



The Northbridge Public Schools Town of Northbridge

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Dear High School Students and Families,

I am proud once again to share another opportunity for a FREE college course at NHS. We have received a preliminary designation as an “Innovation Pathways” school. This designation signifies that we provide students multiple opportunities to prepare for their future – workforce, career, or college. One of the pathways that we have chosen to develop is that of early college opportunities. We have received a grant, which will help offset the fees to offer another course this spring. We are partnering with Quinsigamond Community College to provide a three-credit class *free of charge (text book included) for students* onsite at Northbridge High School. These credits are transferable, and students will receive a transcript upon completion from QCC.

PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology - 3 Credits

In this survey course, the student becomes aware of and appreciates the various influences upon behavior. The topics covered include, but are not limited to, the nervous system, sensation and perception, motivation, learning, emotion, and personality. Through an investigation of these areas, within a multiplicity of cultural contexts, the student understands the diversity of the human condition.

Prerequisite: *Appropriate placement score on the Accuplacer. (Will be scheduled at NHS – free of charge during the school day in January)*

The course will run after school at Northbridge High School, on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 2:30PM – 4:30PM for 12 weeks, starting January 22- April 25 (excluding February and April break). The course is open to 20 students. Students must be able to attend all sessions. Students are responsible for transportation home after class. First priority will be given to students currently enrolled in the Northbridge Justice Academy and the Health/Medical Sciences Academies. Should additional seats remain open, they will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to all students. We hope to continue to enhance our offerings this upcoming year with other dual enrollment classes during the school day through QCC and Worcester State University. More information will follow.

Please use [this link](#) to indicate your interest in enrolling in the PSY101 course by Wednesday, Jan. 3rd. We will contact students to complete the Accuplacer through the Guidance Office, and then enrollment will begin.

If you have any questions, please direct your questions for Dr. Stickney to Kristen Ferrante at kferrante@nps.org or call (508) 234-8156.

Sincerely,

Catherine A. Stickney, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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