

NKHS - Named Unified Champion School

- Click [HERE](#) for more information on this great achievement for our school and school community
- Thank you to the efforts of Special Education Department Chair , *Ms*

Amy Messerlian, and RISE and SAIL teachers Ms Syd Sweeney and Ms Heather Lebel for this initiative.



Special Olympics
**Unified Champion
Schools**

Health Curriculum Topics Opt Out Letter

Parents/Guardians, Please Click [HERE](#) to learn about health topic exemptions.

Backpack Pilot - End of Quarter survey - Seeking feedback from students at NKHS only!

Since we are piloting the use of backpacks for students for quarter 1, we would like student feedback on how this change is working. Students, please provide your feedback by completing this anonymous survey. Click [HERE](#) to complete the survey. Your feedback is important to us as we determine next steps

(PS: This survey is only for students to provide feedback)

Nominate Teacher/ Staff member of the Quarter

As we approach the end of quarter 1 for the 2025-26 school year, we would like to recognize a teacher or staff member at NKHS that has made a positive educational impact on students this quarter. If you would like to nominate a teacher/staff member for the **teacher/staff member of the quarter** please fill out [THIS](#) *Teacher /Staff Member of the Quarter nomination form*. Thank you for helping us celebrate the incredible efforts of our teachers and staff at NKHS! Please complete by 11/05/25

Practice for SAT/PSAT using Khan Academy

Click [HERE](#) for directions

Cell Phone Policy implementation - since Monday 10/6/25

Please be reminded this is in full implementation. Any phones in sight will be confiscated. Please do not use phones in the school building between the school hours (7.15 am - 1.45 pm). No earbuds are allowed to remain in ears when students are in transit. Use of earbuds will automatically imply they are attached to cell phones when students are moving in the building. So please store them away and out of sight. There was a whole month of warning issued. If students refuse to turn in their phones, we will call parents/guardians immediately. Students will not be allowed to continue their school day unless the phone is turned in to school safe. The student phones will remain in the safe for the entire duration. Thank you for your cooperation in advance

- As of October 6, 2025, we will be implementing the consequences as laid out in the handbook
 - First offense - phone will be confiscated, name of the student will be documented as first offense and phone will be stored in the school safe. Students can have their phone back at the end of school. No parent/guardian intervention needed
 - Second offense- phone will be confiscated and stored in the school safe. Student name will be documented as a second offense and the phone will only be returned to a parent/guardian of the student listed in Aspen
 - Third offense - a parent/guardian will need to meet with school administration with the students to develop a plan. Examples of a plan may include the student turning in their phone each day to be put in the safe or leaving their phone home. This plan will be created in partnership with the family.
- **Newsletter**
Click [HERE](#) to view this week's North Notes (Newsletter)
- **Quote of the week from students**
Students are invited to submit quotes of the week by clicking [HERE](#). If your quote is selected, this will be included in the morning announcement.
- **For HS events calendar** Click [HERE](#)
- **Upcoming days**

Monday	10/27/25	Day 1 ● NHS Induction Ceremony @ 6.30pm
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		• Drama Rehearsals @ 2pm
Tuesday	10/28/25	Day 2 • Drama Rehearsals @ 2pm
Wednesday	10/29/25	Day 1 • Drama Rehearsals @ 2pm
Thursday	10/30/25	Day 2 • Drama Rehearsals @ 2pm
Friday	10/31/25	Day 1 • Drama Rehearsals @ 2pm

- Our students and staff have developed **core values** that we will be focusing on this upcoming year. We will be encouraging our students to practice these core values in every part of the building throughout the day. Our staff, faculty and adults will model these values to students through their own practice and live these values each and every day as they interact with students and other members of the school community.

At NKHS we are...

Skillful

Kind and Inclusive

Innovative

Participative

Perseverant

Effective Communicator

Respectful

Self-disciplined

I look forward to serving the students, staff, teachers and the educational community of North Kingstown in the upcoming school year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

In Partnership,

Shivali Finkelstein

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Every child deserves a champion: an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists they become the best they can possibly be. Rita Pierson, Educator

Excellence is not a skill, it's an attitude - Ralph Marston

Learning is what most adults will do for a living in the 21st Century - S.J Perelman