



## WELCOME CLASS OF 2028

There are many activities scheduled to help you plan for the variety of opportunities available to you as a Nordon High School student and assist in your transition from middle school to high school.

Along with these exciting new opportunities, come new responsibilities. Please review and discuss this packet thoughtfully with your family members. For your convenience, you will also find digital copies of the attached resources on the NHS Support Services website. Students and parents will also receive an email containing the video and electronic copy of this scheduling packet.

Please find the following attached documents:

- Scheduling Activities Calendar
- Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2028
- Important Scheduling Procedures and Protocols
- 4 Year Planning Tool (Not required to be completed or submitted)
- NHS Online Course Book link - [online access](#) (NHS Support Services website)
- Schedule Planning Guide and Information - to be used when completing your Course Request Form
- Summer Health Information
  
- Purple Packet
  - Course Request Form - to be completed (please follow directions) and submitted by Wednesday, February 7th to your middle school social studies teacher
  - Academic Teacher Recommendations & Override Form - to be completed and submitted with your Course Request Form (only if requesting a course level for English, math, science, social studies, or world language that was not recommended by your current middle school teacher)

Your successful transition depends upon following directions and procedures, researching course options, and completing your Course Request Form and Recommendation Override Form (if required) and submitting to your Middle School Social Studies teacher by **Wednesday, February 7th**. The high school staff welcomes you and we look forward to four successful years with the NHS Class of 2028!

**NORDONIA HIGH SCHOOL  
GRADE 9  
SCHEDULING ACTIVITIES CALENDAR  
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

**ACTIVITY**

**TIMELINE**

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| 1. All students view the <u>Scheduling Presentation</u> and video during Advisory period at NMS (video presentation and slides will be emailed to all families as well). Students receive information packet and scheduling forms. | Friday, Jan. 26th                |
| 2. Students/Parents review the <u>Online NHS Course Book</u> , teacher recommendations, and scheduling resources to choose courses.  | January 26th - Feb. 6th          |
| 3. <u>Curriculum Fair and Scheduling Presentation</u><br>Curriculum Fair will be held in the High School Cafeteria at 6pm. At 6:30pm there will be an Information Session and Scheduling Overview.                                 | Thursday, February 1st           |
| 4. Deadline for students to submit Course Request Form and Recommendation Override Form (if required) to middle school social studies teacher.   | Wednesday, February 7th          |
| 5. Individual student meetings with NHS Counselors at NMS to review and submit course requests.  | Friday, February 9th             |
| 6. NHS Counselor will meet with student/parent by appointment as needed to address individual scheduling concerns. A list of course requests will be mailed home for verification.   | March 1st - Start of School Year |

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Questions and concerns can be addressed by calling the NHS Support Services Office at 330.468.4603.

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASS OF 2028

## 1. CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

<u>ACADEMIC AREA</u>	<u>CREDIT NEEDED</u>
English	4
Math	4
Science	3
Social Studies	3
Financial Literacy	½
Health	½
Physical Education (2 semesters)	½ (or PE waiver - no credit)
Fine Arts	1
ELECTIVES FROM ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:	4.5 or *5.0 (if use PE waiver)
Art	Math
Business & Technology	Music
Family and Consumer Science	English
Foreign Language	Social Studies
**Health & PE	Science
**Some PE courses do not count as elective credits toward graduation	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>21</b>

## 2. SHOW COMPETENCY\*

### • End-of-Course Exams (EOCE)

- Students will take the following EOCEs: Algebra I, Biology, English II, Geometry, US History, Government
- Students need to earn a passing score of 684 on both English II and Algebra I
- Students who do not pass the English II and Algebra I will be offered additional support and must retake the test. If testing requirements are not met, there are 3 additional ways to show competency:
  - 1. Demonstrate 2 Career Focused Activities\*
  - 2. Enlist in the military\*
  - 3. Complete College Course work through the College Credit Plus Program\*
  - Obtain a remediation free ACT/SAT score
  - \*more details can be found at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements>

## 3. SHOW READINESS\*

### • Earn 2 diploma seals out of the 12 seals offered

- Students must earn at least one Ohio state designed seal
- \*more details can be found at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements>

## 4. COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Students need to document 20 hours of community service. Hours can begin to be accumulated the summer after 8th grade. Students will earn the Community Service Seal in step 3.

*Competency and Readiness requirements will be explained and shared in more detail in high school.*

# IMPORTANT SCHEDULING PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS

## Course Planning

The Nordonía High School curriculum contains a wide variety of courses. A descriptive paragraph in the NHS Online Course Book summarizes course content. Specific prerequisites are also listed so that you know if you qualify to take a particular class. It is not always an easy task to decide which courses should be chosen and in what sequential order they should be taken. Course planning decisions must involve you, the student, your parents, your teachers, and your school counselor.

Many of the courses at Nordonía are open to all students during the four years of attendance, however some are not. Please pay particular attention to the grade levels listed that are permitted to take each course. Your teachers will recommend specific courses for you depending upon assessed academic potential and past academic records.

In February, registration materials are made available for students to use when selecting courses to be taken during the next school year. Your proposed courses for next year must be reviewed by your parents, teachers, and your school counselor.

It is important to stress the seriousness of February registration. The complexity of scheduling for a school the size of Nordonía requires an early and accurate collection of student course information. The careful, timely planning of a schedule, gives a student the opportunity to select courses they are best suited for and interested in.

## Schedule Change Requests

During the time between course registration (February) and the start of the school year (late August) students and parents may elect to change a student's schedule for the next school year. After the start of the school year, course changes will only be made if:

- 1) There is a scheduling conflict that cannot be resolved.
- 2) Changes are necessitated by failures.
- 3) Satisfactory completion of a course in summer school requires a change.
- 4) A technical error was made in the process of scheduling the student's request.

Schedule changes after the school year has begun are not permitted since a student's schedule is the result of careful planning by the student, their counselor, their teachers, and their parents, and critical staffing decisions were based on the student's course selections.

## Changing Course Levels

A student may move from one course to a more or less difficult one within a discipline through teacher recommendation only. Students should first demonstrate that they have completed all homework and sought additional help from the teacher or tutor. The teacher may initiate a level change at any time during the semester if the teacher feels the change is appropriate due to academic misplacement, and after communication with the student's parents and counselor.

# FOUR YEAR ACADEMIC PLANNING TOOL

## NORDONIA HIGH SCHOOL

### OPTIONAL

Please use this as a tool when planning your 9th grade courses to take into account programs/courses you would like to take later in your high school career. You do not need to complete and submit this for scheduling purposes.

SELECT AT LEAST 6 COURSES EACH SEMESTER OF HIGH SCHOOL.

**\*REQUIRED ACADEMIC COURSE**

#### GRADE 9

<u>COURSES REQUIRED</u>	<u>NAME OF COURSE SELECTED</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
*1. ENGLISH	_____	1
*2. MATH	_____	1
*3. SCIENCE	_____	1
*4. SOC. STUDIES	_____	1
*5. HEALTH/P.E.	_____	.50/.25
6. ELECTIVE	_____	
7. STUDY HALL*	_____	
* or additional elective		

#### GRADE 11

<u>COURSES REQUIRED</u>	<u>NAME OF COURSE SELECTED</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
*1. ENGLISH	_____	1
*2. MATH	_____	1
*3. SCIENCE	_____	1
*4. SOC. STUDIES	_____	1
5. ELECTIVE	_____	
6. ELECTIVE	_____	
7. STUDY HALL	_____	
* or additional elective		

#### GRADE 10

<u>COURSES REQUIRED</u>	<u>NAME OF COURSE SELECTED</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
*1. ENGLISH	_____	1
*2. MATH	_____	1
*3. SCIENCE	_____	1
*4. SOC. STUDIES	_____	1
*5. PHYS. ED./ELEC.	_____	.25
6. ELECTIVE	_____	
7. STUDY HALL	_____	
* or additional elective		

#### GRADE 12

<u>COURSES REQUIRED</u>	<u>NAME OF COURSE SELECTED</u>	<u>CREDIT</u>
*1. ENGLISH	_____	1
*2. MATH	_____	1
3. ELECTIVE	_____	
4. ELECTIVE	_____	
5. ELECTIVE	_____	
6. ELECTIVE	_____	
7. STUDY HALL	_____	
* or additional elective		

#### OTHER REQUIRED CREDITS:

1 FINE ARTS CREDIT\*\*

5 ELECTIVE CREDITS FROM ANY AREA

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*\*\*STUDENTS WHO ATTEND CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER PROGRAMS AND COMPLETE BOTH YEARS, ARE EXEMPT FROM THE FINE ARTS REQUIREMENT. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT STUDENTS TAKE COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IF THEY ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND CVCC.*

# SCHEDULE PLANNING INFORMATION FOR THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR GRADE 9

Freshmen must take credits in each of the following academic areas:

1 credit English

1 credit math

1 credit science

1 credit social studies

PE and Health - Or alternate options (these would require students to fill this space with other courses):

PE Waiver if participating in 2 seasons of any combination of NHS sport, Band, Color Guard

High School Health credit (8th grade) or Summer Health

1 elective credit (1 full or 2 half credits)

1 study hall (or additional elective(s) if have additional academic/scheduling needs)

- There are 7 periods in the school day at NHS to plan for
- Students are allowed one study hall per semester and counselors strongly recommend that freshmen take advantage of this
- Students will carry between 5.75 and 7.0 credits for the year
- All students must be registered for at least 6 classes EACH semester
- Schedules may be changed by contacting the High Support Services Office **before the first day of school**. **Schedule changes AFTER the start of school are not permitted.**
- If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your High School Counselor, during March and beyond at 330.908.6023.

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**Athletic Eligibility Note: Students must be passing five courses each semester. Physical Education is .25 credit and does not apply toward eligibility. Please be aware of grades in order to remain eligible to participate in athletic programs.**



## Summer/8th Grade Health Information

Health is a graduation requirement that all students must complete prior to graduation. Nordonia High School students complete this credit during 9th grade and now, for some students, during 8th grade by taking High School Health for credit. Some families will plan to have their child fulfill the health requirement through the Summer School Program prior to the start of 9th grade. This is an acceptable option for students who have additional courses they need to fit into their schedule such as Band, Choir and/or Foreign Language.

Please understand that there are limited elective options for 9th grade students. If a student takes summer school health without a full schedule planned, they may struggle to fill their schedule with elective courses. 9th graders will not be granted extra study halls or access to upper class electives. The student will need to select a full schedule (6 courses per semester) from the 9th grade course offerings.

When students/parents leave health off of the Course Request Form and have not completed High School Health in 8th grade, you are indicating intent to enroll in health over the summer. This includes completing registration for the course prior to the end of the school year. Once registration information becomes available, it will be communicated to families. If the student does not successfully complete health over the summer, it will be up to the family to notify the 9th grade School Counselor to have health added back onto their schedule for their 9th grade year.