



Where Elite Potential Meets Academic Excellence.

Dear Parents and Guardians of Nelson High Performance Program Students,

I am writing to you today from the guidance department at Nelson High School to provide important information and reassurance regarding your child's participation in the Nelson High Performance Program (NHP) in light of the new Ontario high school attendance policy.

We recognize the immense dedication, discipline, and hard work required for students to balance high-level athletic or artistic training with their secondary school education. As participants in the Nelson High Performance Program, your students qualify under an **exceptional case status**.

Under this status and aligned with current provincial attendance framework standards, please be assured of the following:

Excused Absences:

Absences from school due to scheduled practices, training, competitions or related travel will be classified as excused absences. It is very important that these are reported to the school in advance of the absences.

Academic Evaluation & Grades:

Absences resulting from approved NHP commitments will not negatively impact your child's attendance/participation grade. Accommodations, including alternative timelines will support students with their academic achievement and evaluations in courses.

Teacher Support:

Teachers fully support our High Performance students. Teachers will work collaboratively with students to ensure they have reasonable opportunities to keep up with course material, submit assignments, and complete assessments. Students will have further support through our Guidance Dept.

Our goal at Nelson High School is to ensure that your child can excel in their chosen discipline without compromising their academic success. To help us support your student, please continue to keep the guidance department and classroom teachers informed of upcoming competition and training schedules as far in advance as possible. Please make sure your student picks up and submits their **[EXTENDED ABSENCE FORM](#)** well ahead of the absence (minimum 2 weeks).

If you have any questions or require further clarification regarding attendance tracking or academic accommodations for your student, please feel free to reach out to the guidance office.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your student's unique educational journey.

Warm regards,