

## Student Handbook Essentials

Recognizing that most students will unlikely read the entire student handbook in its entirety, we have created a “handbook essentials” guide to help highlight some of the most important, and most commonly misinterpreted language in the student handbook, as well as to bring any updates to the 2011-2012 student handbook to your attention.

**NOTE: This is NOT meant as a substitute to the full version of the student handbook** that is available online at <http://www.nps.org/node/1226> Printed copies of the handbook are available for use from any teacher, guidance, and the main office.

Remember, you are **RESPONSIBLE** to know and abide by ALL of the information in the student handbook. If there are any policies or procedures that are unclear or do not make sense to you, we are happy to explain them to you. If you disagree with any of these policies, please come talk to us about them so we can explain why they are in place. All the policies in place are there to ensure the health and safety of ALL staff and students and to maintain a learning environment that everyone can maximize their potential.

The following sections have been updated for 2011-2012.

Please be sure to read through these sections and make sure you understand what these policies are.

Attendance Policy – **UPDATED**– Pgs. 12-14 – (Important - Please note new credit loss/restoration info)

Dance/Prom Policies – **UPDATED** – Pgs. 30-31

Dress Code - **UPDATED** – Pgs. 34-35

Electronic Devices – **UPDATED** –Pgs. 37-38

Hall Passes – **UPDATED** –Pg. 48

Ipass/Ipament – **NEW – VERY IMPORTANT** – Pg. 51

Search and Seizure – **UPDATED** – Pg. 61

The following policies are essential to understand and should be reviewed.

Bullying/Harassment - **KNOW THE LAW!** Pgs.15-23

Computer Policies- Acceptable use policy –Pgs.26-30

Disciplinary Policy – Pgs. 31-34

Fan Expectations – Pg. 43

Lockers –Pg. 52

Schedule Changes –Pg. 61

Textbooks – Pg. 66

Also – Please be sure to read through the students rights and responsibilities on the back.

**Remember – Not knowing is NOT and Excuse.**

## **STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

As a student you are considered a citizen of this school community. Citizenship, as in any community, is something that confers fundamental rights and equally important responsibilities upon each of its members.

### **Student Rights :**

As a student in Northbridge High School, you have the right:

- to be treated with respect by all members of the school community;
- to be personally safe
- to do your school work in clean and pleasant surroundings;
- to freedom of expression and opinion so long as you do not cause disruption or disorder within the school;
- to a full and appropriate education;
- to "due process" in the fair application of individual classroom and school wide discipline policies.

### **Student Responsibilities :**

As a student in Northbridge High School, you have the responsibility:

- to treat all members of the school community, both pupils and staff, with respect;
- to help make the school a safe place for all;
- to ensure proper care and security of all personal and school property;
- to help keep the school a clean and pleasant place for everyone;
- to express yourself in a manner that will not cause disruption, disturbance, or embarrassment to others;
- to meet all your academic obligations to the very best of your abilities;
- to know and understand individual classroom and school wide discipline policies and to avoid behaviors which would be deliberate violations of these behavioral expectations.
- to read through and understand the Student Handbook