



NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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August 9, 2021

Welcome Back North East Students and Families!

We are looking forward to an amazing 2021-2022 school year. We will be back to school in person on Tuesday, August 31, 2021. Currently, our district will operate with a regular schedule for in-person learning with COVID mitigation and safety protocols in place. Our approved Health and Safety Plan is posted on the district website. Please review this as well as the frequently asked questions (FAQs) located at nesd1.org. Additional back to school information and forms are posted under the back-to-school gold tab.

We have exciting changes coming to our administrative team for the 2021-2022 school year. Please welcome Mr. Brian Dewey, Director of Athletics. Brian joined our team this summer as a full-time addition to our team. He comes to North East with over 25 years as a coach and several years as a collegiate Athletic Director. He has already hit the ground running. Mr. Dewey has made several changes to the Athletics web page. He will also oversee intramurals and will be the point of contact for recreation activities.

Mr. Nathan Otis has been promoted to the Principal of the North East Middle School. Mr. Otis will make a transition from High School Assistant Principal to the Principal at the Middle School. Mr. Greg Beardsley will be retiring in December; however, his last physical day in the district will be mid-October. We will celebrate him in October. Mr. Beardsley will be working with Mr. Otis over the next couple of months to ensure a smooth transition. We are currently in the process of interviewing for an assistant principal at the middle school to replace Dr. Karns, who was promoted to Curriculum Director in a neighboring district, and Mr. Otis, who was promoted to middle school principal. We congratulate these outstanding individuals and look forward to a great year!

This year we will continue to focus on our Social-Emotional Learning/mental health initiatives. We will be adding an SEL tab to the website that includes resources for families. Currently, we have posted an SEL video that showcases 2020-21 initiatives. A special thank you to our students who did an outstanding job of representing North East as well as the SEL Strategic and Leadership teams. In addition, we will continue our curriculum mapping initiative, STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) initiatives, school safety and security, as well as community outreach and partnerships.

Our staff has been working very hard this summer. You will be receiving important information on bussing as well as free and reduced lunch forms. Keep in mind that breakfast and lunch will once again be free for all students during the 2021-22 school year. Additionally, information is changing daily; we will continue to make informed decisions based on current information provided by medical experts as well as the local and state health departments. Please continue to check the website for updates. We strongly encourage our parents/guardians to reach out to the building administration with any questions you may have regarding the 2021-2022 school year.

We have posted the blended learning schedules on the district website in the event a school building and/or the district needs to close down due to the pandemic. **Please have a back-up plan in place.** Just like inclement weather, we cannot predict the pandemic; however, it is our goal to have our doors open. If your child needs to quarantine due to being a close contact of a positive case, they will have the opportunity to livestream. Livestreaming will only be available for students quarantining for ten or more days. If a student is quarantining due to waiting on a result from a COVID test, they will be provided their assignments by their classroom teacher.



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We will still offer our North East Virtual Academy. As a reminder, virtual or “other” cyber charter programs are not free and are funded by North East School District tax payer dollars. During the 2020-2021, school year virtual/cyber charter programs cost 1.03 million school district tax payer dollars. We encourage any family considering this option or currently enrolled in another cyber program to contact the district and consider enrolling in our North East Virtual Academy. NEVA students will receive a Chromebook to use and will receive a North East School District diploma upon graduation whereas, the “other” programs do not offer a NE diploma.

We have also had a lot of projects taking place on our campus this summer. Our HVAC system upgrades are in the process of being completed at the Elementary Center; we have conducted an athletic facilities feasibility study and created an athletic facilities committee; our campus-wide phone systems have been upgraded; we have made significant upgrades to our baseball and softball fields; and, we are working on several concrete and exterior paint projects.

We once again would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our families and community for being our partners in education. Please see list below for important upcoming events.

Important dates to remember:

August 17, 2021 - We will have the Chromebook pick-up for grades 3-12. All grades will pick-up from the NEHS between 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Please bring the enclosed forms with you. If you are purchasing Chromebook insurance, please bring a check in the amount of \$25 made payable to the North East School District. Complete one per student attending.

August 18, 2021 - Middle School New Student Orientation - NE Middle School - 9:00 a.m.

August 18, 2021 - Kindergarten Bus Orientation – Elementary Center Cafeteria - 9:00 a.m.

August 26, 2021 - New Student, Freshman, and Sophomore Orientation - NEHS - 12:30 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.

August 27, 2021 - Virtual Open House begins via-Flip Grid-Flyer with instructions included

August 31, 2021 - **First day of school** for both North East SD and Erie County Technical School

September 15, 2021 - School Pictures - NEHS

September 16, 2021 - School Pictures - NEMS

September 17, 2021 - School Pictures - NE Elementary Center

September 17, 2021 – Homecoming Weekend

November 12, 2021 - School Picture Retakes and Senior Make-up Day

Again, if you have questions, please reach out to your building administration or the district office. We cannot wait to see our children back in our schools on August 31st!

Respectfully yours,

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, Superintendent

Attachments: Flip Grid Open House Flyer, Calendar,
Safe Schools Flyer, Chromebook Registration Forms

FLIPGRID

NESD VIRTUAL MEET THE TEACHER 2021-2022

NEHS



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NEMS



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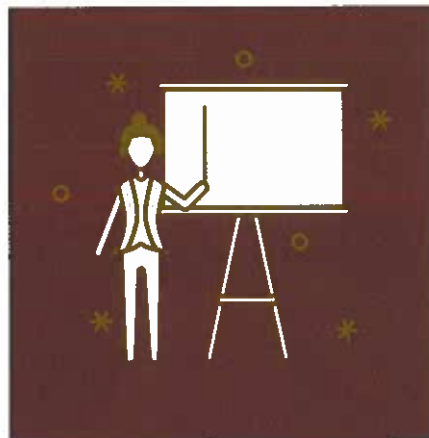


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NESD PARENTS & STUDENTS

Please scan the QR code using the camera on your phone or enter the website above to view introductions from your teachers this school year. We can't wait to meet you!




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Tentative Approved 2021-2022 School Calendar

Month	M	T	W	T	F	Days T/S	Month	M	T	W	T	F	Days T/S
August 2021	2	3	4	5	6		February 2022		1	2	3	4	
	9	10	11	12	13			7	8	9	10	11	
	16	17	18	19	20			14	15	16	17	18	
	23	24	25	26	27			21	22	23	24	25	
	30	31				4/1		28					19/18
September 2021			1	2	3		March 2022		1	2	3	4	
	6	7	8	9	10			7	8	9	10	11	
	13	14	15	16	17			14	15	16	17	18	
	20	21	22	23	24			21	22	23	24	25	
	27	28	29	30		21/21		28	29	30	31		22/22
October 2021					1		April 2022					1	
	4	5	6	7	8			4	5	6	7	8	
	11	12	13	14	15			11	12	13	14	15	
	18	19	20	21	22			18	19	20	21	22	
	25	26	27	28	29	21/20		25	26	27	28	29	17/17
November 2021	1	2	3	4	5		May 2022	2	3	4	5	6	
	8	9	10	11	12			9	10	11	12	13	
	15	16	17	18	19			16	17	18	19	20	
	22	23	24	25	26			23	24	25	26	27	
	29	30				18/18		30	31				21/21
December 2021			1	2	3		June 2022			1	2	3	
	6	7	8	9	10			6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17			13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24			20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30	31	16/16		27	28	29	30		7/7
January 2022	3	4	5	6	7							Students	180
	10	11	12	13	14							Teachers	186
	17	18	19	20	21								
	24	25	26	27	28								
	31					20/19							

- No School for Students
 - Vacation Days
 - Half Day Dismissals / Act 80
 T/S = Teacher Days/Student Days

Snow/Emergency Make-up Days:	Makeup days for school closings will be used in the following order: December 23, 2021; February 21, March 18, April 19, April 18, 2022. If any teacher in-service day becomes a make-up day for instruction, teacher in-service day(s) will be made up after the last day of school.											
<p>August 25 & 26 – Staff In-Service 30 – Teacher Work Day 31 – First Day of School for Students</p> <p>September 6 – Labor Day/School Closed</p> <p>October 8 – Half Day Dismissal (Act 80) 11 – In-Service Day / No School for Students</p> <p>November 3 – End of 1st Marking Period 4 & 5 – Parent Conf – Half Day Dismissals (Act 80) 24 – 29 – Thanksgiving Break /School Closed</p> <p>December 23 – 31 – Winter Break / School Closed</p> <p>January 17 – ML King Day / School Closed 21 – End of 2nd Marking Period</p>	<p>January continued 24 – Teacher Work Day / No School for NESD Students / ECTS in Session</p> <p>February 18 – In-Service Day / No School for Students 21 – Presidents Day / Schools Closed</p> <p>March 17 – Act 80 / No School for Students 18 – No School 31 – End of 3rd Marking Period</p> <p>April 14 – 19 – Spring Break / School Closed</p> <p>May 30 – Memorial Day – School Closed</p> <p>June 8 – Half Day Dismissal (Act 80) / Last Day of School for Students and GRADUATION! 9 – Act 80 – No School for Students</p>	 <p>STANDARDIZED TESTING DATES:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>Keystone Winter Wave 1 Keystone Winter Wave 2</td> <td>December 1 – 15, 2021 January 3 – 14, 2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSSAs English Language Arts (3-8)</td> <td>April 25 – 29, 2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PSSAs Math & Science (3-8) and Make-ups</td> <td>May 2 – 13, 2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Keystone Spring</td> <td>May 16 – 27, 2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Keystone Summer</td> <td>July 25 – 29, 2022</td> </tr> </table>	Keystone Winter Wave 1 Keystone Winter Wave 2	December 1 – 15, 2021 January 3 – 14, 2022	PSSAs English Language Arts (3-8)	April 25 – 29, 2022	PSSAs Math & Science (3-8) and Make-ups	May 2 – 13, 2022	Keystone Spring	May 16 – 27, 2022	Keystone Summer	July 25 – 29, 2022
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NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT EMERGENCY PLAN INFORMATION



The District's emergency plan provides for response actions in all types of emergencies. The chart below outlines several types of protective responses:

Response	Condition
Building Evacuation	Evacuation to a safe area on school grounds in case of fire.
Delayed Opening, Cancellation of Classes, Early or Delayed Release of Students	These actions are normally taken in case of a winter storm. Cancellation of classes may be necessary in case of a disruption of public utility services
In-Place Sheltering	Sudden occurrences such as tornadoes or hazardous material accidents may dictate taking cover in place (your child's school) as the best immediate response
District Evacuation	Total evacuation may become necessary if the school is in an endangered area. Hazardous material accidents and major floods are examples.
Reunification Sites	Current off campus reunification site is Harborcreek High School. (Site may change as needed.) You will receive specific instructions in the event that this becomes necessary.

Additionally, if your residence is in an endangered area and the school is not, we will care for your children at school until the danger has passed, unless you or a person you authorize comes to the school to regain custody. If a total evacuation becomes necessary, your children will be bused to an alternate location. Through the Sapphire system and local radio and television announcements, you will be kept informed of this alternate location where you may regain custody of your children.

Parents or others authorized to pick up a student will be required to provide identification at the pick-up point and sign a permission form before the school will release a student into their custody. Identification must be either a driver's license or some other form of picture identification.

For High School age students: In the event your child has a personal means of transportation (such as a car or motorcycle) at school during a declared emergency requiring evacuation, your consent would be necessary before the student would be permitted to evacuate by his/her own means of transportation.

During an emergency we urge that you do not telephone the schools or attempt to make different arrangements. Such actions only create confusion and divert staff members from their assigned emergency duties.

Emergency conditions may also require than an individual school, or even the entire school district, will have to close for a period of time. In that event, information for students and parents will be provided through the Sapphire system as well as via newspaper, radio and television announcements.

Dealing with emergencies requires all of us to cooperate in order to ensure everyone's safety. Your help will be greatly appreciated as we work to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

Should an evacuation become necessary, the information that you provide on emergency forms will help us to quickly move students to a safe location.



North East School District Student and Parent Agreement for Chromebook Use 2021-2022

By signing below, the parent/guardian and student indicate that they have read, understand, and agree to each of the following:

- The provisions set forth in the North East 1:1 Handbook (available on www.nesd1.org)
- All applicable North East School District policies (found in the District Policies on the district website) such as but not limited to Use of the Internet, Discipline Code, and Bullying/Cyberbullying.
- Optional Chromebook Insurance Agreement form (available on www.nesd1.org)

The North East School District shall not be liable for any damages resulting from a student's use or misuse of the Chromebook. The school district also assumes no responsibility for any charges incurred by a student's use of the Chromebook. Under proper operating procedures, there will be no cost incurred by the student and/or his or her parent/guardian for use of the Chromebook.

The use of the school district's Chromebooks by students is a privilege and not a right. Inappropriate, unauthorized, and illegal use of the school district's Chromebooks will result in the student receiving appropriate disciplinary action, which may include the student being required to return the Chromebook to the school district.

The parent/guardian and student agree that the Chromebook is the property of the North East School District and are to be used for school-related purposes only. The parent/guardian and student agree to return the Chromebook upon withdrawal of the student from the North East School District.

The parent/guardian and student agree to remit the Chromebook and Power Cord at the end of the school year, unless otherwise specified at the discretion of the building principal. The parent/guardian and student understand that they may be held financially liable for any damage, theft, or loss of said equipment as described in the North East 1:1 Handbook and Insurance Agreement. The parent/guardian and student understand and agree that if the student must be issued a loaner Chromebook due to circumstances described in the North East 1:1 Handbook, they will also be held financially liable for the condition of the loaner device in the event of damage, loss, or theft. The school district's technology department makes the sole determination of damages due to neglect or disregard versus normal wear and tear.

Additionally, by signing below, the parent/guardian and student indicate that they have read, understand, and agree to each of the following:

1. We understand that the North East School District is providing each student a Chromebook, Charger, and Carrying Case that is to be used for academic and educational purposes pertaining to coursework at North East School District.



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2. We understand that in the event of irreparable damage due to neglect to the Chromebook we are responsible for the cost of replacement.
3. We understand and agree that the Chromebook is subject to inspection by the District at any time without notice.
4. If there are any problems with the Chromebook, we will notify NESD staff or the District's Technology Department immediately, so that they may take prompt action to repair or replace the Chromebook.
5. In the event that the Chromebook is lost or stolen, we will notify NESD staff or the District's Technology Department immediately, so that they may take prompt action in an attempt to locate the Chromebook.
6. We agree to follow all applicable NESD policies, rules, and procedures governing the use of technology (including but not limited to the NESD Technology Acceptable Use Policy and related Board of Directors policies), during and outside of school hours as well as on and off school property. These rules, include, but are not limited to the following:

- Taking full responsibility for the Chromebook.
- Never loaning out the Chromebook to other individuals.
- Knowing where the Chromebook is at all times and charging the Chromebook battery daily.
- Keeping food and beverages away from the Chromebook.
- Not disassembling any part of the Chromebook or attempting any repairs.
- Protecting the Chromebook by storing it or transporting it securely in the district provided case.
- Using the Chromebook in ways that are appropriate and meet NESD expectations for educational purposes.
- Refraining from downloading or installing apps other than those approved by the District.
- Not placing inappropriate decorations (profanity, drugs/alcohol, nudity, etc) on the Chromebook.
- Not disabling, tampering with, altering or otherwise rendering non-functional any District or manufacturer software or apps installed on the Chromebook, including but not limited to any firewalls or other protective devices.
- Being personally responsible for all damage or loss caused by accident, neglect, or abuse.

Please identify the type of internet access available in your home: Cable - Spectrum
 DSL - Verizon Satellite Cellular/Hotspot VNet Fiber Other: _____

Student Name (please print): _____ Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



**North East School District
Chromebook Insurance Agreement
2021-2022 School Year
One form required per Student/Device**

Effective Date: Date of chromebook issuance.

Expiration Date: The end of the school year when the chromebook is returned to the school or the day the student withdraws from school, whichever comes first. If a student withdraws from the North East School District for any reason, this insurance agreement becomes null and void on that date. There are no refunds once this agreement becomes active on the date the Chromebook is issued. Devices and/or accessories not returned on the date of withdrawal or the last day of school will be reported to the district magistrate for replacement cost at the discretion of the building principal.

Effective Coverage: Immediately when a student is issued the chromebook if payment for insurance has been received.

<i>Coverage</i>	<i>Exclusions</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Accidental Damage: Pays for one (1)* accidental damage repair caused by liquid spills, drops, cracked screens, missing keys, frayed ac adapter, or any other unintentional event.● Electrical Surge: Pays for damage to the device due to an electrical surge.● Lost Items: Only covers lost charger or lost case. <p><i>*Note:</i> Insurance policy will be considered used in full once one repair is completed for the device. One subsequent damage will be charged at half cost to the student or family if insurance plan is purchased. All damages after initial accidental repair will be referred to the office. This referral may result in voiding insurance and/or disciplinary consequences if negligence is determined.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Hardware Failure: Hardware failure not due to accidental damage will be determined by the North East School District Technology Department staff.● Intentional Damage: Will not cover repairs which are the result of intentional, negligent, or careless actions. This includes, but is not limited to the removal of keys, removal of rubber pads, removal of screws, cord misuse and/or opening of the device, etc.● No Case: Students who do not use the provided case will be responsible for the full amount of the repair/replacement of the chromebook.● Loss of Device: Students or families will be liable for any device which is lost or stolen. While a police report will be required to be submitted, the student or family will be liable for the full cost to replace the device.



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Non-Covered Items Replacement Costs

- Lost device (see fee schedule below)

NOTICE: Caution Against Fraud

Any person who, with intent to defraud or knowing that he/she is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement is guilty of insurance fraud, a Federal Offense.

NO INSURANCE

Students or families may choose to not insure the Chromebook and will be responsible for the full value of the Chromebook or repairs. Replacement or repair fees will be assessed for lost or damaged Chromebooks according to the following estimates:

- Replacement cost for District provided Chromebook case and pouch - \$35
- Replacement cost for District provided Chromebook AC Adapter - \$30
- Replacement cost for District provided Chromebook is \$300
- Replacement cost for District provided Chromebook motherboard - \$100
- Replacement cost for District provided Chromebook keyboard/touchpad - \$45
- Replacement cost for District provided Chromebook LCD screen (non touch) - \$80
- Replacement cost for District provided Chromebook LCD screen (touch) - \$130

Please indicate your choice for insurance:

Insure Device for 2021-2022 School Year (\$25 per device) _____

- Payment received: Administrative signature: _____ Asset Tag: _____
- Paid by cash (attached) _____
- Paid by check/money order (Issue to North East School District) Check #: _____

****Payment MUST accompany this form if insuring device, if no payment is received, form will default to DO NOT insure device.****

DO NOT insure device for 2021-2022 School Year _____

(By selecting not to insure device, I understand that I will be responsible for any damages to the district issued Chromebook by the fee schedule above and will need to pay for these repairs in a timely manner.)

Student Name (please print): _____ Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____