



NORTHSTAR SCHOOL
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**Welcome
to the
2026-2027 School Year
at
NorthStar School of
Innovation & Leadership**



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Dear, NorthStar Students, Families, and Community Members,

Welcome to another exciting year at **NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership!**

On behalf of our entire faculty and staff, it is my honor to welcome you to the 2026–2027 school year. Whether you are joining our NorthStar family for the first time or returning for another year, we are excited to partner with you in creating an exceptional educational experience for every child.

At NorthStar, we believe every student deserves a school where they feel **safe, valued, challenged, and inspired**. Our mission extends beyond academics—we are committed to developing confident leaders, critical thinkers, compassionate citizens, and lifelong learners who are prepared to succeed in school and beyond.

This year, we continue to embrace our school-wide framework, **Safe to Soar**. It is more than a theme—it is the foundation of our school culture. Every decision we make is guided by our commitment to creating an environment where every Eagle is:

We know that student success is strongest when schools and families work together. Your partnership is essential, and we encourage you to remain actively involved throughout the year by maintaining communication with your child's teachers, attending family engagement events, celebrating accomplishments, and supporting learning at home.

Please take time to review the enclosed enrollment packet, including the Student & Family Handbook, Dress Code, School Supply List, and other important school information. These resources are designed to help your family have a smooth and successful start to the school year.

As we begin this new journey together, I encourage every family to stay connected, ask questions, and celebrate each milestone with us. Together, we will continue building a school community where excellence is expected, relationships matter, and every child has the opportunity to discover the greatness within themselves.

Thank you for choosing NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership. We are honored to serve your family and look forward to an incredible year of learning, leadership, and success.

Welcome to the Nest!

With Eagle Pride,

Melonese Winston
Principal

NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership



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2026–2027 DRESS CODE EXPECTATIONS

At NorthStar, our dress code promotes safety, professionalism, respect, and a distraction-free learning environment. Students are expected to arrive in full dress code every day and take pride in representing our Eagle community.



DAILY UNIFORM

Shirts

- EK–2: Navy School polo or dress shirt/blouse
- Grades 3–5: Hunter Green School polo or dress shirt/blouse
- Grades 6–8: Black School polo or dress shirt/blouse

Bottoms (All Students)

- Khaki, navy, or black uniform-style pants, shorts, capris, skirts, skorts, jumpers, or dresses
- Shorts, skirts, skorts, dresses, and jumpers must be fingertip length
- Pants must be worn at the waist (no sagging)
- Clothing must fit appropriately and not be revealing or transparent



WINNING WEDNESDAY – EAGLE PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE

Every Wednesday students are encouraged to dress professionally by wearing:

- Tie or bow tie (optional)
- Blazer, cardigan, suit jacket, or professional sweater
- Khaki, navy, or black dress bottoms
- Closed-toe dress shoes or clean athletic shoes



HEADWEAR

Not permitted inside the building:

- Hoodies
- Bonnets
- Durags
- Wave caps
- Hair scarves (non-religious)
- Skull caps
- Ski masks
- Hats or caps
- Non-medical face coverings



Religious or medically approved head coverings are always permitted.



SWEATERS & OUTERWEAR

Students may wear solid navy, hunter green, or black:

- Cardigans
- Sweaters
- Quarter-zips
- Crewneck sweatshirts (no hoods)



A collared uniform polo must always be worn underneath with the collar visible.



- Coats and jackets are for outdoor use only and must be removed upon entering the building.



- Hoodies are not permitted inside the school.



FOOTWEAR

- Only closed-toe athletic or dress shoes are permitted.

- **Not Allowed:** Crocs, slides, flip-flops, sandals, high heels, fur boots, slippers, shoes with wheels, or other unsafe footwear.



- Winter boots may be worn to school but must be changed upon arrival.



DRESS CODE CONSEQUENCES

1

1st Offense:
Verbal/Written Warning

2

2nd Offense:
Parent/Guardian Contact
(Student must be picked up)

3

3rd Offense:
Administrative Consequences as determined by the Principal



Thank you for partnering with us to ensure every Eagle is
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Community School Notice

"The NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership school is a community school established under Chapter 3314. of the Revised Code. The school is a public school and students enrolled in and attending the school are required to take proficiency tests and other examinations prescribed by law. In addition, there may be other requirements for students at the school that are prescribed by law. Students who are exempt from the compulsory attendance law for the purpose of home education pursuant to section [3321.042](#) of the Revised Code shall no longer be exempt for that purpose upon their enrollment in a community school. For more information about this matter contact the school administration or the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce."



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Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying Policy

August 2026

Dear Student / Parent / Guardian:

Please note that NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership has a “No Tolerance” Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying Policy. It is the policy of the school that no form of bullying behavior, whether it is in the classroom, on school property, to and from school or at school-sponsored events be permitted. Students who have been determined to have engaged in prohibited behaviors are subject to disciplinary action, which may include suspension or expulsion from school. Misconduct by one student against another student, will result in appropriate disciplinary consequences for the perpetrator. Please take the time to read more specifically about NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership policy on harassment, intimidation and bullying in the student handbook that set forth the comprehensive rules, procedures, and standards of conduct for the school and students.

I have read the above and agree that _____ will abide by NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership’s “No Tolerance” Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying Policy.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date



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CELL PHONE POLICY



SAFE TO LEARN. SAFE TO GROW. SAFE TO LEAD. SAFE TO SOAR.

At NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership, we want all students to be engaged and feel safe every day. To support learning and safety, the use of personal electronic devices is **PROHIBITED** during school hours.



POLICY OVERVIEW

Student use of personal electronic devices causes distractions, lowers academic performance, and impacts mental health. This policy supports student focus, achievement, and safety.



APPLIES TO

Applies to all students on school property during school hours, including buses and school activities.



EXCEPTIONS

Use is allowed only for documented IEP, 504, or approved medical needs.



DEVICE STORAGE

All devices must be turned in upon entering the building and stored in a secure location until the end of the school day.



DISCIPLINE PROGRESSION

Violation of this policy will result in progressively serious consequences:

- 1 Verbal Warning**
Device stored for the day
- 2 Parent Contact**
Device held and parent must pick up
- 3 Administrative Consequences**
Including detention, suspension, or further action as determined by the principal



COMMUNICATION WITH FAMILIES

Families can reach their child in an emergency through the school office. We encourage families to discuss after school plans, appointments, and expectations with their child in advance.

DEVICES COVERED UNDER THIS POLICY

This policy includes, but is not limited to:

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| Cell phones & smartphones | Gaming devices |
| Smart watches | Cameras & recording devices |
| Smart glasses | Portable Wi-Fi devices |
| Smart rings | Smart pens & laser pointers |
| Earbuds, AirPods, headphones & Bluetooth devices | Drones |
| Tablets & iPads | Any wearable or electronic device capable of communicating, recording, accessing the internet, or sending messages |
| Personal laptops | |



MEDICAL EXCEPTIONS

Students with a documented medical need may use approved devices as outlined in their health plan. No other exceptions will be made.



STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

- Students will:**
- Turn in all personal electronic devices upon entering the building.
 - Keep devices powered off until they are collected.
 - Follow all staff directions and procedures.
- Students will not:**
- Conceal or fail to turn in a device.
 - Use an undisclosed or secondary device.
 - Borrow or use another student's device.
 - Use personal technology during class, lunch, transitions, assemblies, or any school activity (unless it is an approved medical device).



SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITY

While NorthStar will make every reasonable effort to securely store devices, families are encouraged to leave personal devices at home. **NorthStar is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.**

FAMILY SUPPORT IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR SUCCESS!



Talk with your student about after school plans, appointments, and activities in advance.



Remind your student how to reach family through the school office during school hours.



Visit education.ohio.gov/cellphones for more information and resources for your family.



THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US TO ENSURE EVERY EAGLE IS
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IMPORTANT DATES

EVENT	DATE
Summer Family Orientation	July 27 – July 31, 2026
Back to School Night	August 12, 2026
ALL Students First Day	August 17, 2026
NO SCHOOL Labor Day	Sept. 7, 2026
NO SCHOOL	Sept. 28, 2026
Parent – Teacher Conference – NO SCHOOL	October 12, 2026
Third Grade Ohio Test	October 19, 2026
NO SCHOOL	October 29-30, 2026
Fall Break – NO SCHOOL	November 23rd – November 27th
Winter Break – NO SCHOOL	December 21st – January 5th
Students Return from Winter Break	January 5, 2027
MLK DAY – NO SCHOOL	January 18, 2027
Parent Teacher Conference – NO SCHOOL	February 12th, 2027
President's Day – NO SCHOOL	February 15, 2027
NO SCHOOL	February 22, 2027
Spring Break – NO SCHOOL	March 26th – April 2nd
All Students Return to School	April 5, 2027
Spring ELA State Test	April 12-16, 2027
Spring MATH State Test	April 25th – 29, 2027
Spring SCIENCE State Test	May 3rd -7th, 2027
Last Day of School	May 27th, 2027



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★ SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST ★

2026-2027

NorthStar Eagles

EK-8



Dear NorthStar Families,

To ensure every student is prepared for success, please provide the following supplies for the 2026-2027 school year. These materials support daily instruction and help create an organized learning environment for all students.

PLEASE NOTE:

Students are not permitted to bring backpacks or bookbags to school. All student supplies will be collected by the classroom teacher and stored in the classroom for student use throughout the school year. Students should bring only the materials requested by their teacher and any necessary personal items approved by the school.

ALL CLASSROOM SUPPLIES WILL BE:



Collected by the classroom teacher.



Stored securely within the classroom.



Distributed to students as needed throughout the school year.

Students are only required to bring their school supplies at the beginning of the school year or when requested by their teacher.



Students are not expected to transport supplies to and from school each day.

EK-2ND GRADE

- 2 Boxes of Crayons (24 count)
- 8 Glue Sticks
- 1 Bottle of Liquid Glue
- 2 Pairs of Child Scissors
- 24 #2 Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)
- 1 Large Pink Eraser
- 2 Primary Composition Notebooks (K-2 writing space)
- 2 Plastic Folders with Prongs (1 red, 1 blue)
- 1 Pack of Washable Markers (Broad Tip)
- 1 Pack of Colored Pencils
- 1 Pack of Highlighters
- 1 Pencil Box (8 x 5 or smaller)
- 2 Boxes of Tissues
- 2 Containers of Clorox Wipes
- 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Change of Clothes (labeled in bag)

3RD-5TH GRADE

- 24 #2 Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)
- 2 Pens (blue or black ink)
- 1 Pack of Colored Pencils
- 2 Highlighters
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 1 Composition Notebook
- 3 Spiral Notebooks (wide-ruled)
- 2 Plastic Folders with Prongs (1 red, 1 green)
- 1 Pencil Pouch (no boxes)
- 1 Ruler (inches & centimeters)
- 2 Boxes of Tissues
- 2 Containers of Clorox Wipes
- 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Pack of Loose Leaf Paper (wide-ruled)
- 1 Shoe Box (labeled with name)
- 1 Change of Clothes (labeled in bag)



6TH-8TH GRADE

- 24 #2 Pencils (Ticonderoga preferred)
- 2 Pens (blue or black ink)
- 1 Pack of Colored Pencils
- 3 Highlighters
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 3 Spiral Notebooks (wide-ruled)
- 2 Composition Notebooks
- 4 Plastic Folders with Prongs (1 red, 1 blue, 1 green, 1 yellow)
- 1 Pencil Pouch (no boxes)
- 1 Ruler (inches & centimeters)
- 1 Pack of Loose Leaf Paper (wide-ruled)
- 2 Boxes of Tissues
- 2 Containers of Clorox Wipes
- 1 Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- 3 Tri-Fold Display Boards (any color)
- 1 Change of Clothes (labeled in bag)



IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- ✓ Please provide quality supplies that will last throughout the school year.
- ✓ Label personal items (e.g., jackets, lunch boxes, water bottles) with your child's name.
- ✓ Teachers may request additional items based on classroom needs.
- ✓ Only approved personal items (e.g., lunch box, water bottle, jacket) should be brought to school.
- ✓ Thank you for supporting NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership and helping our Eagles soar to success!



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The NorthStar Matrix Framework — Building the Foundation for Student Success

Dear NorthStar Families,

Welcome to a new school year at NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership! We are excited to partner with you as we build a year centered around student success, leadership, academic growth, and a strong school community.

The first six weeks of school will focus on the NorthStar Matrix Framework, which is designed to teach students the habits, routines, and expectations needed to become successful learners. The Matrix is not a pause in academics—it is intentional instruction that helps students learn how to learn, how to lead, and how to succeed.

During this launch period, students will receive direct instruction and practice in:

- NorthStar procedures and classroom routines
- The SOAR Expectations:
 - Show Self-Control
 - Own a Positive Attitude
 - Act Responsibly
 - Respect Others
- Leadership, responsibility, and independence
- Collaboration, problem-solving, and accountability
- School pride and what it means to be a NorthStar Eagle
- The NorthStar School Song, Eagle Creed, and Motto

Matrix Grades

During the first six weeks, students will receive grades based on their progress and mastery of Matrix expectations. Students will be assessed on:

- Following classroom routines and procedures
- Demonstrating SOAR expectations
- Participation and effort
- Responsibility and independence
- Collaboration and leadership behaviors
- Completion of assigned learning activities



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These grades reflect the development of the skills students need to be successful throughout the school year.

Academic Learning During the Matrix

Academics will continue during this time through a light academic layer while teachers build classroom systems and gather important information about each student. Any completed academic work will be used to collect data on:

- Student strengths and areas of growth
- Academic needs and learning gaps
- Appropriate instructional supports
- Small-group placement and intervention needs

Students will begin practicing NorthStar academic routines, including reading, writing, problem-solving, academic discussions, goal setting, and teacher-led small groups. As students become stronger with routines and expectations, academic rigor will increase each week. By the end of the six-week Matrix launch, students will be prepared to:

- ✓ Demonstrate SOAR expectations consistently
- ✓ Work independently and collaboratively
- ✓ Understand classroom expectations and routines
- ✓ Take ownership of their learning
- ✓ Participate successfully in small-group instruction
- ✓ Show pride in being a NorthStar Eagle

At NorthStar, we believe culture precedes achievement, relationships precede rigor, and consistency produces excellence. By building a strong foundation during the first six weeks, we create the conditions for every student to thrive.

Thank you for your partnership as we help every student become:

With appreciation,

Melonese L. Winston
Principal
NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership



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2026–2027 Drug, Alcohol, Tobacco & Vape-Free School Letter

Dear NorthStar Families,

At **NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership**, the health, safety, and well-being of our students and staff are our highest priorities. We are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and drug-free learning environment where every student can focus on academic achievement and personal growth.

To protect our school community, NorthStar maintains a **zero-tolerance policy** regarding the possession, use, distribution, sale, or being under the influence of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, nicotine products, vaping devices, marijuana products, or other prohibited substances while on school property, at school-sponsored events, on school transportation, or during any school-related activity.

Prohibited Items

Students are prohibited from possessing, using, selling, distributing, or attempting to distribute any of the following:

- Illegal drugs or controlled substances
- Alcohol
- Marijuana or cannabis products
- THC products
- CBD products
- **THC gummies, cannabis gummies, or any edible marijuana products**
- **Edibles of any kind containing THC, cannabis, or other intoxicating substances**
- **Nicotine gummies or other nicotine-infused products**
- Vape devices or electronic cigarettes
- Disposable vapes
- Vape cartridges or pods
- Tobacco products
- Cigarettes
- Cigars or cigarillos
- Smokeless tobacco
- Nicotine pouches
- Hookahs or hookah devices
- Lighters or matches
- Drug paraphernalia
- Any unknown substance intended to mimic or substitute for an illegal drug
- Any substance represented as an illegal drug, even if later determined not to be one



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Students may not possess these items whether they are in a pocket, coat, lunch bag, purse, bookbag (if brought in error), or any other personal belonging.

Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medications

Students may **NOT** carry prescription or over-the-counter medications unless specifically authorized by the school nurse or administration in accordance with school policy and applicable law.

All medications must:

- Be provided in the original labeled container.
- Be accompanied by the required physician and parent authorization forms.
- Be stored and administered according to school procedures unless otherwise authorized.

Students with approved medical needs, such as asthma inhalers, epinephrine auto-injectors, insulin pumps, continuous glucose monitors, or other medically necessary medications or devices, will be accommodated in accordance with their health plan and applicable law.

Consequences

Possession, use, distribution, sale, or being under the influence of prohibited substances is considered a serious violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

Consequences may include:

- Immediate administrative investigation
- Parent or guardian notification
- Confiscation of prohibited items
- Suspension or expulsion, consistent with applicable law and school policy
- Referral to law enforcement when required or appropriate
- Referral to counseling, intervention, or other support services when appropriate

Each incident will be reviewed individually to ensure a fair, appropriate, and legally compliant response.



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2026–2027 Bullying, Fighting & Student Conduct Expectations

Our Commitment

NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment. Every Eagle is expected to:

- **Show Self-Control**
- **Own a Positive Attitude**
- **Act Responsibly**
- **Respect Others**

These expectations apply at school, on school transportation, at school events, and whenever student behavior impacts the school community.

Bullying, Fighting & Harassment

NorthStar has **zero tolerance** for bullying, harassment, threats, intimidation, cyberbullying, fighting, physical aggression, or any behavior that disrupts the safety of our school community. All reports will be investigated promptly.

Consequences

Violations may result in:

- Parent/Guardian conference
- Loss of privileges
- Counseling or behavior intervention
- Suspension or expulsion
- Law enforcement referral, when appropriate

Each incident is reviewed individually in accordance with school policy and applicable law.

Social Media

Cyberbullying, online threats, or social media activity that disrupts the school environment or targets members of the NorthStar community may result in school discipline. Families are encouraged to monitor their child's online activity and promote responsible digital citizenship.

Partnering with Families

Together, we can create a school where every Eagle is **Safe to Learn, Safe to Grow, Safe to Lead, and Safe to Soar.**



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Important Notice: Student Arrival & Early Dismissal Procedures

Dear NorthStar Families,

To ensure student safety and compliance with Ohio attendance laws, please review the following arrival and early dismissal procedures.

School Hours

- Before Care: 6:00 a.m.
- Building Opens: 7:00 a.m.
- Instruction Begins: 7:30 a.m.
- Dismissal: 3:00 p.m.
- Aftercare: Until 5:30 p.m.

Arrival Procedures

- Students should arrive no later than 7:45 a.m.
- Students arriving after 7:45 a.m. are considered tardy and must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to sign in and receive a tardy pass.
- Students arriving after 9:00 a.m. must provide a doctor's note to be admitted to school.

Early Dismissal Procedures

- No early dismissals will be permitted after 2:00 p.m. unless there is a documented emergency.
- Parents/guardians must notify the school in advance whenever possible.
- Anyone picking up a student must:
 - Present a valid photo ID.
 - Sign the student out in the main office.
 - Be listed on the student's approved emergency pickup list.

Attendance Reminder

In accordance with Ohio law, any early dismissal before 2:00 p.m. counts toward your child's 72-hour limit of missed instructional time. Frequent tardies and early pickups can negatively impact your child's attendance record and academic progress.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

NorthStar School Administration & Attendance Committee



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Authorized Student Pickup List Form

School Year: 2026 - 2027

To ensure the safety of all students, this form must be completed and submitted to the school office. Only individuals listed below will be permitted to pick up your child from school or from any school-sponsored event. All individuals must present a valid photo ID upon pickup.

Student Information

- Student Name: _____
- Grade: _____
- Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

- Primary Parent/Guardian Name: _____
- Relationship to Student: _____
- Phone Number: _____
- Secondary Parent/Guardian Name (if applicable): _____
- Relationship to Student: _____
- Phone Number: _____

Authorized Individuals for Student Pickup _____

Full Name	Relationship to Student	Phone Number	Alternate Phone

Full Name	Relationship to Student	Phone Number	Alternate Phone

Note: Any additions or changes to this list must be submitted in writing to the main office. No verbal requests will be accepted.

Emergency Contacts/Authorized to pick student up (if different from above)

- Name: _____
- Relationship to Student: _____
- Phone Number: _____



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- Name: _____
- Relationship to Student: _____
- Phone Number: _____
- Name: _____
- Relationship to Student: _____
- Phone Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Authorization

I hereby authorize the individuals listed above to pick up my child from school or school-related activities. I understand that all individuals must present valid photo identification and that no one else will be allowed to pick up my child unless prior written authorization is provided.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

AFTERSCHOOL LATEST PICK-UP TIMES:

NON-AFTERCARE/TUTORING: 4:00PM

AFTERCARE/TUTORING: 5:30pm

****If students are not picked up by these times, we are **REQUIRED** to contact the local police department to ensure further safe supervision of your student(s).****

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

Building Administration Team



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2026–2027 Attendance Expectations

Dear NorthStar Families,

At NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership, we believe every day counts. Regular attendance is essential for academic success, and we ask for your partnership in ensuring students arrive on time, attend daily, and remain for the full instructional day.

In accordance with Ohio House Bill 96 and Ohio attendance law, all absences (excused and unexcused), excessive tardies, and early dismissals contribute to missed instructional time and may impact a student's attendance record.

Reporting an Absence

If your child will be absent, a parent/guardian must notify the school by:

- Calling the school office, or
- Reporting the absence through the NorthStar website.

Messages sent to teachers or through ClassDojo, email, text, or social media are not considered official attendance notifications.

Excusing an Absence or Tardy

Reporting an absence does not automatically excuse it. Upon returning to school, students must provide appropriate documentation, such as:

- Parent/guardian note
- Doctor's excuse
- Court documentation
- Other approved documentation

Failure to provide documentation may result in the absence or tardy being recorded as unexcused.

Early Dismissals & Transportation Changes

- Transportation changes must be requested by 12:00 p.m.
- No early dismissals after 2:00 p.m. except for verified emergencies approved by administration.
- Early dismissals count toward missed instructional time.

Attendance Expectations

Students are expected to:



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- Attend school every day unless ill or otherwise excused.
- Arrive before 7:30 a.m. and ready to learn.
- Remain in school for the full instructional day.
- Schedule appointments outside school hours whenever possible.

Excessive absences, tardies, or early dismissals may result in school interventions and, when required by Ohio law, referrals to the appropriate agencies.

We appreciate your partnership in helping every NorthStar Eagle succeed. Together, we can ensure every student is present, engaged, and prepared to learn.

With Eagle Pride,

Melonese L. Winston

Principal

NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership

"Every Day Counts. Every Eagle Matters."



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Important Notice to Parents: Immunization Records Due by August 17, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we prepare for the 2026–2026 school year, we want to remind you that Ohio law requires all students entering kindergarten through 12th grade to have up-to-date immunization records on file. To ensure compliance and the health and safety of our school community, please submit your child's current immunization records by **August 17, 2026**.

Required Vaccinations for Ohio Students:

- **DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis):** 5 doses
- **Polio (IPV):** 4 doses
- **MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella):** 2 doses
- **Varicella (Chickenpox):** 2 doses
- **Hepatitis B:** 3 doses
- **Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis):** 1 dose for students entering grades 7–12
- **Meningococcal (ACWY):** 1 dose for students entering grades 7–11; 2 doses for students entering grade 12 (if the first dose was administered before age 16)

These requirements are in accordance with the Ohio Department of Health's Immunization Summary for School Attendance for the 2026–2026 school year.

Submission Instructions:

Please provide a copy of your child's immunization record to the school nurse or main office by the deadline. Students who do not have the required immunizations or an approved exemption on file by **August 17, 2026**, may be excluded from school attendance until compliance is achieved.

Exemptions:

Ohio law allows for medical and religious exemptions. If you are seeking an exemption, please contact the school nurse to obtain and complete the necessary documentation.

For more detailed information on immunization requirements, please refer to the Ohio Department of Health's official summary:

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. Ensuring that all students are properly immunized helps protect the health of our entire school community.



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2026–2027 Academic Framework & Instructional Focus

Dear NorthStar Families,

At **NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership**, we believe that every child can achieve at high levels when provided with rigorous instruction, meaningful relationships, and intentional academic support. Our instructional framework is designed to challenge every learner while providing the individualized support necessary for growth and success.

Our commitment is to ensure that every Eagle is **Safe to Learn, Safe to Grow, Safe to Lead, and Safe to Soar.**

Our Academic Focus

At NorthStar, instruction is centered around high expectations, student engagement, data-driven decision-making, and personalized learning. We believe students learn best when they are actively involved in their learning and understand both **what** they are learning and **why** it matters.

Our teachers use a combination of whole-group instruction, teacher-led small groups, intervention, and enrichment to ensure every student receives instruction at their individual level.

The NorthStar Framework

Throughout the school day, students will engage in instructional practices designed to strengthen academic achievement across all subject areas.

Leadership Experience is our signature eighth-grade incentive program designed to recognize students who exemplify what it means to be a NorthStar Eagle.

This program extends beyond a single trip—it is a year-long leadership journey that prepares students for high school, college, careers, and life. Students who successfully meet program expectations throughout the school year will earn participation in an **out-of-state educational leadership experience**. The destination may vary each year based on educational opportunities and school programming, but the expectations for earning the experience remain the same.



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The Road to Success program teaches students that opportunities are earned through commitment, character, and hard work.

Family & Student Partnership Agreement

At **NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership**, we believe that the success of every child depends upon a strong partnership between the school, students, and families. Together, we share the responsibility of creating a safe, respectful, and academically focused learning environment where every Eagle can thrive.

This agreement outlines the expectations for students, parents/guardians, and school staff as we work together throughout the school year.

Our NorthStar Commitment

Together, we will uphold the **Safe to Soar** framework by striving to:

- **Show Self-Control**
- **Own a Positive Attitude**
- **Act Responsibly**
- **Respect Others**

These values guide every interaction between students, families, and staff.

Student Commitment

As a NorthStar Eagle, I will:

Academics

- Come to school every day prepared to learn.
- Arrive on time and remain for the full instructional day.
- Complete assignments to the best of my ability.
- Participate actively in class.
- Ask for help when needed.

Behavior

- Treat all students, staff, families, and visitors with kindness and respect.
- Follow directions the first time they are given.



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- Use respectful language and appropriate behavior at all times.
- Resolve conflicts peacefully and seek adult assistance when needed.
- Accept responsibility for my actions and learn from my mistakes.

School Expectations

- Follow the dress code.
- Follow the electronic device policy.
- Respect school property and the property of others.
- Follow all classroom, hallway, cafeteria, restroom, and bus expectations.
- Represent NorthStar positively both on and off campus.

Parent & Guardian Commitment

As the parent or guardian of a NorthStar student, I agree to:

Support Student Success

- Ensure my child attends school every day and arrives on time.
- Ensure my child is dressed according to the school dress code.
- Review school communications regularly.
- Support homework, academic goals, and school expectations.
- Attend conferences and meetings when requested.

Partner with the School

- Communicate respectfully with teachers, staff, and administrators.
- Work collaboratively with the school to resolve concerns.
- Keep emergency contact information current.
- Reinforce school expectations at home.
- Monitor my child's technology and social media use.

Respect the School Community

I understand that I am a role model for my child and agree to:

- Treat all staff members with professionalism and respect.
- Treat other students and families with courtesy and dignity.
- Follow all visitor procedures while on campus.
- Allow staff members to complete investigations before drawing conclusions.



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- Address concerns through appropriate school channels rather than through social media or public confrontation.

Family Partnership & Communication Agreement

NorthStar believes students are most successful when families and schools work together with respect, communication, and accountability.

Parent & Visitor Expectations

Parents, guardians, family members, and visitors are expected to:

- Treat students and staff with respect.
- Communicate professionally and courteously.
- Follow school procedures when addressing questions or concerns.
- Support school expectations and student success.

The following behaviors are not permitted on school property, at school events, or in communication with staff:

- Yelling, profanity, threats, intimidation, or harassment
- Physical aggression or disruptive behavior
- Bullying or encouraging students to disregard school expectations
- Recording staff or students without authorization
- Posting false, defamatory, or threatening content about students or staff on social media

Individuals who violate these expectations may be asked to leave campus and may face restricted access or law enforcement involvement when appropriate.

Communication Expectations

To protect instructional time and ensure concerns are addressed appropriately:

- Contact the teacher first with classroom concerns.
- If additional assistance is needed, contact the appropriate administrator.
- Meetings with teachers or administrators must be scheduled through the main office. Walk-in or same-day conferences are not available except in emergencies.
- Teachers will respond to messages within 1–2 business days whenever possible.



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- Transportation changes must be communicated through the school office—not directly to teachers.

Student Communication

During the school day, parents should contact the main office if they need to reach their child. Personal electronic devices may not be used during instructional time.

Our Shared Commitment

Together, we will:

- Put students first.
- Communicate respectfully.
- Work together to solve problems.
- Hold students accountable with consistency and fairness.
- Build a safe, respectful, and academically excellent school community where every Eagle is: Safe to Learn. Safe to Grow. Safe to Lead. Safe to Soar.

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement

I have read and understand the NorthStar Family Partnership & Communication Agreement and agree to support these expectations throughout the 2026–2027 school year.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Principal: Melonese L. Winston



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2026–2027 Visitor Procedures and Campus Safety

Dear NorthStar Families,

At **NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership**, the safety and security of our students and staff are our highest priorities. To maintain a safe, orderly, and academically focused learning environment, all visitors and volunteers are expected to follow the procedures outlined below. These expectations help protect instructional time while ensuring every Eagle remains **Safe to Learn, Safe to Grow, Safe to Lead, and Safe to Soar**.

Campus Safety

To ensure the safety of our students:

- All exterior doors remain secured throughout the school day.
- All visitors must enter through the school's main entrance.
- Visitors must ring the bell and state the purpose of their visit before being granted access.
- School personnel will determine whether access to the building is appropriate.

Visitor Check-In Procedures

To ensure the safety and security of all students and staff, **visitor access to the building will be limited**. Visitors without a scheduled appointment may not be permitted to enter the building beyond the front office area.

Every visitor must:

- Report directly to the school's main entrance upon arrival.
- Present a valid government-issued photo ID upon request.
- Sign in upon entering the building.
- Receive and visibly wear a visitor badge while on campus.
- Obtain clearance from the front office before proceeding to any area of the building.
- Sign out and return the visitor badge before leaving the building.



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No visitor is permitted to walk directly to a classroom, office, cafeteria, gymnasium, or any other area of the school without authorization. Upon entering the building, all visitors must report directly to the main hallway/front office area where they will be greeted and assisted by office staff.

To ensure the safety of all students, only limited visitors will be permitted without a scheduled appointment. Entry into the building is subject to administrative approval and office clearance. NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership reserves the right to limit or deny visitor access whenever necessary to protect the safety, security, and orderly operation of the school.

Visitors who fail to follow these procedures will not be permitted beyond the front office area.

Classroom Visits

To protect instructional time and minimize disruptions:

- Classroom visits and observations must be approved by school administration in advance.
- Parents and visitors may not enter classrooms without prior authorization.
- Teachers may not interrupt instruction for unscheduled conferences.
- Classroom observations and meetings must be scheduled by calling the main office.
- **Walk-in conferences and same-day meeting requests will not be accommodated.**

Lunch Visitors

To maintain student safety and school routines:

- Lunch visits must be approved in advance by school administration.
- Visitors must check in and receive authorization before entering the cafeteria.
- Outside food may only be provided for your own child unless otherwise approved by administration.
- Visitors must remain in designated visitor areas during lunch.

Volunteers

NorthStar welcomes family and community volunteers who support our mission of educating and inspiring students.

Volunteers may be required to:



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- Complete volunteer paperwork.
- Successfully complete a background check when required for specific activities.
- Follow all confidentiality expectations.
- Work under the direction of school staff.

Volunteer opportunities may include:

- Field trips
- Family engagement events
- Career Day
- Classroom support (when requested)
- School celebrations
- Community service projects

Delivering Items to Students

To minimize classroom interruptions:

- Forgotten lunches, coats, eyeglasses, instruments, or other student items should be brought to the main office.
- School staff will notify students as appropriate.
- Parents and visitors may not deliver items directly to classrooms.

Student Dismissal Procedures

For the safety of every student:

- Students will only be released to individuals listed as authorized contacts.
- A valid photo ID may be required before a student is released.
- Transportation changes must be communicated to the main office no later than **12:00 p.m.**
- There will be **no early dismissals after 2:00 p.m.** except for verified emergencies or extenuating circumstances approved by school administration.

Respect for the School Environment

All visitors are expected to:

- Treat students, staff, families, and visitors with courtesy and professionalism.
- Use respectful language at all times.



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- Follow directions given by school personnel.
- Respect student and staff confidentiality.
- Help maintain a positive, welcoming, and orderly learning environment.

The following behaviors will not be tolerated on school property:

- Threats or intimidation
- Harassment
- Profanity or abusive language
- Physical aggression
- Disruptive behavior
- Unauthorized recording or photographing of students or staff where prohibited by law or school policy
- Refusal to follow school procedures

Individuals who fail to comply with school expectations may be asked to leave campus immediately and may have future access to school property restricted when necessary to protect the safety and orderly operation of the school.

Thank you for partnering with NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership to maintain a safe, welcoming, and orderly learning environment. By following these visitor procedures, you help us protect valuable instructional time while ensuring every Eagle has the opportunity to learn in a secure and supportive school.

Together, we will continue to ensure every Eagle is:

With Eagle Pride,

Melonese Winston

Principal

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Academic Success Commitment

2026–2027 Student & Family Agreement

Dear NorthStar Families,

At **NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership**, we believe every student can achieve at high levels when expectations are clear, instruction is intentional, and families actively partner with the school. Academic success does not happen by chance—it is the result of consistent attendance, hard work, perseverance, and a commitment from students, families, and educators to work together every day.

At NorthStar, we maintain high expectations because we believe in the unlimited potential of every Eagle.

Our Academic Commitment

NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership is committed to:

- Delivering rigorous, standards-based instruction every day.
- Providing teacher-led small-group instruction based on student needs.
- Monitoring academic progress through regular assessments and data analysis.
- Providing intervention and enrichment opportunities for all students.
- Celebrating student growth and academic achievement.
- Communicating student progress with families throughout the school year.

Student Commitment

As a NorthStar Eagle, I will:

- Come to school every day ready to learn.
- Arrive on time and prepared for class.
- Complete all classwork and homework to the best of my ability.
- Participate actively during instruction.



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- Give my best effort on all assignments, quizzes, benchmark assessments, and state tests.
- Participate in intervention, tutoring, and enrichment opportunities when assigned.
- Ask for help when I need it.
- Set academic goals and monitor my progress throughout the year.

Parent & Guardian Commitment

As a NorthStar parent or guardian, I agree to:

- Ensure my child attends school daily and arrives on time.
- Encourage reading and learning at home each evening.
- Review homework, assignments, and academic progress regularly.
- Maintain communication with my child's teachers.
- Ensure my child attends required tutoring, intervention, or academic support sessions when assigned.
- Celebrate my child's growth while encouraging continuous improvement.

Staff Expectations

Students may participate in:

- Teacher-led small-group instruction.
- Academic intervention groups.
- Acceleration and enrichment groups.
- Before-school or after-school tutoring.
- Benchmark assessments.
- Progress monitoring assessments.
- State assessments.
- Individual academic conferences.
- Student data talks and goal-setting meetings.

Placement in intervention or enrichment groups will change throughout the year based on student performance and academic growth.

Our Instructional Framework

Students will engage in the NorthStar Academic Framework daily:

- **Read for Ten** – Strengthening reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension.



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- **Write for Ten** – Building writing skills across all content areas.
- **Solve for Ten** – Developing mathematical reasoning and problem-solving.
- **Speak for Ten** – Strengthening communication and academic discussions.
- **Think for Ten** – Encouraging critical thinking and reflection.
- **Type for Ten** – Using technology intentionally to reinforce learning.

These instructional routines help every Eagle become a confident, independent learner.

Student Progress Monitoring

Throughout the year, students will:

- Review their academic data.
- Set quarterly academic goals.
- Participate in data conferences with teachers and administrators.
- Celebrate growth and identify areas for continued improvement.

Families will receive regular updates regarding academic performance and may be invited to conferences if additional support is needed.

A Commitment to Excellence

At NorthStar, we believe that effort, perseverance, and a growth mindset lead to success. Every lesson, every assignment, and every assessment is an opportunity to learn, improve, and grow.

Together, we will ensure that every Eagle leaves NorthStar prepared for high school, college, careers, and life.

Thank you for partnering with us as we pursue academic excellence.

Academic Success Agreement

By signing below, we acknowledge that we have read and understand the NorthStar Academic Success Commitment and agree to work together to support student achievement throughout the 2026–2027 school year.

Student Name: _____

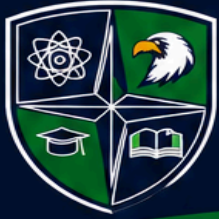
Student Signature: _____



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★ NO BOOKBAG POLICY

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NorthStar Eagles



At NorthStar School of Innovation & Leadership, our top priority is the safety of every student and staff member.

For this reason, bookbags are **NOT** permitted at school.



WHY NO BOOKBAGS?



Enhances safety by reducing the chance of hidden or dangerous items.



Speeds up entry and dismissal for a more efficient school day.



Creates a focused, organized, and distraction-free learning environment.



WHAT TO BRING INSTEAD

Students may bring their school materials in one of the following:



Clear, XL zipper pouch
(No larger than 12" x 12")

OR



Clear tote bag
(No larger than 12" x 12" x 6")

ALLOWED ITEMS

- ✓ School supplies
- ✓ Lunch (if applicable)
- ✓ Water bottle

All items are subject to search.



PROHIBITED ITEMS

The following items are **NOT** permitted:



Backpacks of any size



Drawstring bags



Purses



Luggage



Duffel bags



Briefcases



Non-clear bags



Large totes
(larger than permitted)



Any bag that cannot be easily inspected



Students who bring unauthorized bags to school will have the item confiscated and a parent/guardian must pick it up.

Repeated violations may result in additional disciplinary action.