

Natick Public Schools Transition Timeline (2025-2026)
8th Grade to 9th Grade Transition Events for the Class of 2030

Event	Event Date	Event Description
Keefe Tech School Visit	11/7	Students will be bused to Keefe Tech to tour the school and experience three different shops offered by the school.. Two of these were selected by students after a presentation by Keefe Tech on 10/9
Keefe Tech Prospective Student Career Night	11/20	5:30-8 at Keefe Tech. Learn more about the school, programs and more at Keefe. Meet students and staff from the various programs.
NHS Parent Curriculum Program - Virtual	1/14/26	<u>Virtual</u> pre-recorded program to be shared with Grade 8 Parents: Welcome and Overview of Coming to NHS—Principal and Guidance Dept. Head: - Course scheduling process and working towards finding a balance between academics and life. There will be recorded sessions in which department heads will cover the following: - sequences of study through high school - freshman course descriptions - share a typical week's homework for honors courses vs. other courses
Keefe Tech Priority Application Deadline	1/15/26	Applications for upcoming 9th grade students (Class of '30) are due. Interested applicants can apply here . Interviews with prospective applicants will happen later in the month.
8th Grade Parent Coffee with NHS Principal Josepha Blocker 8:30am @ NHS	1/22/26	Have questions after the NHS Parent Curriculum Presentation? Meet with Principal Blocker and she can answer them.
NHS Counselors visit WMS and KMS 8th Graders	1/23/26	NHS Counselors visit with the 8th-grade students to review the course selection process and provide a general overview of life at Natick High School.
PowerSchool portal opens for elective course selection	1/30 @3pm - 2/13 @8pm	Grade 8 students choose 3 electives and 3 alternates in PowerSchool and review teacher recommendations for core academic classes.
Middle School Counselor Course Selection Review	2/2-3/6	Middle School Counselors check in with 8th graders for course selection review.
Override Forms and Course Selection change requests due to NHS Guidance Office	3/23/26	Student Request for Override of Faculty Recommendation forms and Course Selection Change Requests due to NHS Guidance Office.
Step Up Night Program	4/29/26 @6:30pm	8th-grade students and parents learn about NHS activities, clubs and sports.
Freshman Orientation @ NHS	TBA in August 10:30am - 2:35pm	One-day event at Natick High to prepare 9th graders for the start of school. RSVPs for the event will be sent later in the school year.

Schedules are made available in PowerSchool in late August.

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