

TRI-COUNTY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT HANDBOOK 2023-2024

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MISSION STATEMENT

*“Preparing for Tomorrow by Expecting
Excellence today.”*

THIS AGENDA BOOK BELONGS TO:

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

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CODE OF CONDUCT

Student Discipline Code:

The Tri-County North Board of Education has adopted the following Student Discipline Code. This code describes the type of misconduct that will subject a student to disciplinary action. The Board has also adopted the list of behaviors and terms contained in the list. Discipline is within the sound discretion of the School's staff and administration. Due process ensures that disciplinary action is imposed only after review of the facts and/or special circumstances of the situation. Students at TCN are expected to adhere to the following expectations:

- Abide by national, state and local laws as well as rules of this school;
- Respect the civil rights of all others;
- Act courteously to adults and fellow students;
- Be prompt to school and attentive in class
- Work cooperatively with others when involved in accomplishing a common goal regardless of the other's ability, gender, race, or ethnic background;
- Complete assigned tasks on time and as directed;
- Help maintain a school environment that is safe, friendly and productive;
- Act at all times in a manner that reflects pride in self, family and school.

The following information provides a list of major areas that could result in disciplinary action. An explanation of each behavior and possible consequence follows. The absence of a behavior or any specific action from the following does not mean that such conduct does not violate the discipline code or cannot be punished. Students should remember that school rules apply at all times when students are on school property, including bus transportation or whenever students attend an event in which Tri-County North students participate at other locations including athletic contests of the school.

It shall be the decision of the appropriate school administrator, after carefully weighing all the facts and circumstances pertaining to an incident of misconduct and in light of the student's past record of behavior, as to which corrective measures are appropriate, including any one or more of the following: Community Service, Loss of School Privileges, Restitution, Detentions, Saturday School, Emergency Removal, Suspension, and Expulsion.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE/CODE OF CONDUCT AREAS

1. Disruption of School

No student shall intentionally cause the disruption or obstruction of any lawful mission, process, or function of the school. No student shall encourage or cause other students to disrupt school.

Consequence: Informal and/or Formal

2. Possession of Drugs and Drug Paraphernalia

The school shall have a "DRUG FREE" zone that extends 1000 feet beyond the school boundaries as well as within any school activity or transportation. This means that within ANY activity, possession of, sale, use, or distribution of drugs, alcohol, fake drugs, steroids, inhalants or look-alike drugs is prohibited. No students shall possess or transmit any paraphernalia that is drug related. This includes non-alcoholic beers and wines.

Consequence: Formal

3. Possession of Vape, Tobacco and Related Materials

Tri-County North School is designated as a SMOKE FREE facility. The school prohibits the sale, distribution, use or possession of any form of tobacco, vape, or related materials on the premises, or at any school designated activity. This prohibition extends itself to any student going to and leaving from school and at all school bus stops.

Consequence: Formal

4. Possession of Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

The definition of weapons includes Firearms, explosives, knives, chains, lighters, sticks, bats, stun-guns, pepper sprays, incendiary devices including fireworks or any other device or object that can be used to cause damage to persons or property. "Look-alike weapons can scare, threaten or cause panic and may be treated the same as real weapons. In cases dealing with weapons the Police may be

involved and charges filed. In accordance with section 3313.661 and 3313.662 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Superintendent is required to expel a student for a period of 1 year for bringing or possessing a firearm on school property, in a school vehicle, or at any school sponsored event. The definition of a firearm shall include any weapon (including a starting gun) which will or is designed to or may be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive; the frame or receiver of any such weapon; any firearm muffler or firearm silencer; or any destructive device. (See U.S.C.A. Sections 921-924.) "Destructive device" means any explosive, incendiary, or poisonous gas; bomb; grenade; rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces; missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce; mine; or device similar to any such devices. Students may also be suspended and expelled for bringing or possessing knives on school property, in a school vehicle, or at any school-sponsored activity. A knife is defined as any cutting instrument consisting of a sharp blade.

Consequence: Formal

5. Arson

A student shall not burn, attempt to burn, or threaten to burn any part of the building or property owned, occupied, or used by the school, nor shall a student set or attempt to set unauthorized fires.

Consequence: Formal

6. Attendance

No student shall fail to comply with state attendance laws, including, but not limited to, truancy from a specific class and tardiness to school in general or to a specific class. No student shall fail to attend a properly assigned detention or Saturday School unless excused by the appropriate staff member. No student shall leave school property or assigned educational location once he/she is under the supervision of a school employee, prior to specified dismissal times, without official permission.

Consequence: Informal and/or Formal

7. Abuse of Another / Threats

No student shall use or direct to, or about, a school employee or student such words, phrases, or actions which are slanderous, disrespectful, or degrading in nature and/or words or phrases which are racial slurs, obscene or profane. With regard to school employees, this applies at all times, on or off school property.

Consequence: Informal and/or Formal

8. Aggression upon Another

No student shall cause or attempt to cause or threaten physical injury, physical imposition, or behave in such a way as could reasonably be anticipated to cause physical injury to a school employee, fellow students, or any other person. This includes the unauthorized throwing of any object, including snowballs. With regard to school employees, this applies at all times, on or off school property.

Consequence: Informal and/or Formal

9. Insubordination/Failure to Follow Directions/Disrespect

No student shall fail to comply with any lawful instructions or requests of teachers, student teachers, substitute teachers, administrators or other school personnel during any period of time when he/she is properly under the authority of the school. No student eligible for bus transportation shall fail to comply with school bus regulations or fail to obey the directions of the bus driver, chaperones or other supervising personnel.

Consequence: Informal and/or Formal

10. Damage, Destruction or Theft of School Property

No student shall cause or attempt to cause damage to school property, including defacing. No student shall steal, attempt to steal, or have unauthorized possession of school property. This also includes copyright infringement and the corruption and/or deletion of electronic data. With regard to school employees, this applies at all times, on or off school property.

Consequence: Informal and/or Formal

12. False Alarms, Bomb Threats, and False Reports

A student shall not initiate or circulate an alarm for fire, bomb threat, or any other catastrophe, knowing that such a report is false and which in any manner may induce panic.

Consequence: Formal

13. Unauthorized Use of School or Private Property

Students are expected to obtain permission to use any school property or any private property located on school premises. Any unauthorized use shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Consequence: Informal and/or Formal

14. Gambling

Gambling includes casual betting, betting pools, organized sports betting and any other form of wagering. Students betting on activities in which they are involved may also be banned from that activity.

Consequence: Informal and/or Formal

15. Falsification of School Work, Identification, Forgery

Forgery of hall/bus passes and excuses as well as false IDs are forms of lying and are not acceptable. Plagiarism and cheating are also forms of falsification and subject the student to academic penalties as well as disciplinary action.

Consequence: Informal and/or Formal

16. Displaying of Affection

Students may show affection in appropriate manner such as high fives, first bumps, and timely hugs. The following is not acceptable: kissing, groping, touching or any other contact that is sexual in nature.

Consequence: Informal and/or Formal

17. Possession of Electronic Equipment

The school supplies most electronic equipment needed by students. Students are not allowed to bring and/or possess any electronic devices that could disrupt the educational process without the permission of the Principal. Cellular phones, earbuds, and any other electronic devices are not to be seen or used during instructional time. Students using electronic devices may be asked by staff members to turn it over to the staff member. Students who refuse this directive will be sent to the Principal's office and disciplined for insubordination. The cell phone may be confiscated by the principal and only turned over to a parent at the parents' request. No pictures should be posted on social networking sites which are taken at school.

At no time are cell phones permitted to be "on" while riding a school bus.

Consequence: Informal and/or Formal

18. Harassment

The school believes that every individual deserves to be able to come to school without fear of demeaning remarks or actions. The harassment of other students or members of staff, or any other individuals is not permitted. This includes ANY form of speech or action that creates a hostile, intimidating, or offensive learning environment. Conduct constituting harassment may take different forms, including but not limited to the following:

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

- * Verbal – The making of written or oral sexual innuendos, suggestive comments, jokes of a sexual nature, sexual propositions, or threats to a fellow student, staff member, or others.
- * Nonverbal – Causing the placement of sexually suggestive objects, picture, or graphic commentaries in the school environment or making of sexually suggestive or insulting gestures, sounds, leering, whistling, and the like to a fellow student, staff member or others.
- * Physical Contact – Threatening or causing unwanted touching, contact or attempts at same, including patting, pinching, pushing the body or coerced sexual intercourse with a fellow student, staff member or others.

GENDER/ETHNIC/RELIGIOUS/DISABILITY HARASSMENT

- * Verbal – Written or oral innuendos, comments, jokes, insults, threats or disparaging remarks concerning a person's gender, national origin, religious beliefs, etc. toward a fellow student, staff member or other person associated with the district.

- * Nonverbal – Placing objects, pictures or graphic commentaries in the school environment or making insulting or threatening gestures toward a fellow student staff member or others.
 - * Physical – Any intimidating or disparaging action such as hitting, hissing or spitting on a fellow student, staff member or others. Hazing by any group, club or form of team is not permitted. This includes any form of initiation that causes or creates a risk of causing mental or physical harm, no matter how willing the participants may be.
 - * In regard to school employees, this applies at all times, on or off school property.
- Consequence:** Informal and/or Formal

19. Other Violations

No student shall fail to comply with any school rule or regulation. Any action judged by school officials to involve misconduct and not specifically mentioned in other sections of the Code of Conduct will be dealt with accordingly. Examples would be: No rollerblades/skateboards or hacky sacks in the school building. **Consequence:** Informal and/or Formal

20. Repeated and/or Excessive Violations

Consequence: Informal and/or Formal

EXPECTATIONS

	<u>Respectful</u>	<u>Organized</u>	<u>Accountable</u>	<u>Resilient</u>
Hallways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use appropriate language and volume. - Stay in your personal space. - Keep a safe pace. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Walk on the right side of the hall. - Maintain a clean locker. - Be aware of your surroundings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report problems. - Keep hallways clean. - Walk directly to location. - Prepare an agenda or written pass. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain composure. - React with kindness.
Bus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use appropriate language and volume. - Listen to the bus driver. - Stay seated. - Face forward. - Keep hands and feet to yourself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Take all materials with you. - Get on and off the bus in an orderly manner. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report issues to bus driver - Be aware of the safety of self and others. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain Composure. - Show Panther Pride.
Cafeteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Listen to and follow staff instructions. - Use appropriate language and volume. - Stay seated. - Clean your eating area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bring lunch with you - Wait in the lunch line calmly and quietly. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Have packed lunch/lunch money with you. - Recycle - Clean-up without being asked. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain Composure. - Show Panther Pride

Activities/Assemblies/Events/Extra Curriculars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Applaud when appropriate -Prepare to have fun -Put away devices or any distracting items. -Use appropriate language and volume. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enter and exit bleachers using aisles. -Sit in designated areas. -Take materials to gym locker or designated storage area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report problems - Clean-up without being asked. - Keep classroom and extra curricular materials separate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain Composure. - Show Panther Pride. - Display sportsmanship. - Manage your time efficiently.
Restrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use appropriate language and volume. - Respect privacy. - Clean up after yourself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Go, flush, and wash. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agenda signed - Report any problems with facilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Use during breaks.
Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use appropriate language and volume - Allow others to speak, without interruptions - Dress appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bring materials to class - Keep workspace clean and organized 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Take responsibility for your grades -Check grades weekly - Participate actively 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keep working! -Try something new. -Use words that encourage instead of discourage.
Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Keep cell phone put away and silenced during instructional time. -Keep Chromebook in case at all times. -Handle all technology with care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Bring your CHARGED Chromebook to school and class each day. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Report any issues on the Chromebook repair form. -Check out loaner Chromebooks by the stated time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Be patient when resources aren't working properly. -Seek new resources and problem solve to create new educational opportunities.

DISCIPLINE

Due Process Rights

Before a student may be suspended, expelled or permanently excluded from school, there are specific procedures that must be followed. It is important to remember that the school's rules apply going to and from school, in the school building, on school property, at school sponsored events, and on school transportation. Students who violate the rules/procedures outlined in the TCN Athletic Code of Conduct are not entitled to Due Process Rights. The Student Code of Conduct is in effect 24 hours a day for violations or acts that may be committed against a school employee. In all cases, the school shall attempt to make discipline prompt and equitable and to have the punishment match the severity of the incident. This punishment may be of two types:

Informal Discipline: This will take place within the school. It includes change of seating or location, before/after school detention, in-school restriction, or Saturday school.

* **DETENTION** – A student may be detained after school or asked to come to school early. Written notice is sent home with the student giving one-day notice. The student/parent is responsible for transportation to or from this session. Any student missing an assigned

detention will be assigned **Saturday School**. *EXCLUSION OR REMOVAL FROM ACTIVITIES, FIELD TRIPS, RECESS, AND OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS.

***SATURDAY SCHOOL** – Saturday School is held from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. per the approved schedule. Assigned students will attend a continuous 3-hour period, and MUST arrive before the session begins, with sufficient materials to stay busy during this 3-hour study period. A student missing any portion of the assigned time may be given an additional 3 hours of Saturday School. Students are not permitted to sleep, talk, eat, drink or move from assigned seat without permission from the Saturday School Supervisor. Failure to serve this assigned session will result in a **suspension** from school. Transportation to and from Saturday school shall be the responsibility of the student/parent.

Formal Discipline: This will remove the student from school. It includes **emergency removal** for up to 72 hours, **suspension** for up to 10 school days, **expulsion** for up to 80 days, and **permanent exclusion**. Suspensions and expulsions may carry over into the next school year. Removal for less than 1 school day without the possibility of suspension or expulsion may not be appealed. Suspension from co-curricular and extra-curricular activities may not be appealed. A student being considered for suspension, expulsion or permanent exclusion is entitled to an informal hearing with a building administrator prior to removal. The student will be notified of the charges and given an opportunity to make a defense at the hearing. A student involved in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities such as band and athletics can lose their eligibility for violation of school rules. This is especially true for infractions involving drugs, alcohol and tobacco use, or harassment. If a student commits a crime while under the school's jurisdiction, he/she may be subject to school disciplinary action as well as to action by the community's legal system. These are separate jurisdictions and do not constitute double jeopardy (being tried twice for the same crime).

***Emergency Removal:** A student may be removed from school by the Superintendent/Principal/Assistant Principal in circumstances where the student's presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property, or an ongoing threat of disrupting the academic process, either within the classroom or elsewhere on school premises. Likewise, the teacher has the authority to remove a student from the curricular or extracurricular activities under his/her supervision. If removal was at the direction of the teacher, as soon as practicable after the removal, the teacher must submit to the principal a written statement of reason(s) for removal.

***Suspension From School:** When a student is being considered for suspension, the administrator in charge will notify the student of the reason. The student will then be given an opportunity to explain his/her actions and perspective of the situation. After that informal hearing, the principal/assistant principal will make a decision whether or not to suspend. If a student is suspended, he/she and the parents will be notified in writing within 1 day, stating the offense and the duration of the suspension. During a suspension, the student will be permitted to make up work and receive credit for work assigned and due during that time period. This suspension may be appealed to the Superintendent within 10 days after receipt of the suspension notice. The request for an appeal must be in writing. During the appeal process, a student may be excluded from school. Students may be immediately removed under the Emergency Removal Procedure. The appeal shall be conducted in a private meeting and the student may be represented. Sworn, recorded testimony shall be given. If the appeal decision is to uphold the suspension, the next step in the appeal process is to the Court of Common Pleas.

***Expulsion From School:** When a student is being considered for expulsion, the student will receive a formal letter of notification addressed to the parents. Students being considered for expulsion may or may not be removed immediately. A formal hearing is scheduled with the Superintendent during where the student may be represented by his/her parents, legal counsel, and/or another person of his/her choice. Within 10 days after the Superintendent notifies the parents of the expulsion, the expulsion can be appealed in writing to the Superintendent. The appeal will also be formal in nature with sworn testimony before officials designated by the Board of Education. Again, the right to representation is available. All opportunity to earn grades or credit ends when a student is expelled. Expulsion for certain violations may result in revocation of a student's driver's license. If the expulsion is upheld, the next step in the appeal process is to the Court of Common Pleas.

***Permanent Exclusion:** When a student 16 years of age or older is being considered for permanent exclusion, it is possible that he/she may never be permitted to return to school anywhere in the State of Ohio. A permanent exclusion may be considered if the student is convicted or adjudicated delinquent for committing one or more of the following crimes while on the property of any Ohio school:

1. Any possession or involvement with a deadly weapon;
2. Drug trafficking;
3. Murder, manslaughter, assault, or aggravated assault;
4. Certain sexual offense; complicity in any of the above crimes.

This process is formal and will usually follow an expulsion and the proper notification of the parents.

If a disciplinary action does not result in removal from school, it may not be appealed. Should a student or parent have questions regarding the propriety of an in-school disciplinary action, they should contact the teacher and/or principal.

Discipline of Students with Disabilities:

Students with disabilities will be entitled to the rights and procedures afforded by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

Search of a student and his/her possessions, including vehicles, may be conducted at any time the student is under the jurisdiction of the Board of Education by a District Administrator if there is a reasonable suspicion that the student is in violation of law or school rules. A search may be conducted to protect the safety of others. All searches may be conducted with or without a student's consent. Students are provided lockers, desks and other equipment in which to store materials. This equipment is the property of the school and may be searched at any time. A reasonable suspicion of the need for a search is all that is necessary. Locks are to prevent theft, not to prevent searches. Anything that is found in the course of a search that may be evidence of a violation of school rules or the law may be taken and held, or turned over to the police. The school reserves the right not to return items which have been confiscated.

DRUG SEARCHES

The Tri-County North Local Schools Board of Education has authorized the use of "Drug Sniffing Animals", specifically trained to detect the presence of drugs, for searches of all buildings and grounds in the school district.

STUDENT RIGHTS OF EXPRESSION

The school recognizes the rights of students to express themselves. With the right of expression comes the responsibility to do it appropriately. Students may distribute or display at appropriate times, non-sponsored, non-commercial written material and petitions. Buttons, badges or other insignias, clothing, banners and audio/video materials must meet school guidelines. Students should present all material to the principal up to 24 hours before displaying.

The following would be prohibited:

1. Obscene to minors, libelous, indecent or vulgar;
2. Advertises any product or service not permitted to minors by law;
3. Intends to be insulting or incite fighting, or presents a likelihood of disrupting school or a school event. Material may not be displayed or distributed during class periods or during passing times between classes. Permission may be granted for display or distribution during lunch periods and after school in designated locations, as long as exits are not blocked and there is proper access and egress to the building.

Equal Education Opportunity

It is the policy of Tri-County North Local Schools to provide an equal education opportunity for all students. Any person who believes that the school or any staff person, or agent of the district has

discriminated against or harassed a student on the basis of race, gender, ancestry, national origin, place of residence within the boundaries of the district, or social or economic background, has the right to file a complaint. A formal complaint may be made in writing to the school district compliance officer listed below:

Mr. William K. Derringer
Superintendent
436 N. Commerce St.
Lewisburg, Ohio 45338
(937) 962-2671

The complaint will be investigated and a response, in writing, will be given to the concerned person within five days. The compliance officer may provide additional information concerning access to equal education opportunity. Under no circumstances will the District threaten to retaliate against anyone who files a complaint.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

First Period	7:30-8:22
Second Period	8:25-9:13
Third Period	9:16-10:04
Fourth Period	10:07-10:55
Fifth Period	10:58-12:28
B Lunch	Class 10:58-11:28 Eat 11:28-11:58 Class 11:58-12:28
C Lunch	Class 10:58-11:58 Eat 11:58-12:28
Sixth Period	12:31-1:19
Seventh Period	1:22-2:11 Announcements 2:09-2:11

GRADES

Student quarter grades are reported as percentages. Letter grades are assigned according to the following system:

A	90-100	Superior
B	80-89	Above Average
C	70-79	Average
D	60-69	Below Average
F	0-59	Failing
I		Incomplete-Work to be made up within two weeks

In a yearlong class, the final grade is determined by the following: Each quarter grade represents 20% of the final grade; each semester exam represents 10% of the final grade. A student's final grade in a semester class is determined by the following: Each quarter represents 40% of the final grade; the semester exam represents 20% of the final grade. The individual teacher is given the responsibility of determining each student's nine-week grade on the basis of test results, homework, class participation, projects, and general classroom performance. It is the responsibility of each

student to put forth maximum effort to meet the requirements established by the classroom teacher. Report cards are issued the week following the end of the grading period.

An honor roll will be established each quarter. Students who earn straight A's (4.0) will receive Principal's List status. Students earning 3.60-3.99 will receive Honor Roll status while students earning 3.0-3.59 will receive Merit Roll status.

For the purpose of determining the Valedictorian and Salutatorian, the grading period will stop at the end of the third quarter. (The final Grade Point Average (GPA) will be determined after final grades from all courses.) Eighth grade courses that count for high school credit and College Credit Plus Courses taken for high school credit will be part of a student's GPA. The GPA is based upon student's letter grade from any school attended.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from Tri-County North High School, Students must pass the Ohio Graduation pathway as defined by the Ohio Department of Education and earn a minimum of 23 credits.

English	4 Credits
Mathematics	4 Credits
Science	3 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits
Health	½ Credit
Phys. Ed.	½ Credit
Fine Arts	1 Credit
Personal Finance	½ Credit
Electives	6-½ Credits
Total	23 Credits

Physical Education may be waived if a student participated in two extra-curricular activities including sports, cheerleading, or marching band. You do not have to take Physical Education, but you must take other classes.

TOTALS 23 credits

COMMENTS:

- (1) Must include English 9, 10, 11, and 12
- (2) Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and a 4th Math
- (3) Physical Science, Biology, and an Elective Science
- (4) World Studies, American History, and US Government
- (5) Fine Arts consists of Art or Band
- (6) College Prep must include at least two credits of the same Foreign Language
- (7) Please see the Program Guide of Study for details

ACADEMIC N QUALIFICATIONS: Academic N awards will be held one time during the school year. In order to qualify for the Academic N, a student must receive at least a 3.60 in each of the four (4) quarters the academic year preceding. Academic N's can be received from the Sophomore-Senior year. MVCTC students can also qualify for the Academic N by meeting the same requirements. Once an Academic N is awarded to a student, the subsequent years, they will receive a chevron indicating they met the requirements.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

No student will be permitted to participate in commencement exercises until all local and state requirements have been met. Additionally, students must have all fees paid; all disciplinary responsibilities met and attend graduation practice. It is mandatory that all students ride the bus to and from graduation practice in order to participate in graduation exercises. Although attendance at graduation is not mandatory, all graduating seniors are encouraged to attend. It must be emphasized

that participation is considered an honor and that commencement is an important milestone in a student's life. Due to the serious nature of this ceremony, a considerable amount of decorum is expected. Students who dress, groom, or act in any way detrimental to the occasion will be denied participation. No exceptions will be tolerated.

Permanent Graduation Requirements

Students in the classes of 2023 and beyond will be required to meet the permanent requirements in order to graduate. The permanent requirements are listed below:

1. Demonstrate Competency: Students must demonstrate competency in math and English by passing the state's algebra I and English II tests. Students who have taken required tests more than once without passing and have received remedial supports are able to show competency through one of the

options below:

- Earn credit for one math and/or one English course through College Credit Plus;
- Demonstrate career readiness and technical skill through foundational and supporting options;
- Enter into a contract to enlist in the military upon graduation.

2. Preparation for College or Careers: Students must earn two diploma seals, one of which must be state defined, to demonstrate academic, technical and professional readiness for careers, college, the military or self-sustaining professions.

State System of Diploma Seals:

OhioMeansJobs Readiness Seal, Honors Diploma Seal, State Seal of Biliteracy Technology Seal, Industry-Recognized Credential Seal Citizenship Seal, College-Ready Seal, Fine and Performing Arts Seal (locally defined), Military Enlistment Seal, Student Engagement Seal (locally defined), Science Seal, Community Service Seal (locally defined)

Students should check Program Guide of Study for information on Honors Diploma, Credits/Withdrawing from courses, Early Graduation, Work Programs and Postsecondary Enrollment Options Programs.

High School Students who meet the requirements may choose to take college courses for high school or college credit. A public meeting will be scheduled between October and February to discuss the program requirements and options.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES

When a student is absent:

1. Parents are asked to call the school in the morning (962-2675)
2. Students should bring a note from parents or doctor documenting the date(s) and reason for the absence. The note should be brought to the high school office early enough so that the student will get to first period class on time after getting the admit slip.
3. Students who forget notes must still report to the high school office to get their planner stamped.
4. Students will have two days grace period to bring in a note for absences.
5. Students will not be allowed into class without a stamped planner. They will be recorded as tardy to class and sent back to the high school office to get their planner stamped.

The State of Ohio requires children ages 6-18 to attend a public, private, or parochial school. TCNLSO promotes regular attendance, which directly affects academic success. When a student is absent, the school must be notified by phone by a parent. Upon return the student must bring a note stating the reason for the absence from his/her parent. The high school secretary will determine if the cause is excused or unexcused according to State/County Guidelines

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE: Students arriving on school property are expected to enter the building or remain in the designated waiting areas until entry is permitted. After arrival students are not permitted to leave school property without permission until dismissal time. Students leaving prior to dismissal must be properly signed out in the office. Students must leave school grounds within 15 minutes after dismissal unless involved in an approved school function.

The Preble County Attendance Policy allows for court involvement for students not adhering to State mandated attendance laws. Ohio law requires that every person between the ages of 6 and 18 attend school each day. It is understood that no single policy will be applicable in every case. In those cases where the following procedures do not seem appropriate, the attendance officer will consult with the Preble County Superintendent.

A. **Definition** – Habitual Truant refers to a child of compulsory school age (6-18) who is absent from school without a legitimate excuse for the following

- 5 or more consecutive days.
- 7 school days in one month.
- 12 or more school days in 1 school year.

B. **Excused absences** – Students must be in school unless the absence has been excused for one of the reasons listed below. Parents are to notify the school before school begins on the day of the absence, to explain the nature of their child's absence. You can report your child's absence by calling the high school secretary at 937-962-2675 to record the information. Each absence may or may not be followed with a note upon the child's return to school. The note needs to be given to the high school secretary stationed in the office or commons area. If a note has not been received within two days of returning from absence, the absence will stand as unexcused. If you must leave school during the school day, you must have permission from the principal's office to sign out. All students are expected to make up class work missed during an absence.

1. Personal illness. A doctor's note may be required
2. Illness of an immediate family member
3. Death in the family
4. Religious holidays of the students faith.
5. Required Court appearance of subpoena by law enforcement
6. Scheduled Doctor or Dentist Appointment
7. Vacation – A note must be sent per district policy for approval at least one week prior to the vacation.
8. Emergencies. The principal will determine this.

C. **Attendance Notification** – State law requires Tri-County North to notify the county attendance officer in the event the student is absent with or without legitimate excuse for 7 or more days in 1 month or 11 or more days in a school year. The county attendance officer will also notify a students parent, guardian, or custodian regarding the absences.

State law requires the school to make at least 3 meaningful, good faith attempts to secure participation of the students' parents within a specified time period and investigate whether failure to respond to those attempts triggers mandatory reporting to child protective services.

A complaint is required to be filed in juvenile court against a student (and against any person who fails to cause the child's attendance at school) on the 61st day after the implementation of an absence intervention plan, provided that the school has made meaningful attempts to re-engage the student and the student refused to participate or failed to make satisfactory progress.

D. **Absence Intervention Team** – Within 10 days after the absence of a student surpass the threshold for an habitual truant, an administrator is required to assign the student to an absence intervention team. Within 14 days after the assignment, the team must develop an intervention plan for that student in an effort to reduce or eliminate further absences.

E. **Triggering instances and steps to be taken:**

Student is absent for 6 or more days in a month or 11 or more days in a school year.

- Student is assigned to a truancy intervention plan
- School must provide a written notice to the parent

Student is absent for 5 or more consecutive days, 7 days in a month, or 12 days in a year.

- School must assign the student to an absence intervention team within 7 days of the triggering absence
- School must make 3 meaningful, good faith attempts to secure participation of the parent and investigate whether a failure to participate warrants a report to child protective services
- Within 14 days of assignment of a team, the team must develop an absence intervention plan
- Within 7 days of the plan development, the school must provide written notice of the plan to the parents
- School may contact the court about informal enrollment of the child in an alternative to adjudication.

Student refuses to participate, or fails to make satisfactory progress on absence intervention plan

- Attendance office must file a complaint in the juvenile court no later than 61 days after plan implementation.

F. Members of Absence Intervention Team - Members of each team vary based on the needs of the individual student, but include:

- 2 representatives from the school
- The child's parent (or designee), or the child's guardian, custodian, or guardian ad litem, or temporary custodian
- The team may also include a school psychologist, counselor, social worker, or a representative of a public or nonprofit agency designed to assist students and families in reducing absences.

G. Adult students, eighteen-year-old students have the same rights as any other student enrolled at

Tri-County North High School. All attendance and dismissal policies pertain to adult students.

The only

exception to the policy pertains to adult students who no longer live with their parents or guardians.

These students must provide proof of financial independence by producing pay check stubs and rent

receipts. The law states that independent adult students must provide for themselves through their own

labor. Adult students with poor attendance will be withdrawn from school.

Tardy To Class

Tardiness occurs when the student is not in the assigned class at the assigned time. Excessive tardiness will result in administrative action being taken. Ample passing time between classes is provided, therefore, students are not to be late for class. However, a student arriving to school after the bell has rung, should report immediately to the high school office for a tardy pass. If a student is late to class, the teacher should start the progressive discipline on that student.

TARDINESS TO SCHOOL

Parent contact should be made when a student is tardy. A student who is late to school, but arrives before 8:30 a.m. will be considered tardy. Students arriving after 8:30 a.m. will be charged accordingly to HB410. Students leaving at the end of the day before 1:26 p.m. will also be charged accordingly to HB410.

A stamped planner will be the student's tardy pass to class.

Some excused tardies include:

- 1) doctor or dental appointment,
- 2) school bus problems verified by school,

3) hazardous road conditions as determined by school officials.
The following procedure will be followed:

- 2 Tardies – Warning
- 3 and 4 Tardies – Detention
- 5-9 Tardies – Saturday School assigned for each tardy
- 10+ Suspension and Court Referral

PRE-ARRANGED ABSENCES

On occasions that requests are made for absences in advance, the following requirements must be met prior to the absence:

1. A written request must be submitted to the high school secretary 5 days in advance.
2. Students will need to have a pre-arranged permission form completed by each teacher and approved by the building principal before this request is granted.
3. All work, which is assigned prior to the first day of absence, must be completed and turned in before the student leaves for their absence.

EXAM EXEMPTION

High school students may exempt 1 exam each semester if the following criteria are met

- The student has earned an “A” average in both quarters of the semester in the class of the exam they are exempting.
- The student has 0 unexcused absences, and no more than 3 excused absences during the semester.
- The student has not been assigned any discipline from an administrator, including detentions, Saturday schools, ISS, and OSS.
- The student has provided documentation of at least 5 community service hours, as deemed appropriate by the school principal.
- The student has not had an unexcused tardy to any class during the semester.
- The student turns in a completed exam exemption form to the high school principal before the designated date (set by the principal).

VACATIONS

Vacations should be planned around the school calendar. When this is impossible, a written request must be sent to the principal at least five (5) days before the vacation. If the request is not turned in at least five days before vacation, the student may have to wait until they return to obtain their make-up work. The principal, after reviewing the request, may excuse up to five days of vacation absence. The local Superintendent must approve additional days. Any request for more than ten (10) days must have the approval of the county superintendent. Only absences approved in advance may be considered excused.

COLLEGE DAYS

Senior students will be allowed three (3) days for visiting college campuses. Juniors will be allowed two (2). These visitations must be requested 5 days in advance and documentation from the college admissions office must be produced to confirm the visit. When the student returns, this documentation should be submitted to the high school secretary. All visits must be made before the month of May.

MAKING UP WORK AFTER ABSENCES

If an absence is excused, immediate attention is to be given by the student and parent to arrange for the work to be made up. Students will have one more day than the number of days absent to complete missed work. If there is a prolonged absence, special arrangements may be made with the teacher. If work or tests are not made up, a student will receive a zero or unsatisfactory grade for the missed work. Parents and students must make every effort to communicate with the teachers if there are extenuating circumstances. **If a student misses consecutive days, and then comes back to school, and then misses another day, those days will accumulate. For example, a student misses (4) consecutive days, and then comes back for (1) day, and then misses (3) more days, the student make up time will be added on with the additional days.**

IF STUDENTS ARE ABSENT THE DAY OF A TEST OR AN ASSIGNMENT IS DUE, STUDENTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO TAKE THE TEST AND TURN IN THE ASSIGNMENT IMMEDIATELY UPON THEIR RETURN.

HOMEWORK REQUEST FOR ABSENT STUDENTS

If a student's illness will last for two or more days, the parents are welcome to request assignments in order for the student to keep up with studies. Parents are asked to call the school before 9:00 a.m. for homework requests. Teachers will attempt to honor the request by the next day. Should the student neglect to make an effort to do the assignments, the school may deny future requests to provide assignments. In case of communicable diseases, school officials will determine whether school books will be sent home.

SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

Certain conditions must be met should a student request to leave school early.

1. A note may be submitted before first period requesting the early dismissal. It is necessary for the note to include a telephone number where the parents can be reached as well as the student's name, grade, and reason for the request.
2. Parents must come into the office to sign their students out. If possible, students should be signed out at the end of a period so no more instructional time is lost than absolutely necessary.
3. A student providing his own transportation may be dismissed as long as a parent can be contacted. If a parent or guardian cannot be reached, the student will not be permitted to sign out early.

ADMISSION POLICY

You must present verification of birth, an up-to-date immunization record, and a social security number when a child is enrolling. Children must attend school in the district in which their parents or guardians reside.

The Board of Education believes in the importance of trying to decrease the number of missing children. Therefore, efforts will be made to identify possible missing children and notify the proper adults or agencies. At the time of the initial entry to school, the pupil should present to the person in charge of admissions a copy of his birth certificate and copies of those records maintained by the school most recently attended. If the student does not present copies of the required documents, the principal shall notify the appropriate police department of the possibility that the student may be a missing child.

CUSTODY

Parents have an obligation to inform the school any time the custody of a child changes. The school officials will need to see court orders pertaining to a child's custody. A copy of the court order will be placed in the student's file.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT

Students may attend school in the district where their parent or guardian resides. Children who are wards of the court and live in a boarding home within the district or are claimed as foster children or assigned by other court action establishing legal responsibility with a resident of the Tri-County North Local School District are considered residents of the district. Open enrollment students are also TCN students, afforded the same opportunities, and follow the same expectations.

HALL PASSES AND BOUNDARIES

No students will be permitted to be in the hallway without carrying a signed planner.

During the normal day, all students are restricted to the 9-12 portion of the building. Students are not permitted in the elementary wing. Only those students who have a class on the second floor should be there. Students are not permitted to loiter in front of the school while classes are in session. Disciplinary measures will be taken for violations.

FIRE AND DISASTER DRILLS

Fire and disaster drills will be held periodically in accordance with state laws. Instruction for clearing the building in case of emergency will be posted in each room.

GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING

The guidance department at TCN exists for one purpose – to help students and teachers. It is important that the students become aware of services available. The counselor is available to assist and advise each student about personal problems, academic problems, test score interpretation, and the world of work. In addition, the high school counselor is available for advice concerning course selection, MVCTC options, referral service, college options, and scholarship applications.

LOCKERS

Each student will be assigned a hall locker. The locker remains, at all times, the property of the school and is subject to the school's right to enter and inspect.

PERSONAL SELLING OR DISTRIBUTION OF ITEMS

School is not a place for individual student's profit or for the distribution of any item. No items may be sold at school unless they are for a specific school related activity.

STUDENT RECORDS

U.S. Congress passed "The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act" in 1974. The act sets forth various requirements designed to protect the privacy of parents and students and to provide parents with rights regarding the child's educational records. These rights transfer to the student at the age of 18. The act requires the school to:

1. Provide a parent or eligible student with access to records, which directly relate to the student.
2. Provide a parent or eligible student with an opportunity to seek correction of records, which are believed to be inaccurate or misleading.
3. With some legal exceptions, obtain written consent of a parent or eligible student before disclosing information contained in the student's educational record. The school must allow a parent or eligible student to inspect and review the student's educational record if requested by either party. The school may charge a reasonable fee for copying, secretarial time and postage.

Generally speaking, the inspection and review rights of a non-custodial parent are the same as enjoyed by the custodial parent, unless specific instruction from a court prohibits such inspection and review. Once a parent or eligible student has made a request to amend a child's record, the district is under an obligation to respond within a "reasonable period of time". If the district agrees to amend the record, nothing further need be done. However, if the district refuses, a parent or eligible student must be notified of his right to request a hearing with the superintendent. Federal law allows school employees with "legitimate educational interest" to inspect the records. Other schools to which a student is transferring may have the records sent as long as the student's parents are notified of the transfer. Certain governmental agencies, of which the juvenile court is an example, are permitted to inspect and request copies of educational records. A record of such inspection or request must be kept in the file and an attempt must be made to notify the parent.

LOITERING

Students are not permitted in the building until 7:15 a.m. unless accompanied by a school staff member. Once students enter the building, they are to move immediately to class without loitering in the halls. No students should be in the building after school hours unless involved in a school activity, which is supervised by approved personnel.

TELEPHONE USE

The office telephone will be for school business and emergency calls only. Students are not permitted to receive telephone calls during school hours except in the case of an emergency. A parent or guardian must place such a call.

VISITATION

The TCN Board of Education has an obligation to ensure that school visitations are not disruptive to the educational process and student achievement. It is necessary then to regulate school visits as follows:

Pursuant to Section 3313.20 of the Ohio Revised Code, all visitors to the building are required to report to the principal's office before contacting any student or staff members. Visitors are required to sign in and/or out as determined by the principal. All visitors must obtain a visitor's pass in the office. The superintendent, building principal, and/or school staff member has the authority to prevent entry into the school or to remove any person where there is sufficient and good reason to believe the presence of that person is not conducive to the preservation of the peace or the orderly operation of the school. School policy does not permit visits during the school day by students who do not attend classes at TCN. Parents wishing to visit their child's classroom must first make arrangements through the principal office. Parents, agents, law enforcement officers, etc., who wish to speak with a student during the school day must make appointments through the principal's office. Such meetings will occur in the presence of the principal, assigned designee, or local superintendent.

THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS ARE MONITERED 24 HOURS A DAY BY SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS.

WITHDRAWAL

When a student moves from the district, please contact the office as soon as possible. A request for the transfer of records must come from the new school with written permission of the parent or guardian. ALL FEES MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO WITHDRAWAL. No records will be given to the students, parent or guardian unless all obligations have been met. All books should be turned in to the classroom teachers.

SCHOOL CLOSING

School may be delayed or closed due to hazardous road conditions, severe inclement weather, or mechanical breakdown. The delay time or cancellation time will be announced on the local radio and TV stations. In rare cases, some roads may be impassable, but the majority of the roads are safe for the transportation of students. Please read paragraph on LIMITED BUSING PROCEDURE. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL OR SCHOOL PERSONNEL. For school cancellations listen to radio stations: WHIO (1290), WTUE (104.7), WING (1410), WONE (980), or watch the news stations on TV. Parents will also receive a phone call through our automated phone system notifying them in the event of a school-wide emergency, closing, delay, or early dismissal. Please be sure the school office has updated information throughout the school year.

LIMITED BUSING PROCEDURE

In order to operate the schools as much as possible, Tri-County North Local Schools may implement a LIMITED BUSING PROCEDURE. Parents may see/hear messages on television or radio stations that state "Tri-County North will be open on limited busing". This means a decision has been made to have school and operate the buses, but drivers will not travel certain impassable roads to pick up students. Every attempt will be made to notify families that have students who will not be transported. When the decision of the school is that a child cannot be reached by bus, parents may still transport the child to and from school by car. If the road is also impassable for car, the student will not be counted as absent.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH POLICY

The Board of Education shall annually adopt a policy regarding free and reduced price lunches for families qualifying for financial assistance in accordance with standards established by the Ohio Department of Education. Students or parents desiring further information about this program should contact the principal's office.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORMS

This form is required by Ohio law and must be filled out by every student, signed by the parent or guardian and returned to school. NO CHILD CAN LEAVE THE SCHOOL FOR A FIELD TRIP OR OTHER ACTIVITY UNLESS THIS MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION FORM IS ON FILE IN THE MAIN OFFICE. Telephone or handwritten notes cannot be used as a substitute for this form.

STUDENT ILLNESS AT SCHOOL

If a student becomes ill at school, a school official will notify the parent/guardian and ask that a responsible adult pick up the student. Students who are ill should report to the high school secretary and remain in the main office until they are picked up or are sent back to class.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If it is necessary for your child to be given medication during school hours, the medication must be sent to the school under the following guidelines:

1. Medication must be in the original container labeled with the child's name and the name of the medication. All medications should be brought to the office upon the student's arrival at school. The student may not carry medication, prescription or non-prescription, on his person. The school nurse, staff member or the parent must dispense all medications taken at school.
2. A note from the parent shall state the time the medication should be taken.
3. A signed note from the doctor should state the name of the medication, the length of time the student is to take it, and any side effects that may exist. A form for this procedure is available in the main office or at the doctor's office.
4. Due to the potential for students with asthma to need to use inhalers quickly, both at school and after school extracurricular activities, state law permits them to carry self administered and be responsible for their own inhalers. These students are required to have an order signed by a doctor and parent on file in the office. Forms are available in the office or from the school nurse.

PUPIL INFORMATION/CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If your last name, street address, or telephone number changes at any time during the school year, please notify the high school office and guidance department immediately. It is very important to keep our records up to date in order to contact a parent or guardian in an emergency.

LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found department is located in the main office. If you have lost something check with the secretary. Likewise, should you find anything that does not belong to you, please turn it in to the main office.

CARE OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Students who disfigure property, break windows, or do other damage to the school, personal property, or equipment, WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE DAMAGE WHICH IS DONE OR REPLACE THE ITEM. See the Student Code of Conduct for further information.

FACULTY PARKING

This lot is reserved for faculty and staff members ONLY from 6:00 a.m. until 2:40 p.m. in the MS/HS Lot and 6:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the Elementary Lot each school day.

STUDENT PARKING

Tri-County North High School students must obtain a permit form from the main office in order to drive to school and park on school grounds. This permit must be hung from the rear view mirror of the car and will cost the students \$5.00. Students should register each car they may drive to school with the principal's secretary. Students will park in the student parking lot only. Students may park on a first come first serve basis, but must be parked in a legally marked parking space. Any driver observed driving unsafely or recklessly on school property or to and from school will have their parking privileges revoked and disciplinary action may be taken. In addition, students who leave school without permission or who fail to park in their assigned lot may have their parking privileges revoked and his/her car towed at his/her expense. Parking in the wrong lot 1st Offense-Weds Detention 2nd Offense-ISS, 3rd Offense-Driving privileges revoked for the rest of the school year.

DRESS CODE

Tri-County North Local School District believes that the process of education can be best served when students are dressed in a manner that is conducive to study. Common sense is the key to choosing appropriate clothing. Anything bizarre or extreme will be deemed inappropriate.

The dress code is based on the following:

1. To protect the health and safety of the students;

2. To prohibit dress attire that could interfere with the educational process;
3. To prohibit clothing or accessories suggesting attitudes or ideals deemed improper in regard to sex, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or anti-social behavior;
4. To encourage pride in student's own personal appearance;
5. To prohibit clothing or accessories that might be damaging to school property or equipment

The rules are:

1. Clothing be worn in such a manner that it is not unduly revealing
2. No tank tops, muscle shirts, bare midriffs, halters, tube tops, see-through/net shirts or blouses, no shirts "altered" in any way
3. No form fitting pants/tights without proper coverage of front and back private areas
4. No clothing, patches, labels, jewelry, or buttons displaying suggestive sayings or symbols of drugs, alcohol, tobacco or sexual in nature;
5. Shoes or sandals must be worn;
6. No sunglasses worn in the building unless medically authorized;
7. No hats worn in the building including hoodies;
8. No belt chains, wallet chains or any other form of sizeable chains;
9. No headbands or handkerchiefs worn around any part of the body except for medical reasons;
10. All coats worn to school must be kept in a locker during regular school hours;
11. No spiked or jagged necklaces or bracelets.
12. Any bizarre, extreme, or suggestive dress or appearance not covered in this policy will be deemed inappropriate for school.

Students violating the Dress Code will be subject to disciplinary action.

SCHOOL BUS RULES

Bus drivers are responsible for students being transported to and from school and are in complete charge of students on the bus. The students must follow their instructions at all times. **OFFENSES WILL CARRY THE SAME PUNISHMENT AS SIMILAR OFFENSES AT SCHOOL AND MAY RESULT IN THE LOSS OF TRANSPORTATION PRIVILEGES FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME INCLUDING AND UP TO THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.**

1. Drivers will follow the established routes and make only designated stops unless there is an emergency.
2. Drivers will keep to the time schedule as closely as possible.
3. Students must be at their pick-up point on time, busses will not wait.
4. Please notify the school of any changes of address. New stops must be approved.
5. Loud talking, yelling, clapping, stamping feet, abusive language, or profane language is not permitted. Students must conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times.
6. **EATING OR DRINKING ON THE BUS IS NOT PERMITTED.**
7. No tobacco is allowed on the bus.
8. No pushing, crowding, fighting, or throwing objects are permitted.
9. Windows may be opened only with the permission of the driver. Students must keep their heads, arms, and legs inside the bus. Nothing may be thrown from open windows.
10. **NO NOISE OR TALKING** is permitted at **RAILROAD CROSSINGS.**
11. Students are to remain seated while the bus is in motion.
12. Students must keep the aisle clear at all times.
13. Personal belongings must be kept on laps or under seats.
14. Bus passes require written approval from the parent and the office. Bus passes will not be issued to students staying after school for disciplinary issues, and may be denied at the discretion of the administrator.

PREPARED FOR SCHOOL

1. Students will bring their charged chromebook to school every day.
2. Students must place their book bags in their lockers. If the bookbag doesn't fit, please remove the items out of the bag.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

A student shall comply with the rules and regulations of said club, organization, department and/or school. Students must be in attendance at least ½ of the school day to participate or attend any after school event that day. Prior Administrative approval is required for any exceptions to the ½ day attendance rule. Only extenuating circumstances will be considered.

TRI-COUNTY NORTH HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM:

Only Juniors and Seniors are allowed to attend the Tri-County North High School Prom.

The Junior/Senior rule also applies to guests that are asked to attend from other high schools.

Students who have graduated will be permitted to attend as a guest. ALL guests attending the prom must be registered.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SELECTION PROCESS

1. To be eligible for membership the candidate must be a member of the sophomore, junior or senior classes. (ninth graders are not eligible.)
2. Candidates must have been in attendance at the Tri-County North the equivalent of one semester prior to be considered for NHS membership.
3. Sophomore candidates must have a 4.0 GPA upon completion of their freshman year and 4.0 first semester average during their current academic year. Junior and Senior candidates must have a 3.5 GPA upon completion of their previous academic year and a 3.5 first semester average during their current academic year. These GPA's only give students the ability to apply for NHS membership.
4. Candidates who apply for NHS Membership shall then be evaluated on the basis of service, leadership, and character.
5. The selection of each member to the chapter shall be by a majority vote of the Faculty Council. The Faculty Council shall remain anonymous. Prior to notification of any candidates, the chapter advisor shall review with the principal the results of the Faculty Council's
6. The selection procedure shall be determined by the Faculty Council and shall be consistent with the rules and regulations of the NHS. As found on the official website: www.nhs.us/
7. NASSP shall not review the judgment of the Faculty Council regarding selection of individual members to local chapters.