

NORMAL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

INCOMING FRESHMEN – F.A.Q.



How will I register online this year?

You will register your student using Infinite Campus. This differs from previous years in that Unit 5 has transitioned from Skyward to Infinite Campus as the new Student Management System. High School parents must come complete Skyward online registration, and preferably prior to walk-in registration.

Unit 5's **online registration** through Infinite Campus will open in July. More information will be forthcoming from the district office regarding this. The following can be purchased through online registration in Infinite Campus:

Student Activity Tickets: These are attached to the student's ID and allows them to get into regular season athletic events with a designation on the student ID.

Family Athletic Passes: These are for families (up to six people), and can be purchased through Infinite Campus as well. These cards can be picked up in the athletic office (Room 74) during registration or after if necessary.

Locks: These can be purchased online through Infinite Campus and picked up at walk-in registration. You do not have to purchase locks through the school, as you could also buy them anywhere else you choose. Two locks are suggested, one for the regular locker and one for the PE locker.

Inkspot: The *Inkspot* is our student newspaper. This year, \$5 will get your student 5 print editions of the newspaper and they will be distributed at school about every quarter.

Is Walk-In Registration necessary in HS?

Yes! School IDs, pictures for the yearbook, dissemination of district laptops and textbooks, schedules, and spirit wear will all be available. Your student is welcome to walk through his/her schedule, decorate his/her locker, and turn in physicals to the nurse at this time as well. Please bring your printed receipt from Infinite Campus online registration if possible to avoid the lines!

Our **walk-in** registration dates are as follows with the times all being from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

9th Grade: August 5th
10th Grade: August 6th
11th Grade: August 7th
12th Grade: August 6th or 7th

Where do I find a school supply list?

There are no school supply lists for high school students. Students should bring paper and pen/pencil with them to the first day of school when each teacher will tell them what they need for their specific classes.

What after school tutoring options are available at NCHS?

This starts at the beginning of October in The Forge. Yes, anyone can come and they do not sign up ahead of time. The morning announcements will let students know when it starts and open. Certified staff are assigned in the IMC from 3:30-5:00 T, W and Th. This will run through April.

What immunizations/physicals are necessary for incoming 9th Grade students?

Incoming 9th grade students must have a completed school physical dated and signed within one year of the first day of school. Your doctor should have the form needed for this.

Please remember: Athletic physicals do not count for a school physical. However, a school physical counts as an athletic physical. Athletic tryout information will be available on the NCHS Athletics website later in the summer.

Please see this website for more information regarding physicals and immunizations: <https://www.unit5.org/domain/71>

What if I need to call my student out of school during the school day?

If a parent calls in their student late or for early dismissal, they do not have to come in to sign their student out. Your student will have a pass issued once the call is received. Your student will sign in and out of the Greeter's Station as you walk in to the building. The NCHS Attendance line is 309-557-4450.

If your student is out for two or more days due to illness, you may request homework by e-mailing your child's teachers. In some instances, you may need to come and pick up material at school, whereas in other instances some the material your child missed might be available online through Google Classroom.

Is there a nurse at NCHS?

Yes. If your child isn't feeling well, they need to get a pass from a teacher, if possible, and proceed to the nurse. The nurse can contact the student's family if the student needs to go home. If your student contacts you directly without going through the nurse, then you will need to call the attendance line to get your student out, as the school will not know they are going home otherwise.

How does the cafeteria work?

Your student will need to use his or her student ID card to get lunch from the cafeteria lines. This differs from the middle school where your child used a PIN number to purchase their lunch. If your child would like to bring their own lunch, that is also allowed.

What does my child need for PE?

Your child will need a gray t-shirt and black athletic shorts for PE. Using PE uniforms from middle school is acceptable. You can purchase PE uniforms using a link that will be provided at a later date. You are also welcome to purchase a gray shirt and black shorts anywhere you please.

Students will swim during the quarter opposite Driver's Education. Boys need swim shorts. No speedos. Girls need to wear a one piece swim suit.

When do I sign up for my child to receive a yearbook?

Ordering a yearbook occurs when parents register their students in Infinite Campus. You can select this as an optional fee and then pay for it when you pay for registration or during pay during walk-in registration. The yearbooks can be picked up at registration of the following school year. Questions about this can be directed to Mrs. Jennifer Kelly, yearbook sponsor.

What about the *Inkspot* school newspaper?

You can select the option to receive the school newspaper through Infinite Campus. It is a \$5 fee and will get your student 5 printed copies throughout the year. Each edition of the *Inkspot* is about 12 pages in length and is a student run newspaper. If the fee has been paid, students can pick up their editions, as they are printed throughout the year, during their lunch periods.

Where can I find information about 19-20 Athletics?

Go to: <https://il.8to18.com/nchs>

If you scroll down to the bottom left-hand side of the home screen, you will see Resources. There, you can see online athletic registration instructions, the Unit 5 Athletic Code, the Unit 5 Family and Friend Athletic Pass application, the IHSA Physical form and the NCHS sports offerings & start dates.

When is Back to School Night?

NCHS will host "Back to School Night" for all families on August 22, 2019 at 6:30 PM. This is an opportunity for parents to walk their student's schedule and meet the teachers they interact with on a daily basis. Students do not have to be present at Back to School night.

When are Parent / Teacher Conferences?

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 25, 2019. More information will follow regarding the sign-up process for conferences.

Is there an orientation for 9th grade students only?

Absolutely! Freshmen only "Open House" will be on Friday, August 9, 2019 from 5:30-7:00 pm. Student attendance is encouraged and parent attendance is optional. Students will begin the evening with a mock run through of their schedule by completing a shortened bell schedule. Then, some staff will meet with students in the cafeteria to explain how lunches work, have a snack, and answer any questions they may have about HS.

If parents attend, they will be in the auditorium and will be hearing from Iron Pride (PTO), Josten's, the B/N parent group, school nurse, and counselors.

The spirit store will be open. Parents will also be able to turn in physicals, medicine, and any other necessary health forms to our nurse. Nurse Ahrens will be there as well.

When you pick up your child's schedule at walk in registration, you'll likely see a homeroom listed. What does this mean?

9th – 11th grade students have a homeroom attached to their schedule. This is a 15 min block of time either before or after their lunch. Students will report to the room indicated on their schedule, where daily attendance will be taken.

Students can use this time to study or make up work from classes. They will also receive pertinent information from counselors and administrators from time to time.

Unit 5 Late Starts

Just as in past years, Unit 5 will have late start days. This is time for teachers to collaborate around instructional strategies and assessments in providing the best education possible for your students. The following days will be late starts:

August 28
September 18
October 2
October 30
November 20
December 4
January 15
January 29
February 12
March 11
April 22
May 6

Does NCHS have any Social Media that I can follow to keep up with what's happening in the building?

Like our NCHS Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/nchsironmen/>

@NCHS_Principal	Mr. Chapman (Principal)
@nchsironmen	Mrs. Maurer (Associate Principal)
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@ccrcnchs	Mrs. Hawkins (College & Career Counselor)