

# STUDENT HANDBOOK 2019-2020

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## NORTH EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL



The Mission of the North East School District is to challenge and empower all students to develop and achieve personal aspirations, pursue a love of learning, and be responsible citizens in a dynamic world.

Mr. Greg Beardsley  
Principal

Dr. Steve Karns  
Assistant Principal

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell  
Superintendent

This Agenda belongs to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Locker # \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom \_\_\_\_\_

Explore #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Explore #2 \_\_\_\_\_

# **We at North East Middle School are Raising Successful Learners who are...**



**R**esponsible  
**A**ccountable  
**I**nvolved  
**S**elf-motivated and  
**E**ducated for success

## **NORTH EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL BELIEVES:**

Students will learn, experience, and venture through their own strengths and the strengths of others.

Through the assistance, cooperation, and encouragement of home, school, and community; students will be academically, socially, and emotionally ready for their next educational experience.

Students' health and wellness will be emphasized through timely programs on awareness, prevention, nutrition, and fitness.

Students and building personnel will demonstrate respect and responsibility for self, others, and the environment regardless of cultural, individual, or learning differences.

Students and building personnel, through their choices, will preserve a safe and secure school community.

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## **Letter from the Administrators**



Dear Students,

Welcome to North East Middle School! We are very proud of our students and staff and are pleased to have you with us this year. Each student is an important member of our North East Middle School family and will have many opportunities to experience success in all aspects of school life. We strive to maintain a climate of high academic expectations and mutual respect. Our hope is that you will join us in our efforts and have a positive middle school experience.

***Mr. Beardsley and Dr. Karns***

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**Phone Directory  
Middle School 725-8671**



Principal	Mr. Beardsley	ext. 2001
Asst. Principal	Dr. Karns	ext. 2002
Office	Mrs. Tuttle	ext. 2000
Office	Mrs. Seth	ext. 2003
School Nurse	Mrs. Brabender	ext. 2014
Guidance		ext. 2005

**2019-2020 School Calendar**

- August 22, 23, 26—In-service days (No school for students)
- August 27—First day of school
- September 2—Labor Day (School closed)
- October 14—In-service (No school for students)
- October 30—End of 1<sup>st</sup> marking period
- November 7, 8—Parent conferences/early dismissal—1/2 day
- November 27-December 2—Thanksgiving break (School closed)
- December 23-January 1—Winter break (School closed)
- January 2—School resumes
- January 17—End of 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period
- January 20—MLK Day/Teacher Work Day (No school for students)
- February 14—In-service (No school for students)
- February 17—Presidents’ Day (School closed)
- March 16—No School
- March 26—End of 3<sup>rd</sup> marking period
- April 9-13—Spring Break (School closed)
- May 25—Memorial Day (School closed)
- June 3—Last day of school/end of 4<sup>th</sup> marking period/GRADUATION



\*\*Makeup days for school closings will be used in the following order: February 14, March 16, and April 13

**Academic Grading Scale** (based on tests, quizzes, and performance assessments)

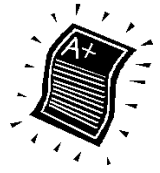
100-99 .....	A+	84-83 .....	C+
98-95 .....	A	82-79 .....	C
94-93 .....	A-	78-77 .....	C-
92-91 .....	B+	76-75 .....	D+
90-87 .....	B	74-71 .....	D
86-85 .....	B-	70-69 .....	D-
	Below 69 .....		Failure



## Academic Recognition

Quarterly there is a "Straight A Breakfast" for A's in all classes.

Each quarter Specials Teachers give out one certificate per class to an outstanding student for that quarter. Each quarter, qualifying students are recognized for grades. The minimum standards for recognition are as follows:



High Honors	All A's in Academics & Specials
Honor Roll	A's and B's in Academics & Specials
B.U.G. Award	Bringing up at least one grade without any other grade going down and no failing grades.

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## Pride of the Principal Award

A special recognition of students who demonstrate exemplary citizenship, attitude, and cooperation will be given quarterly in each grade.



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## School Procedures

### School Hours

North East Middle School houses grades 6 through 8 with a population of approximately 400 students.

**Homeroom: 7:37 AM**      **Dismissal: 2:45 PM**



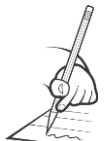
**Early Arrival**—Students **may not** arrive before 7 a.m.

Students must report and stay in the cafeteria or designated grade level areas until 7:30. Breakfast will be served until 7:30. Students are **not** permitted to go to their lockers.

**Dismissal**—It is expected that students go home at 2:45 p.m. unless they are participating in an after school activity for which they need permission. Students who participate in sports are not permitted to stay at school unless practice begins at 3 p.m.

### Attendance Procedures

1. Call the school to report absence before 7 a.m.
2. Have parent or guardian write an excuse giving name, date, days of absence, and reason for absence. Turn note in to homeroom teacher.
3. **Excuses must be turned in to your homeroom teacher within three school days or the absence will be considered illegal.**
4. If your child is on a **doctor's excuse**, the doctor's excuse **must** be turned in the **first day** the student returns to school.



5. Make immediate plans to see all teachers to complete make-up work due to absence.
6. Submit early dismissal notes to the office before school on the day of early dismissal.
7. **If you go to the doctor, please bring in a note from their office upon return.**

***Only emergency phone calls will be accepted for any dismissal changes. Please make arrangements before coming to school. Students are not permitted to call during the day for dismissal changes; therefore, the OFFICE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MESSAGES. Students often do not report to the office for messages.***

**\*\*\*\*\*NO EXCEPTIONS\*\*\*\*\***

The only legal reasons for being absent from school are listed below:

- A. Personal illness
- B. Death in immediate family
- C. Religious holidays
- D. Educational trips
- E. Natural disaster or severe weather conditions



Students who are under seventeen years of age and acquire three unlawful absences their parents will receive warnings in the mail. This is an official warning pertaining to future unlawful absences. After the third offense notice has been issued, additional unlawful absences shall be referred by the District to the local District Judge, which may result in legal action against you and/or your parents. The consequences of legal action are a hearing and a possible monetary fine based on Section 1333, Article XIII of Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949.

## **Tardiness and Truancies**

Students are required to be in homeroom and seated by 7:42 a.m. Students tardy to school must obtain a tardy admission slip from the office before going to their classes/homeroom.

Excessive **unexcused** tardiness to school (per semester) will be handled as follows: 5-9 tardies—after school detention; 10 tardies—Saturday detention. Repeated or severe cases will result in more significant penalties and/or legal referrals.

**This policy stays in effect for the entire school year.**

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## Behavior in the Classroom

The classroom is the heart of your opportunity for learning. The teacher is responsible for control of the room and has complete authority. Your teacher will have classroom procedures outlined for you to follow. You are responsible for your behavior.



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## Bicycles

The school provides a bicycle rack on the west side of the building. Any bikes found outside that area will become the property of the school. Bicycles must be ridden on the sidewalk around to the bike rack; students are **not** to ride their bikes in the parking lot. Students must obey all crossing guards. A lock is strongly recommended for bikes.



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## Bullying

Students **will not** bully each other. Bullying may rise to the level of being "harassment," for which students may receive discipline consequences as set forth in the "Discipline" section.



See Discipline (p. 7 Harassment—♦bulleted item)

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## Cell Phones/Electronic Devices



Cell phones may be brought to school but they must be off and out of sight. Students must turn off all devices before walking into the building and leave them off until they have exited the building. Devices are **not** to be used in school during the school day. If a student uses a cell phone/electronic device during an "Academic School Day," the following disciplinary consequences will result:

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense**—Confiscation of the electronic device and parent contact. Student will be assigned a Saturday detention. The electronic device will be returned to student at the end of the day.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense**—Confiscation of the electronic device and parent contact. Student will be assigned a Saturday detention. The electronic device will not be returned directly to the student; parent must appear to collect the electronic device. The parent must sign a contract explaining the next violation policy.

**Subsequent Offenses**—After a "second offense" a student found to be using the device during the academic school day will be considered insubordinate. The penalty for such an act will be an immediate five-day suspension; parent must appear to collect the electronic device.

The student will **NOT** be permitted to possess any electronic device in school for the remainder of the school year.

## **(NESD Policy 237)**

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### **Discipline**

One of the most important lessons students must learn is personal discipline. The North East Middle School community has high expectations for your behavior. Working together your parents, teachers, staff, and administrators will encourage you to reach your potential.

The following are **NOT ACCEPTABLE** and **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED** on school property, at school sponsored events, or on any transportation to or from school and/or school sponsored events:

- ◆ Alcohol/drug use (which includes but is not limited to alcohol, illegal drugs, controlled substances, prescription drugs, non-prescription drugs which are being used in an abusive or unlawful manner or in a manner for which they were not intended or prescribed, anabolic steroids, look-alike drugs/substances, and any substance which is intended to alter mood)
- ◆ Weapon use or possession (which shall include, but not be limited to, the following or any replica or look-alike of the following: guns; firearms; BB guns; ammunition, including bullets; knives, including pocket knives; metal knuckles; straight razors and razor blades; noxious, irritating, or poisonous gases, including mace and pepper spray; poisons; explosive materials; bombs; missiles; chains; metal objects or any other object designed for protection or designed to harm others; or any object intended by the student to do bodily injury or threat of bodily injury to another)
- ◆ Aggressive behavior with intent to cause harm
- ◆ Fighting
- ◆ Harassment (which includes but is not limited to, unwelcome slurs, jokes, or other verbal/oral, graphic or physical conduct based on a student's race, color, religion, ethnicity, national origin, sex gender, sexual orientation, age or disability, or any other legally protected class, or for engaging in any other protected activities which are so objectively severe or pervasive in nature that they (1) create, or pose a realistic or well-founded threat of creating, a substantial or material disruption to the educational process or activities or (2) interfere, or pose a realistic or well-founded threat of interfering with, the rights of the student/s or the student/s access to or participation in the benefits or programs offered by the District)



- ◆ Possession of any tobacco product, E-cigarettes, or vapes
- ◆ Stealing
- ◆ Vandalism
- ◆ Inappropriate language
- ◆ Insubordination (outright refusal to obey a directive from any staff member)
- ◆ Disruptive/disrespectful behavior (behavior which is distracting, detrimental, or not conducive to the learning environment of other students while in school and any behavior which shows a lack of respect or deference to District officials, employees, and volunteers)
- ◆ Terroristic threats/Terroristic acts/Bomb threats (including threats to commit any crime of violence to another or to cause evacuation of a building, place of assembly or facility, or to cause serious public inconvenience, or in reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or inconvenience)



Students who commit any of these disciplinary infractions shall, depending on the severity or frequency of the behaviors, be subject to discipline up to and including out-of-school suspension and expulsion. Students who violate the weapon policy shall be expelled for a period of not less than one year, although the Superintendent may recommend a lesser penalty on a case-by-case basis.

Students are entitled to “due process” depending on the level of discipline that is recommended. Your school Administrator shall notify you of your due process rights prior to any exclusion from school (i.e., prior to any suspension or expulsion from school).

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### **After School Detention**

After school detention is assigned by the Principal or Assistant Principal. Second trip bus transportation is available (at the elementary building with a bus pass) only for those who normally ride the bus. You may or will receive a detention for the following reasons:

- ◆ **NOT** following school/classroom rules
- ◆ **NOT** respecting the rights of others (adults/peers)
- ◆ **NOT** being on time and prepared
- ◆ **NOT** staying on task, paying attention, or completing work in a timely manner
- ◆ Misbehaving in the hall
- ◆ 5-9 unexcused tardies



## Saturday Detention

Saturday detention is assigned by the Principal or Assistant Principal for repeated misbehavior, a serious discipline issue, ten or more unexcused tardies, or if you skip Wednesday detention. You will report to the front door of the NEMS at **7:45 a.m.** You are to bring school work with you. At 12 p.m. your teacher will escort you out of the building.

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## Dress Code

We take pride in the appearance of our students. Your appearance reflects the quality of our school.

- ◆ We expect all students to dress and groom themselves neatly in clothes that are suitable for school activities.
- ◆ Hats, coats, and book bags are to remain in your student locker during the course of the day.



Students **may not** wear the following items in school:

- ◆ Pajamas
- ◆ Ripped jeans that show any type of skin above the knee
- ◆ Clothing with suggestive slogans or unhealthy messages
- ◆ Bare midriff
- ◆ Muscle shirts, tank tops, or spaghetti straps
- ◆ Shorts or skirts must be finger-tip length (with the exception of gym class)
- ◆ Bandanas
- ◆ Spiked jewelry
- ◆ Chains
- ◆ Hoodies



During cooler weather, students may wear “fleece” pullovers, sweaters, or sweatshirts in class for comfort. Wind-breakers or jackets are not permitted. If it is an article of clothing designed for the outside elements, it is to be left in the locker. If you come dressed inappropriately, you will be asked to call for appropriate clothing or get a change of clothes from the health room.

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## Fire Drills/Emergency Drills

North East Middle School will conduct a series of fire/emergency evacuation drills over the course of the school year. A Fire Evacuation Plan is posted conspicuously in each room. Students should be aware of this plan and become familiar with it.

When a fire alarm sounds, students will **immediately stand and be escorted out of the building by their teacher**. Students will **leave the room and building in a quiet and orderly manner** via the route posted for that area. Running is not permitted. Upon exiting the building, students will **remain with their group** in a safe area at least 50 feet from the building and wait for the all-clear signal before re-entering. Students will **re-enter the building in a quiet and orderly fashion**.

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## Fundraising

Fundraisers are not to be sold during school hours (7:30 – 2:45).

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## Hall Behavior



During class time students should only be in the halls if they have a **signed agenda or a pass** from their classroom teacher. During the change of classes, students will be supervised by classroom teachers standing in the hallways. Travel between classes should be **quiet and orderly** with students walking on the **right** side of the halls. Running and loud noisy behavior will not be tolerated. Appropriate disciplinary action will result from improper behavior in the hallways between classes. No loitering in the halls.

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## Health Room Hours (for walk-in problems and illnesses)

Mondays: 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Tuesdays: 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays: 7:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Thursdays: 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Fridays: 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Students who become ill at school must report to the Health Office **with a pass** for an evaluation by the nurse. She will then notify your parent/guardian if it is necessary for you to go home. Any illness or injury should be reported to the school Health Office immediately.

If you are on Dr.'s Excuse and come to school ill, the nurse has the discretion of sending you home or staying in school.

## Health Room Emergencies

1. Significant new bleeding
2. New burns that blister
3. Injuries that just occurred (not ones that happened days ago)

4. Vomiting
5. Deep lacerations that occur in school
6. Head injury that occurs in school
7. Sprains or fractures that occur in school
8. Fainting or dizziness
9. Asthma attack or breathing difficulty
10. Seizures
11. Foreign body in the eye
12. Hypoglycemia, especially with our diabetics
13. Nosebleeds



These **ARE NOT** emergencies:

1. Headaches
2. Stomachaches or indigestion
3. Earache
4. Sore throat
5. Cough, colds
6. Abrasions, scratches, cuts, pencil pokes
7. Splinters
8. Rashes
9. Sunburn
10. Orthodontia discomfort from braces
11. Falling asleep in class!



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## Health Testing



Each year all students are screened for vision, blood pressure, height, weight, and body mass index. Physical exams are given in sixth grade. Dental, (Pennsylvania School Code: Article XIV, Section 1403) hearing, and scoliosis (curvature of the spine) screenings are done on all seventh graders. The nurse will send a referral home to parents when students do not meet the screening standards. (Pennsylvania School Code: Article XIV, Section 1402)

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## Required Immunizations

All students are required to have documentation on file in the North East Middle School health office that they have had their hepatitis series and proof of Varicella disease (chicken pox) or immunity (must have 2 shots). Grade 7 students must also have the 1<sup>st</sup> of 2 Meningitis vaccines and a Tdap booster (Tetanus, Diptheria, and Pertussis). Any 7<sup>th</sup> grade student who is **not up to date** on their immunizations will not be permitted to begin school in August. (Pennsylvania School Code: Article XIII, Section 1303A, Policy 5161 NESD)



## Homework Help

Homework Help nights will be offered Monday through Thursday each week from 2:45 to 4:00 p.m. in the Middle School Library. Students are to come prepared to work; **only students who need help are permitted to stay.** If a student does not complete his/her homework, a teacher may call to get permission for him/her to stay for homework help. Attendance will be taken. Transportation will be provided only if the student normally rides a bus home. Students will leave at 3:20 and walk to the Davis school with a bus pass.



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## Homework Requests

Only when you are **absent two or more days**, your parents/guardians may request your homework assignments. Your parents must call the school between **7:30 and 8:00 a.m.** to request your assignments. They may pick up your assignments **after 3 p.m.** Please **do not** call for one day. Call before coming to make sure homework is here.


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## Vacation Requests

If you plan to take a family vacation, an Educational Vacation form is available in the office and must be filled out, signed, and returned to the office **five days** prior to departure and must be approved by the principal or assistant principal for homework requests to be honored. Please try to avoid the PSSA testing window. The form will be used as the absence excuse. **(See PSSA dates posted on page 22.)**


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## Library/Text Books

 You are expected to take care of borrowed materials and to return them on time. If materials are damaged or lost, you must pay to replace these items. The cost related to damage or loss of a book will be the responsibility of the student who was originally assigned the book. If students do not return or pay the cost of the item by the end of the school year, debts are sent to the District Justice where additional fines may be incurred.

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## Lockers

 Your locker is the property of the North East School District. You may rent a lock (\$2) from the office to place on your locker and/or gym locker. You may **not** buy your own lock. All lockers will be subject to periodic general inspection for the purpose of sanitation, maintenance, and to insure the health, safety, and welfare of the school environment. Lockers will also be subjected to periodic searches by the principal or other

designated school officials, including dogs trained to identify controlled and/or illegal substances. Your lock needs to be returned by the end of May and \$1 will be given back. *Note: The school is not responsible for lost or stolen articles.*

We invite you to carry your book bags and gym bags to school. However, they must be kept in your locker and may not be carried to classes. Please understand the middle school lockers are small and not all book bags will fit.

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## Medication



A physician's written order, parental permission slip, and **proper notarization** are required for all students receiving medication in school. (The Business Office will notarize school related paperwork only. Call the business office at 725-8671 x 3906.)

**This includes all over-the-counter medication** including eye drops and antibiotics, as well as allergy, and cold and cough medication. The medication form and prescription must be on file in the school health office for your child to receive medication. Tylenol may be dispensed if a signed parental permission slip is on file.

All medication, prescription and non-prescription, must be in the original container, labeled with the student's name, and brought to the Health Office by a parent or guardian. All student medications will be kept in a locked medicine cabinet. Students must follow the procedures for using medications in school and supply the nurse with all proper documentation annually. Overnight field trip medication forms need to follow the medication policy.



Students who self administer their asthma inhalers, EpiPens, or insulin in school shall follow the procedures for using self-administered medications in school and supply the nurse with all proper documentation **annually**. **The student must notify the school nurse immediately following each use of self-administered medication.**

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## Music



North East Middle School offers instruction in choral singing and band. Students who elect not to participate in performance groups will participate in music courses. Students are not permitted to drop chorus or band.

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## Sapphire

N.E.S.D. uses a web-based program called Sapphire to allow students and parents an opportunity to access student absences, grades, and assignments from any computer with on-line capabilities. If any demographic information changes, parents are able to login and make the changes. Teachers will update grades at least once per week by 3 p.m. on Mondays.

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## School Closing

If it becomes necessary to close North East School District due to inclement weather or other emergency, school authorities will notify the following television stations: WJET/WSEE/WICU. Please watch these stations for official notification of any unscheduled school closing. You may also check the school website ([www.nesd1.org](http://www.nesd1.org)). **A Sapphire message will be sent out as soon as possible if school is delayed or canceled.** When there is a 2-hour delay, school will start at 9:37 a.m. instead of 7:37 a.m.

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## Sports Physicals



Free sport physicals are scheduled once a year in June for the following year's sports activities by the North East School District. PIAA rules state that a yearly physical or recertification form must be on file for the student athlete for each season. Students must sign the "Risk of Concussion & Traumatic Brain Injury" form for **each** sport. Physicals must be done after June 1 for the following year. (Pennsylvania School Code: Article XIV, Section 1402)

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## Student Assistance Program



The North East Support Team (N.E.S.T.) is designed to help all students in the middle school be successful. Life sometimes can be difficult for lots of different reasons. N.E.S.T. members are here to help. They are your teachers, nurse, counselor, assistant principal, and principal. N.E.S.T. provides education, prevention, early intervention, agency referral, and follow-up. You, your parents, or your friends can ask for their help.

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## Technology

Students may only use the Internet to research specific school subjects. You and your parent/guardian will be required to sign the N.E.S.D. 1:1 Chromebook Agreement. Once you have signed this form, you will be assigned a Chromebook. Failure to abide by these rules will result in loss of your computer privileges. Students are responsible for any damage. Chromebooks are docked in the student's assigned Chromebook cart at the end of each school day. Chromebooks are **not** permitted to leave the school.

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## Transportation

It is expected that students ride their assigned bus home each afternoon. Students may ride a different bus by special request of a parent:



- ◆ A note requesting this change is received in the morning
- ◆ No student will be permitted to call during the school day for a bus pass to a friend's house
- ◆ There is seat availability
- ◆ Bus pass is issued by a staff member
- ◆ **Transportation is NOT provided for after school intramurals, sports activities, or clubs.**

**NO student is permitted to get on the bus at the high school or elementary center at dismissal (unless the class is at the high school) without a pass.** Students need to have all dismissal items ready.

The following actions will be taken depending on the severity and frequency of misbehavior: warning, assigned seat, parent notification, and/or suspension of transportation privileges.

## School Bus Safety Rules for Students



### At the Bus Stop

1. Be waiting at your designated bus stop five minutes before your bus arrives.
2. If you miss your bus, **do not** run after it.
3. Wait in line at least ten feet from the edge of the highway.
4. Big and/or awkward objects are not permitted on the bus. (golf clubs, skis, etc.)
5. Wait until the bus stops and the door opens before you get on or off the bus.
6. Wait for a signal from the driver before crossing the street. Be alert for motorists. Look both ways before stepping in front of the bus onto the road.
7. Use the handrail to get on and off the bus.

### On the Bus

1. Remain seated facing the front of the bus at all times.
2. Keep aisles clear of arms, legs, and carry-on items.
3. Keep arms, hands, head, and feet inside the bus.
4. Get the driver's permission to open or close the windows.
5. Avoid distracting the driver.
6. Keep your hands and feet to yourself.

7. Always talk quietly.
8. Do not engage in any actions that might threaten the safety of other students or the driver.
9. Do not deliberately disobey, abuse, or otherwise show disrespect for the driver.
10. No pushing, fighting, or disruptive behavior in or around the bus.
11. Do not bring on the bus or have in your possession dangerous and/or illegal weapons, alcoholic beverages, narcotics, controlled substances, tobacco products, glass objects, skateboards, or scooters.
12. Do not throw, shoot, or otherwise propel any objects in or around the bus.
13. Do not mar, deface, or tamper with any part of the bus. Students will be responsible to pay for any damages they cause to the bus.
14. Drivers have the authority to assign seats and make reasonable rules for students to follow (forbidding eating, drinking, radios, etc.).
15. All buses have back and front audio/video monitoring of buses.



## Getting Off the Bus

1. Beware of the bus danger zone.
2. When approaching or leaving the bus, always cross at least ten feet in front where the driver can see you. Never cross the roadway behind the bus.
3. If you touch the bus when you're walking along side of the bus, you are too close.
4. Wait for a signal from the driver before crossing the street. Be alert for motorists. Look both ways before stepping in front of the bus onto the road.
5. Never re-approach the bus.
6. You must have written permission from a school administrator to get off the bus at a stop other than your regularly assigned stop. Requests need to be written by a parent and the student can drop off the request in the office before homeroom.

## Bus Discipline—Violations of Bus Safety Rules

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense—Verbal warning and parent notified
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense—After school detention and parent notified
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense—One day suspension from riding bus
- 4<sup>th</sup> offense—Three day suspension from riding bus
- 5<sup>th</sup> offense—Loss of bus privilege for remainder of school year



All rules set forth in the North East School District Discipline Code apply to students during the day including the time when students are going to and from their homes. This also includes the time when students are waiting for and during the time they are riding the school



buses or vans. For example, a student who brings a weapon or drugs onto a school bus will be subject to the same discipline as if he/she were in school. These rules apply to all field trips, overnight trips, sporting events, and any other school-sponsored activities as well.

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## **Walkers**



If you are a walker, plan to arrive at 7:30 a.m. and go directly to homeroom. At dismissal time, go directly home. You are not permitted to go into the Intermediate Elementary or Davis Primary without a pass from the office. Walkers must stay on the sidewalk and are **not** permitted to walk across the parking lot or softball field.

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## **Activities**

### **Intramurals**

The purpose of the Intramural Program is to provide all students with the opportunities to explore, grow, and learn beyond the classroom setting throughout the year. A variety of programs are offered every year. Transportation is not available for activities.

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### **Math Counts**

Middle school students work in math and problem solving classes to prepare for competition. In March students compete with students in the region at Gannon University.



### **Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS)**

This seventh and eighth grade science competition allows students to participate in solving a science problem using the scientific method. The students then present their projects at a regional competition to determine their eligibility for state level competition.



### **Science Olympics**

Science Olympics is an extra-curricular activity for students in grades 6, 7, and 8 who love "Hands On" science activities. Students compete within the NEMS for a spot on the team of 15 by participating in 3 school-wide competitions. Once on the team, the year is spent working on events for the regional competition with a goal in mind of qualifying for the state tournament. Science Olympics is both an individual and a team effort and demonstrates a student's understanding and mastery of science, mathematics, and technology concepts that require not only knowledge and problem-solving skills, but also the ability to work together as a team.

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## **New Intramurals**

If a student is interested in a new Intramural, they will need to find an advisor and review it with the principal. A letter will then be submitted to the Intramural director and sent on to the School Board for approval. Once approved the Intramural may begin.

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## **PIAA Sports**

### **PIAA Academic & Attendance Eligibility Regulations**

If a student comes in late without a note, it will be up to the principal if the student can practice or play in a game.

If a student receives 2 F's he/she is ineligible to practice or play in games and must go to the teacher for help.

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### **Boys' Basketball**

Seventh and eighth grade boys' basketball is an important part of our basketball program. Our teams are the starting place for building a successful tradition. Each team carries between 12 and 15 players and plays a maximum of 24 games. Our program is sanctioned by the PIAA, and our student athletes must comply with school eligibility standards. Tryouts and games begin in November. Our goal is to develop fundamental skills while promoting sportsmanship so that our program is successful.



### **Girls' Basketball**

Seventh and eighth grade girls' PIAA basketball is a great opportunity to get involved in your school. These are school teams which are competitive, but still in transition from intramurals. The seventh grade team typically has 15 players and offers the chance for wider participation. The eighth grade team is geared more towards competition with a typical team of 12 players. Both teams have tryouts in mid-August and require a physical before participation.



### **Cross Country**

At North East Middle School, cross country is PIAA sanctioned, and all rules apply. Student athletes are required to meet all PIAA academic and attendance eligibility regulations, as well as North East School District Academic Policy. Seventh and eighth grade cross country is a fall PIAA sport. The runners participate in county meets as well as invitationals throughout the region.



## Football

At North East Middle School, football is PIAA sanctioned, and all rules apply. Student athletes are required to meet all PIAA academic and attendance eligibility regulations, as well as North East School District Academic Policy. The Junior High Football Team is composed of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The goal is to develop skills and a hard work ethic that will make our team competitive with other schools in our league, while encouraging good sportsmanship and preparing players for varsity football.



## Soccer

Middle School soccer is for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in developing the skills to prepare for high school soccer. All PIAA and North East School District rules apply as related to attendance and grades. Good sportsmanship and attitude is stressed as students prepare for varsity soccer.



## Track & Field

At North East Middle School, track & field is PIAA sanctioned, and all rules apply. Student athletes are required to meet all PIAA academic and attendance eligibility regulations, as well as North East School District Academic Policy. Middle School track & field is for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Events include sprints, distance, high jump, long jump, triple jump, hurdles, shot put, and discus.



## Girls' Volleyball

This program is for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls who are interested in learning the basics of volleyball and getting a chance to compete against other schools. Girls are required to meet PIAA academic and attendance eligibility requirements. Tryouts are in March and games are in April. Good sportsmanship is encouraged as this program will prepare players for varsity level play.



## Wrestling

Middle School wrestling is for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students interested in developing wrestling skills, learning how to be a part of a team, as well as competing as an individual. All PIAA rules and North East School District rules apply. Sportsmanship and how to compete properly are highly stressed.



**NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE FRAMEWORK**

These are the options of disciplinary consequences for violations of the discipline code. Other infractions which may not be listed below will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and apply discipline in a fair, firm, and consistent manner.

	Warning/ Reprimand	Teacher/ Student Conf.	Teacher/Parent Conf.	Admin./ Parent Conf.	Admin./Parent/ Student Conf.	After-School Detention
Alcohol/Drugs				X	X	
Arson/Related Activities				X	X	
Bus Misbehavior	X		X	X	X	X
Cheating		X	X	X	X	X
Class Cuts		X	X	X	X	X
Dangerous Weapons				X	X	
Defiance		X	X	X	X	
Destruction/Damage of School Property				X	X	X
Disrespect				X	X	X
Disruptive Behavior		X	X	X	X	X
Falsifying Information				X	X	X
Fighting				X	X	X
Harassment				X	X	X
Insubordination				X	X	X
Left w/o Permission				X	X	X
Obj. Public Conduct				X	X	
Pager/Cell Phone Use During School Hours				X	X	
Profanity				X	X	X
Skip Detention After School				X	X	X
Skip Detention: Saturday				X	X	
Tardiness		X		X	X	X
Terroristic Threats				X	X	
Theft				X	X	
Tobacco				X	X	
Truancy				X	X	X
Unlawful Entry				X	X	

**NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE FRAMEWORK**

(Continued)

	Saturday Detention	Out of School Susp.	Discipline Committee Hearing	School Board Hearings
Alcohol/Drugs	X	X	X	X
Arson/Related Activities		X	X	X
Bus Misbehavior	X	X		
Cheating	X	X		
Class Cuts	X	X		
Dangerous Weapons	X	X	X	X
Defiance	X	X	X	X
Destruction/Damage of School Property	X	X	X	X
Disrespect	X	X		
Disruptive Behavior	X	X		
Falsifying Information	X	X		
Fighting	X	X	X	X
Harassment	X	X	X	X
Insubordination	X	X	X	X
Left w/o Permission	X			
Obj. Public Conduct	X	X	X	X
Pager/Cell Phone Use During School Hours	X	X		
Profanity	X	X	X	X
Skip Detention: After School	X			
Skip Detention: Saturday	X	X		
Tardiness	X			
Terroristic Threats		X	X	X
Theft	X	X	X	X
Tobacco	X	X		
Truancy	X	X		
Unlawful Entry	X	X		

## **PSSA Dates**

English Language Arts	April 20 - 25, 2020	Grades 3-8
Mathematics	April 27 - May 8, 2020	Grades 3-8
Science	April 27 – May 8, 2020	Grades 4-8
Make-up	April 27 – May 8, 2020	

Please try to schedule all doctor appointments and vacations around these dates.

## **The McKinney-Veto Act/Homelessness**

On July 22, 1987, the Stewart B. McKinney Homelessness Assistance Act became public law. The goal of this law was to protect children who are experiencing homelessness. Homelessness is defined as if you are in any of the following situations.

1. A shelter.
2. A motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation.
3. A car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station.
4. Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship.

If this describes your living situation, please notify your guidance counselor or principal to obtain help for yourself and family.

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"The district provides special education services to those students who require specially designed instruction and supplementary aides and services in order to be successful in the Middle School setting. If your son or daughter is having academic or behavioral difficulty in school, please contact the North East School District Special Education office at 725-8671 – ext 3027."  
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