHOLASTIC DISHONESTY

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The following are considered scholastic dishonesty and shall be strongly disciplined. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Taking of information of any form into a test situation for the purpose of responding to test items or assisting others;
- Plagiarism;
- Taking of test questions or materials to provide assistance in later test situations;
- Copying or allowing the copying of work during a test situation;
- Copying or allowing the copying of work (homework or class work) when the copied material is to be counted as part of the student's grade.
- The use of AI to complete assigned tasks

1st Offense – Documented discipline referral, Central Detention, and parental contact by teacher

2nd Offense - 3 days ISS, parental contact by teacher

3rd Offense – 5 days ISS, parental contact by teacher

\*The grade for the assignment is at the discretion of the teacher. Students will not be eligible for consideration in any scholastic honor society for one calendar year following a documented cheating incident.

# CONQUERING

## SEXUAL HARASSMENT

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It is the policy of the Muscogee County Board of Education to maintain a learning environment free from sexual harassment. It shall be a violation of this policy for any staff member to harass a student, or for students to harass other students or any school employee through conduct or communications of a sexual nature. Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other inappropriate oral, written, or physical conduct of a sexual nature when made by a member of the school staff to a student, or when made by any student to another student or system employee, constitutes sexual harassment when any of the following occurs:

- Verbal harassment or abuse, with overt or implied sexual content;
- Pressure for sexual activity;
- Repeated remarks to a person with sexual or demeaning implications;
- Unwelcome touching.
- Suggesting or demanding sexual involvement accompanied by implied or explicit threats concerning one's grades, job, etc.

Any person who alleges sexual harassment by a staff member or student in the school district may complain directly to a Counselor, the Principal, or any school district employee. Filing of a complaint or otherwise reporting sexual harassment will not reflect upon the individual's status nor will it affect future employment, grades or job assignments. The right to confidentiality, both of the complainant and of the accused, will be respected consistent with the Board's legal obligations, and with the necessity to investigate allegations of misconduct and take corrective action when this conduct has occurred. All allegations of sexual harassment shall be fully investigated and immediate, appropriate corrective or disciplinary action shall be initiated. Appropriate documentation shall be maintained on all allegations of sexual harassment. A substantiated charge against an employee or student shall subject such person to disciplinary action including suspension or termination.

Legal Reference: Title VII of the Civil Right Act of 1964; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 Franklin V. Gwinnett County Public School, 1992.

# EACH DAY

## STUDENT DEVICES

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### Student Device Usage During Instructional Time

#### Purpose:

To maintain an environment that is conducive to learning, focused, and free from unnecessary distractions, this policy outlines the restrictions on the use of personal electronic devices during instructional time.

#### Policy Statement:

Students are prohibited from using the following devices during instructional time:

- Cell phones
- Headphones, earbuds, or other audio accessories
- Smartwatches or other wearable smart devices
- Tablets, laptops, or other electronic devices not issued by the school

Instructional time is defined as any period during which class is in session. This policy applies in all instructional areas, including classrooms, labs, libraries, and any other space where learning is taking place.

#### Expectations:

1. All unauthorized personal devices must be turned off and stored out of sight (e.g., in backpacks or lockers) during instructional time.
2. Students may only use school-issued devices or other approved technology as directed by school staff.
3. Headphones and earbuds may not be worn or visible during instructional time.

#### Consequences for Non-Compliance:

- First offense: Device is confiscated and held for the remainder of the school day.
  - Second offense: Device is confiscated and held in the main office for 3 days.
  - Third offense: Device is confiscated and held for 5 days, and 1 day of Central Detention will be assigned.
  - Repeated offenses: Device is confiscated and held for 10 days, and a 2 day ISI placement will be assigned.
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- Confiscated devices may only be picked up by a parent/guardian at the end of the school day of which the device is to be returned.

# NORTHSIDE HIGH

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

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### PROM/HOMECOMING/MR. & MS. NHS

- Overall GPA 3.0 min
- Behavior
  - No OSS prior year or current year (9Th grade current year only)
  - No more than 3 ISI placements in total between the current and prior year (9th grade current year only)

### Nominations and Voting Process

- Mr. & Ms. NHS
  - Seniors nominated by teachers
  - 9-12 students and teachers vote on nominees
- Prom King & Queen
  - Seniors only on court / 5 boys and 5 girls
  - Senior advisement classes nominate 1 boy and 1 girl
  - Seniors vote on nominees from each advisement to determine the final court
  - Juniors and Seniors vote on final court to determine King and Queen
- Homecoming
  - Each (9-11) advisement class nominates 1 boy and 1 girl from their grade level
    - (9-11) nominees from each advisement will be voted on by grade level
    - (9-11) top 2 boys and 2 girls will be on the court
  - Senior advisement classes nominate 1 boy and 1 girl from their grade level
    - Nominees from each advisement will be voted on by seniors
    - Top 6 boy and 6 girls will be on the court
  - 9-12 will vote on senior court to determine King and Queen
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Students who accept a nomination for any of these recognitions must meet the requirements listed here and must also adhere to the requirements of each event. Such requirements include but are not limited to attendance at mandatory practices and event dress code requirements.

# NORTHSIDE HIGH

## STUDENTS ON CAMPUS AFTER 4:10 PM

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Students are asked to leave the school campus immediately after the close of the school day. If students are participating in an extracurricular activity, the sponsor for that activity is responsible for the supervision of the students until all students from that activity are gone. Under no circumstances are students allowed to roam over the campus or visit locker areas after the activity is concluded. Students who stay after school for extra help or detention should leave campus immediately after they are dismissed.

If waiting for a ride, students should wait outside the front doors of the school. Students and sponsors are to make sure their transporter knows what time students are to be picked up and where. Parents are asked to plan for transportation in a timely manner. Continued failure to exit campus in a reasonable time may result in the student being dismissed from the activity.

Extra-curricular activities often require practices and rehearsals after school. Participants in these activities should go to their lockers immediately after school, and will not be allowed in locker areas or unauthorized areas after practices and rehearsals.

Students who do not follow these rules will be asked to give their names to any school employee who observes them. The students will be referred for disciplinary action. The disciplinary action may include ISI, Central Detention, or Out of School Suspension.

## TESTING

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High school students participate in a number of standardized tests. Tests with projected dates and details are listed below:

- End-of-Course Tests (EOCT) – May & July
- National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) – January through March
- Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test (PSAT) – October
- Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) – Various times throughout the year

Test Details were obtained from the Georgia Department of Education website. Updates will apply to Northside students as they are approved by the Georgia Department of Education.

EOCT - The End-of-Course Assessment program is comprised of the following eight content area assessments:

### **Mathematics**

Algebra

### **Social Studies**

United States History

### **Science**

Biology

### **English Language Arts**

Literature and Composition 2

The EOCT is administered upon completion of each of the above courses. A student's EOCT score is averaged in as a percentage of the final course grade.(20%) The student must have a final course grade of 70 or above to pass the course and earn credit toward graduation. When the student repeats a course to earn credit for graduation, he/she would participate in the EOCT at the end of the repeated course. EOCT scores will not be "banked".

# RED, WHITE, & BLUE

## TESTING CONT'D

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**PSAT** - Students who pay to take the PSAT as a junior are eligible to be considered for National Merit Scholarships. Confer with your student's counselor for information on National Merit Scholarships and instructions for ordering the PSAT for your junior.

**SAT** - The SAT reasoning test is a measure of the critical thinking skills needed for academic success in college. The SAT assesses how well a student analyzes and solves problems. For more info on The SAT: <http://collegeboard.com>.

**ACT** - The ACT is a standardized test designed to measure high school student's general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work. Unlike the SAT, the ACT is curriculum based: it is not an aptitude test. The questions on the ACT test the core subjects that students typically study throughout their third year of high school (English, reading, mathematics, and science). For more information on the ACT: [www.actstudent.org/](http://www.actstudent.org/)

## TOBACCO

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Students are not permitted to possess, use, or transmit tobacco in any form anywhere on school property at any time, or at any off-campus, school-sponsored activity. This includes electronic cigarettes and vapor type devices.

If you have any tobacco products in your pockets, in your locker, in your purse, in your car or elsewhere, school personnel may confiscate and dispose of it. Possession, transmission, or use of lighters, paraphernalia, or tobacco in any form is a suspendable offense. Students suffering from nicotine addiction should see their counselor for important information and programs designed to help them quit.

## VALEDICTORIAN & SALUTATORIAN

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The following criteria will determine Valedictorian and Salutatorian at all high schools. All high schools are required to follow the selection criteria, post in their student/parent handbook and on their school website.

- Student must have been in attendance within the Muscogee County School District their full junior and senior year.
- Students enrolled in Dual Enrollment (full or part-time) must be considered for Valedictorian and Salutatorian selection.
- Dual enrollment students who move into the district after their sophomore year and do not take any courses on site at their home high school will not be considered for Valedictorian or Salutatorian,
- Students with the highest Cumulative GPA (Weighted) - Numeric GPA (All Courses)
- If tied, student with the highest calculated Cumulative GPA (Weighted) - Numeric GPA (Only Academic Core Courses)
- If tied, the student with the highest number of Advanced Placement, and/or International Baccalaureate and/or Dual Enrollment courses
- If tied, student with the highest number of Advanced Placement, and/or International Baccalaureate, and/or Dual Enrollment courses plus the highest number of Honors courses.
- If tied, student with the highest Cumulative GPA (Weighted) - (Quality Points)
- Final determination will be calculated at the end of the third nine weeks.

# WE ARE THE BEST

## **NORTHSIDE PRINCIPAL AWARD & FACULTY AWARD**

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The Northside Principal Award and Faculty Award are intended to recognize students that have been a member of a Northside High School extracurricular team or organization and have successfully completed a minimum of fourteen classes on the Northside High School campus while maintaining the highest two weighted numeric averages in their graduating class. The individuals receiving these awards will also be required to meet the Valedictorian and Salutatorian requirements.

## **VISITORS**

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Learning is a serious business; therefore, students are not allowed to bring visitors to school. All visitors should report immediately to the main office. Passes will be issued to visitors with official business. (i.e., guest speakers, parents, vendors, or graduates with official business) Parents may schedule visits to the classrooms with a one day notice and should sign in at the office when visiting. Parents should not interrupt classes or school functions with unannounced visits to teachers or classrooms. Parent conferences with teachers must be scheduled 24 hours in advance through the Guidance Department. Unauthorized visitors are NOT welcome in the parking lots, school building, or premises before, during or after school. Trespassers and loiterers will be subject to criminal prosecution.

## **WEAPONS & DANGEROUS INSTRUMENTS**

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A student shall not possess, use, handle, or transmit a knife, machete, pistol, rifle, shotgun, pellet gun, or other object that reasonably can be considered a weapon. Any student who makes use of any object as a weapon will be subject to expulsion for the remainder of the year or permanent expulsion. The police will be involved in the investigation of the possession of an illegal weapon. Weapons that are not "illegal" will be judged according to the facts and circumstances of the case. These occurrences include:

- On the school grounds at any time;
- Off the school grounds at a school activity, function or event;
- En route to and from school;
- En route to and from school functions, activities or events.

Any student accused and found guilty of possessing, using, handling or transmitting a dangerous weapon as indicated in the above paragraph will be suspended and referred to the MCSD Discipline Tribunal with a recommendation that the student be expelled for the remainder of the school year or permanently.

## **WITHDRAWALS**

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Students who are withdrawing from Northside should do so through the Guidance office. A minimum 24 hour notice is required in order for withdrawals to be processed. All books, devices, uniforms, and fines turned in and paid at the time of the request will help to expedite the withdrawal process.

# ABOVE THE REST

## DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES

### Offense: Fighting

**1st Offense:** 5 day OSS & criminal charge

**2nd Offense:** 10 days OSS & criminal charge

**3rd Offense:** Referral to the alternative school & criminal charge

**Note:** Fights of an extremely violent nature (1st or any other offense) will warrant 10 days OSS, referral to the Discipline Tribunal, charges filed or any combination of the three.

### Offense: Bullying/Cyberbullying (written/verbal)

**1st Offense:** 5 days ISI

**2nd Offense:** 5 days OSS

**3rd Offense:** Assignment to Alternative School for remainder of school year.

Bullying is defined as repeated, intentional behavior intended to hurt, intimidate, or humiliate another person, typically involving a real or perceived power imbalance. It can be physical, verbal, relational, or digital (Cyberbullying).

### Offense: Profanity (verbal/written)/Obscenity

**1st Offense:** 1 Day ISI

**2nd Offense:** 3 days ISI

**3rd Offense:** 3 days OSS

\*Using profanity, vulgarity, or vulgar gestures toward teachers, administrators or staff adults may result in 10 days OSS

### Offense: Vandalizing, Damaging, or Stealing

**1st Offense:** 3 days OSS – plus damages/ replacement

**2nd Offense:** 5 days OSS – plus damages/ replacement

**3rd Offense:** 10 days OSS – plus damages/ replacement

### Offense: Defiance/Disrespect/Refusal to Follow Directions

**1st Offense:** 3 days ISI

**2nd Offense:** 3 days OSS

**3rd Offense:** 5 days OSS

### Offense: Smoking/Tobacco Products (using or possessing to include lighters, matches and electronic vapor devices)

**1st Offense:** 3 days OSS

**2nd Offense:** 5 days OSS

**3rd Offense:** 7 days of OSS

### Offense: Inappropriate Dress

**1st-3rd Offense:** Central Detention

**4th Offense:** 1 Day ISI.

\*Students wearing extremely disruptive dress will be sent home immediately.

### Offense: Failure to bring a school-issued device

**1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:** Central Detention

**4<sup>th</sup> Offense:** ISI

### Offense: Forged and/ or unverifiable doctor's note

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** 3 Days ISI

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:** 5 Days ISI

\*All grades entered because of a falsified note will revert back to zeros.

### Offense: Inappropriate Public Display of Affection

**1st Offense:** Send to counselor, warning, parent contact, document

**2nd Offense:** 1 Day ISI

**3rd Offense:** 3 days ISI

### Offense: Sexual Harassment: (verbal/written/physical)

**1st Offense:** 3 days OSS

**2nd Offense:** 5 days OSS

**3rd Offense:** 10 days OSS and referral to MCSD Discipline Tribunal

**Note:** Sexual harassment allegations will be investigated by the MCSD Title IX panel.

### Offense: Cheating/Plagiarism

**1st Offense:** Referral-Document, Teacher-Parent Contact

**2nd Offense:** 3 days ISI, Same as Above

**3rd Offense:** 5 days ISI, Same as Above

\*The grade for the assignment is at the discretion of the teacher.

### Offense: Class/School Disruption

**1st Offense:** 3 days ISI

**2nd Offense:** 5 days ISI

**3rd Offense:** 3 days OSS

\*Extreme disruptions will result in OSS and/or referral to MCSD Discipline Tribunal.

### Offense: Bus Referral

**1st Offense:** Parent conference, 1 day off bus

**2nd Offense:** Parent conference, 3 days off bus

**3rd Offense:** Parent conference, 5 days off bus

**4th Offense:** Parent conference, 7 days off the bus

**5th Offense:** Parent conference, 10 days off the bus

**6th Offense:** Off bus remainder of the year

\*If a student is suspended off the bus he/she must be picked up by 4:10 p.m.

\*If a student's 1st or 2nd offense warrants, he/she may be removed for the remainder of the year.

### Offense: Skipping Class/ Unauthorized Location

**1st Offense:** 3 days ISI

**2nd Offense:** 5 days ISI

**3rd Offense:** 3 days OSS

### Offense: Tardiness to School/Class

**1st Offense:** 3rd, 4th, and 5th tardy; Central Detention

**2nd Offense:** 6 th & 7th tardy; ISI

**3rd Offense:** All subsequent tardies; 3 days ISI and mandatory parent conference.

# WE PLEDGE OUR

## DISCIPLINE GUIDELINES

### **Offense: Cell Phone**

**1st Offense:** Phone held remainder of day

**2nd Offense:** Phone held 3 days

**3rd Offense:** Phone held 5 days / 1 Day Central Detention

**4th Offense:** Phone held 10 days/ 2 Days ISI

\*Parent may pick up phone from the front office at the end of the school day on which the phone is to be returned.

\*If parent refuses to leave the phone for the duration of the time outlined above, they may request the student serve 2 OSS days. If a parent chooses this option, all missed assignments will be recorded as zeros.

### **Offense: Failure to stay for teacher detention**

Detention is automatically doubled to 2 school days. Failure to stay for either of these 2 days will result in an assignment to ISI.

### **Offense: Unauthorized Computer Use/Violation of AUP**

**1st Offense:** 3 Days ISI

**2nd Offense:** 5 Days ISI

**3rd Offense:** 3 Days OSS

\*Those offenses causing computer damage/disrupt learning may result in OSS and or referral to MCSD Discipline Tribunal.

\*Students may lose computer privileges for any offense.

### **Offense: Multiple Stays in ISI**

A student will only be allowed 3 "stays" in ISI before all referrals become resolved with OSS or Tribunal referral.

- A magnet or hardship student assigned to AIM will have their placement status revoked on the date of the withdrawal.
- Students taking AP courses that have been assigned to AIM will be removed from their AP or specialized courses and placed in traditional courses.
- Policy for Drugs, Alcohol, and Weapons - The student may be arrested, suspended out of school for 10 days and referred to the MCSD Discipline Tribunal.

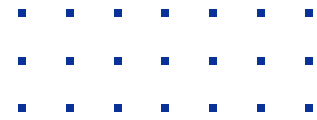
**THIS IS NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST OF OFFENSES.  
ALL CONSEQUENCES COMPLY WITH M.C.S.D. POLICIES!**





# NORTHSIDE PATRIOTS

## HELPFUL LINKS



ATTENDANCE  
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