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NASH

Can my child tour NASH in the summer?

Yes, NASH will be open in the summer for your child to come visit and walk around at your leisure. There should also be a Junior orientation during the summer. Date and times will be shared when available.

Will my child be assigned a locker?

Yes, lockers are assigned to students based on grade level.

Do we have to provide our child with a lock for their locker?

No, all the student lockers in the hallways have their locks built in. Students will need to supply their own combination lock for Physical Education. The PE department will share this information with students at the beginning of the year.

My child has difficulty with a combination lock on lockers, is there any way of not having a lock on their locker?

No, all lockers must have a lock, however, if your child needs a key locker, please contact the NASH main office at 724-934-7200.

When does the school day start and end?

First period starts at 7:23am and the ninth period ends at 2:15pm.

How long are the periods at NASH?

There are nine periods during the day at NASH. Each period is 40 minutes in length.

IEP and Accommodations

Will my child's IEP transition with them to NASH?

Yes, if your child has an Individualized Education Program (IEP), the supports and services will continue at NASH.

My child takes their tests in the test center or alternate location, will that still happen at NASH?

Yes, your child will have the opportunity to take their tests in an alternate location or test center if it is specially designed instruction outlined in their Individualized Education Program (IEP). Your child's teacher and/or case manager will assist them with the location of the test center.

My child has a SDI where their tests are read aloud, will this still happen?

Yes, your child will have the opportunity to have their tests read aloud to them if it is specially designed instruction outlined in their Individualized Education Program (IEP).

What happens if my child does not pass the Keystone Exams?

There are multiple pathways to fulfilling the graduation requirement regarding the Keystone Exams. If your child does not score proficient, a discussion by the IEP team at your child's annual IEP meeting can determine the appropriate pathway that will meet your child's academic and emotional needs.

Can you explain what resource is?

Resource is a directed study period for students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) which focuses on executive functioning skills. Students will learn leadership skills that allow them to succeed in and out of the school setting. Working memory, planning/prioritization, organization, sustained attention, task initiation, and emotional control are areas relating to executive functioning that will be addressed. Students will have opportunities to practice skills learned in class through individual and group work. This class will be worth .5 credits.

When will I find out who my child's IEP case manager is?

Rosters are confirmed during the in-service days prior to the beginning of the school year. You will be contacted by your child's case manager within the first couple weeks of school. If you have any questions prior to that time, please contact your child's school counselor.

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Does my child have to take a foreign language?

No, it is not a North Allegheny graduation requirement to take a foreign language. Depending on your child's post-secondary goals, they may need foreign language credits. Some colleges recommend taking a foreign language in high school, while others require it. The number of years that each college recommends/requires varies also. It is recommended to utilize Naviance to see what prerequisites colleges have.

When will my child know their schedule?

Schedules will be finalized and released to students through Tyler in August.

My child is nervous about not having classes with their friends. Are you able to schedule them in classes with their friends?

Due to the number of students and complexity of their specific schedules, we cannot guarantee that they will have classes with their friends. This is an exciting time to meet new students from other middle schools and cultivate new relationships. If your child is particularly anxious, please contact your child's school counselor and they can make every effort to coordinate a familiar face in their lunch period.

My child needs time in their day to complete homework, is this possible?

Yes, your child may take a study hall in place of an elective in order to have time in their day to complete their homework.

What if they need help during their study hall?

Your child can work with that class teacher to meet with them to receive help. They can also check-in with a special education teacher for assistance.

Can I make a request for when a certain class is during my child's day, like their PE class or study hall?

We cannot guarantee any special requests regarding schedules. However, we recommend sharing this request with your child's counselor and they will try their best to accommodate these needs.

How many credits do I have to take each year?

Students must take a minimum of 7 credits and a maximum of 8 credits each year.

What classes are NCAA eligible?

Classes that have been determined NCAA eligible are noted in the [Program of Studies](#).