



#LEAVEyourMARK

National Trail High School

CLASS OF 2029

#ItsBETTERto be aBLAZER

Introductions

- David Herring - HS Principal
- Liz Veregge - HS Administrative Assistant
- Saharra Williamson - 9-12 School Counselor
- Jean Brower - TAG Administrative Assistant
- Heather Leis - Advisor

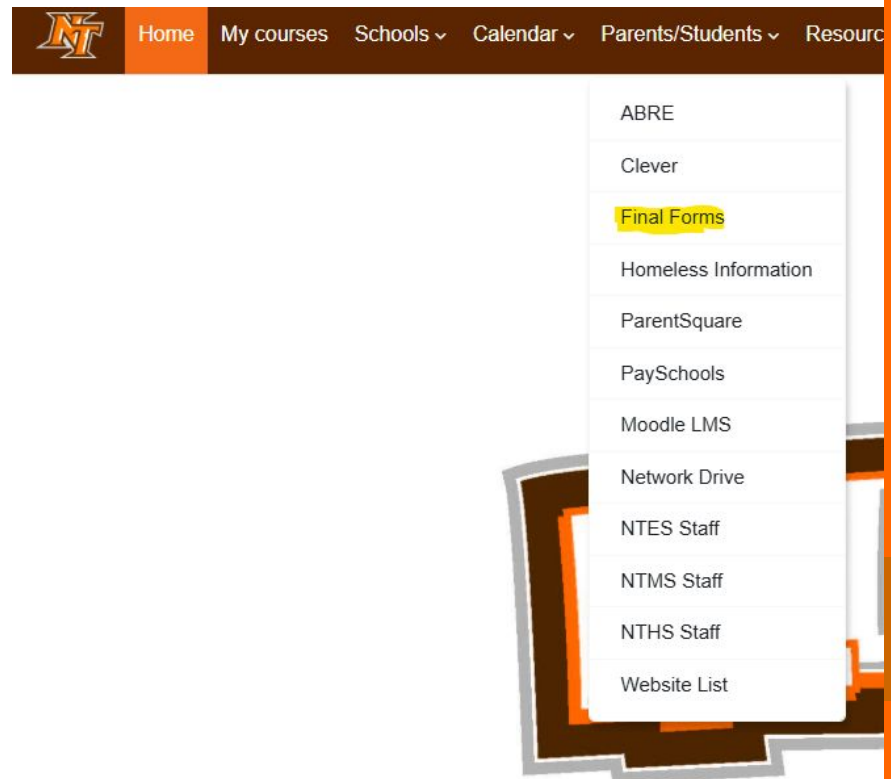
Jostens Ring Order

- Tuesday, Aug. 26th Freshman Ring Meeting
- Wednesday, Sept. 3rd Order Day (During Lunch)
- Wednesday, Sept. 10th Order Deadline
- Wednesday, Dec. 3rd Ring Delivery Day



Final Forms

- Due August 29th
- A way to update student information.
- Carries over from year to year.
- Check the school website to access Final Forms.
- Must be filled out to take part in ANY school activities.



Building Expectations

- Fresh Start
- Some advice:
 - Do your best each day
 - **RESPECT! “You need to give respect to get respect”**
 - **NTHS GOLDEN RULE** - Rule #1 – “If a staff member asks you to do something...”
 - **YOU CONTROL YOUR FUTURE!**
- Be at school – Attendance is important
- Keep up with your credits
- Come prepared for success
- Ask for Help!
- Don't interfere with other students' education!

New Expectations

No cell phones/smart watches

- Turned off and stored in your locker from 7:30 am-2:30 pm each day
- If you need to call home, come to the office.
- If you need to reach your student, call the HS office.
- You will need wired earbuds for your laptops (we are providing one set to everyone)

Locker usage is required

- Your laptop bag is acceptable to carry around
- Your backpacks or sports bags need to be in your locker
- Small handbags may be carried for personal items
- Budget time during bell changes

Make sure to follow dress code

- No hoods, sock hats, or blankets
- We shouldn't see any stomachs or backs at any time (stretching, reaching up, etc).

New AI Policy

- In certain situations, AI (Artificial Intelligence) may be used as a learning tool or study aid. Students who wish to use AI for legitimate educational purposes must have permission from a teacher or an administrator. AI is not a substitute for schoolwork that requires original thought. The use of AI to take tests, complete assignments, write papers, or otherwise synthesize student work constitutes cheating or plagiarism.
- AI is defined as Artificial Intelligence, Large Language Models, or Generative AI.
- Students may not use AI, including AI image or voice generator technology, to imitate others, violate school rules, or violate district policies.

Attendance

ATTENDANCE DEFINITIONS

School Day is from 7:30 – 2:30

- Students should not be in the building prior to 7:15 – report to Cafeteria
- Bus Drop-off - Report to Cafeteria Immediately (Not in the Commons)
- Doors will Lock at 7:35

Tardy to School

- Be on time in class when bell rings
- Teacher Expectation
- Tardy Check-in

Unexcused Absences

- Magic Number is 2 – attendance monitoring begins/legal notices will be issued

Excused Absence

- 10 or more in a year – County truancy officer/courts gets involved with high school
- 4 or more in a quarter – grade drops to 59% or below
- If your child gets sick at school & goes to the nurse

First Day

- What to bring
- Where to report
- Schedule
- Lunch

Welcome
Back

NTLS Social Calendar

Every second Wednesday of the month is WEAR YOUR BLAZER to school.

NFL Kick Off Day

Homecoming

World Kindness Day



- **National Trail Athletic Code (Found on-line)**

- Eligibility - No Pass No Play**

- Must Pass a minimum of 5 one credit classes
 - CCP students – we will work with you on an individual basis bc college classes are worth more credits than high school classes.
 - 2.0 minimum GPA this year.

- **Bus Passes**

- No Passes for HS Students except for academic purposes
 - Bus is considered part of school day and all rules and expectations apply on the bus and at bus stops!

- **HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, OR BULLYING – Don't Do It!**

Splitting the Group

9th Graders - Please proceed to the HS Cafeteria to meet with Ms. Williamson and Mrs. Brower

Parents - Please stay here in the Gymnasium with Mr. Herring

A little about me

- David Herring
- 16 years in education
- 2nd year as an administrator
- Graduated from The University of Cincinnati
- Taught Social Studies
- Coached Soccer
- Many other leadership positions and opportunities

Counseling Office

- School Counselor- Ms. Williamson
- School Counseling Secretary- Mrs. Brower

What Happens in the Counseling Office?

- Individual Student Planning
- Classroom Lessons
- Responsive Services
 - Individual & Small Group Counseling, Peer Mediation, Crisis Intervention, Consultation/Collaboration with parents, teachers, administrators, and outside agencies

HS Credit Requirements

A total of 26 credits are required for graduation from National Trail High School:

4.0 Credits in English

4.0 Credits in Mathematics (including Algebra II)

3.0 Credits in Science

3.0 Credits in Social Studies (World, American & Government)

.5 Credits in Physical Education (2 - ¼ credits classes)

.5 Credits in Health

2.0 Credits in Business/Computer

1.0 Credit in a Unified Art

Unified Arts include: Art, Music, Any Agriculture Class, French, Spanish, Business/Computer, Family and Consumer Science, or Graphic Design class

1.0 Credit in a Fine Art

Fine Arts include: Band, Steel Band, Choir, Guitar, Music Appreciation, Art and Graphic Design

7.0 Elective Credits (CTC students 5 credits)

- More detailed information can be found in the National Trail High School Course Guide

What is a Credit?

- **How do you gain a credit?**

- Semester 1 AVERAGE + Semester 2 AVERAGE = Final Grade
- Final Grade of 60% or Higher = Credit
- What is a semester exam (20% of final grade)

- **“Retention” Policy**

- 5 credits to be promoted to the 10th grade
- 11 credits to be promoted to the 11th grade
- 17 credits to be promoted to the 12th grade

- **Making up failed courses**

- Summer school
- In schedule
- Credit Recovery - Last resort

Graduation Requirements Class of 2025 and Beyond

- **1st: Cover the basics**
 - Meet graduation requirements (26 credits)
- **2nd: Show competency**
 - Earn a passing score on Ohio's high school Algebra I and English II tests **OR**
 - Option 1- Demonstrate two career-focused activities
 - Option 2- Enlist in the military
 - Option 3- Complete college coursework in math or english
- **3rd: Show readiness**
 - Earn two diploma seals that line up with your goals and interests. At least one of the two must be Ohio-design.

*These requirements can also be found in the NTHS Course Guide

Parent/Teacher/Admin Partnership

- We are all here for the same goal - to get your student a diploma.
- Communication is KEY
 - Email
 - Phone Calls
 - Conferences
- If there is an issue...
 - ...in class, start with the teacher
 - ...with a coach/advisor, contact them first
 - ...with peers, contact Mr. Herring
- If the issue is not resolved with the teacher/advisor, call/email Mr. Herring. For coaches, contact Mr. Ferguson.

How we can work together

- Help your student get to bed at a decent hour - sleep is key for learning!
- Communicate your concerns & vice-versa - email and phone calls are helpful if there is an issue.
- Follow grades on Moodle/ABRE - these are updated weekly
 - If you need logins & passwords, contact the HS Office
- Keep an eye on your child's cell phone activity
 - This is where we see the most harassment/bullying
- Let us know if you see changes in behavior & vice versa
- Encourage them to be involved in some way
 - Clubs, the arts, athletics, etc.
- Help them set short-, mid-, and long-term goals

Discipline

- Three common disciplinary outcomes
 - Detention (most common)
 - ISD - In School Detention
 - Out of School Suspension
- Detention runs from 2:35-3:30pm - they must get their own ride home
- ISD is in the Credit Recovery Room and monitored by Mr. Moore
- OSS is a last resort and reserved for significant disciplinary issues
- If ISD or Suspension is used, you will hear from me

High School Tech

- Laptop 1:1
- BYOL (Bring Your Own Laptop)
- Moodle
- Electronic Communications
- Laptop must be charged
- Don't damage/decorate the device or bag

Daily Schedule

- NTHS utilizes a Block Schedule
- Schedule of days can be found on the website
- Brown Day and Orange Days – Alternate each day
 - 4 Classes Each Day
 - 82 Minute Class Periods
 - 30 Minute Lunch
 - 42 Minute Intervention
 - 4 Minute Class Change
- The 9th grade class will be receiving planners to help stay organized.

$$E+R=0$$

Event + Response =
Outcome

“I don’t control events. I do control my response.” - Brian Kight

Disciplined vs. Default Responses & Being Above the Line

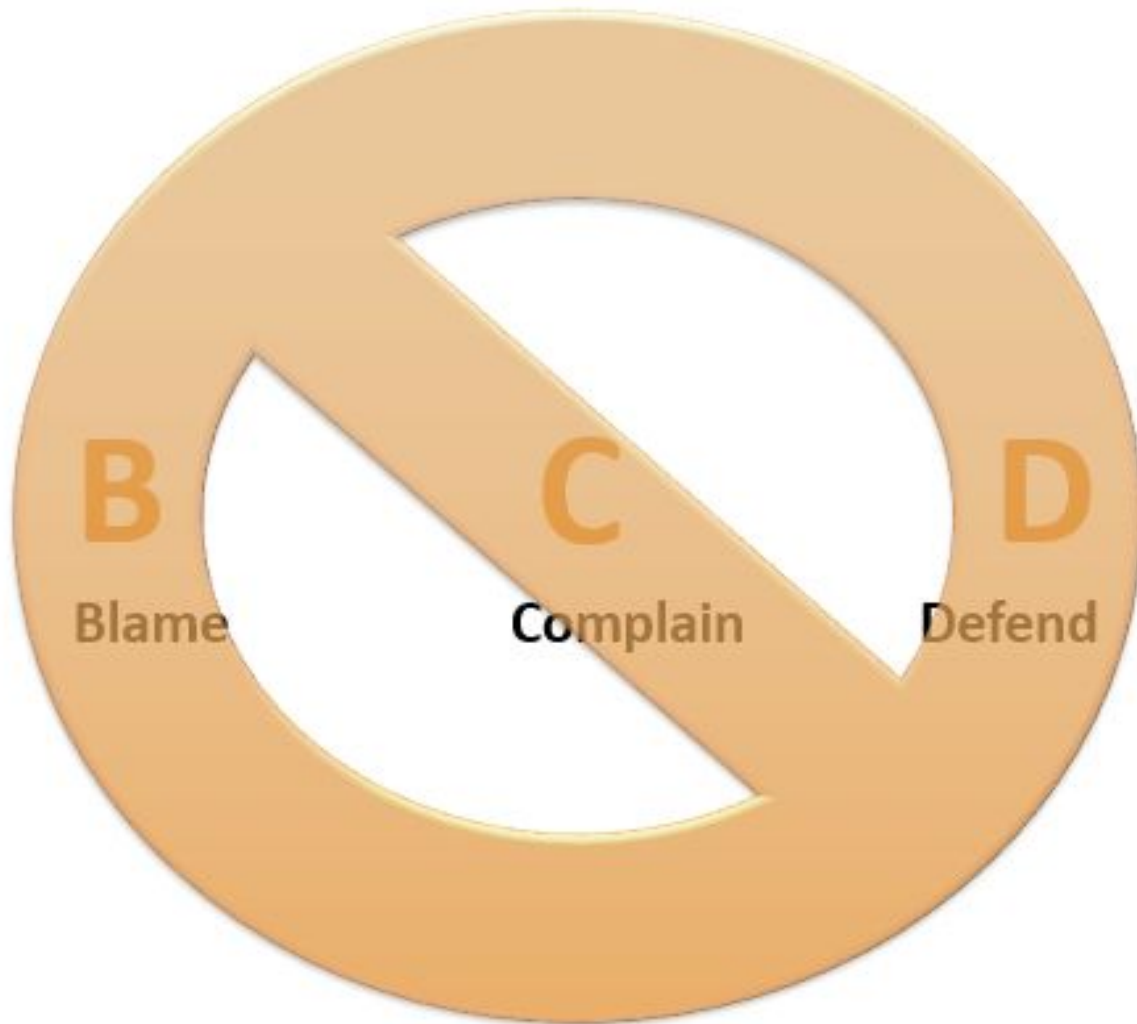
DISCIPLINE

- *Intentional*
- *On-purpose*
- *Skillful*

DEFAULT

- *Impulsive*
- *On-autopilot*
- *Resistant*

No BCD



20 Sq. Ft.

- This is everyone in your circle
- Your interactions with them are EVENTS
- Your RESPONSES and their RESPONSES will affect the OUTCOME
- As a school, this means doing your best to make every interaction positive.

THE R FACTOR

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<i>BELIEF</i>	<i>BEHAVIOR</i>	<i>OUTCOME</i>
Own It	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Think before you act.• Do the right thing, even when it's hard.• Seek solutions, not excuses.	Best version of you
Be Relentless	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commit to the journey. Do the work.• Learn from mistakes. Get better.• Embrace the challenges. Be resilient.	Live by vision, not circumstance
Complete the Puzzle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Respect differences.• Invest the time to care, listen and connect.• Think we, not me.	Everyone Matters

HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

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Twitter

- @NationalTrailAD

WEBSITES

- www.blazerathletics.org
- www.nationaltrail.k12.oh.us

Facebook

- National Trail Local School District

Email Communication

- Morning Announcements
- Scholarship Information
- ParentSquare

ParentSquare

- There is a Direct Messaging Feature
- Set up your method of alert
- Check for updates and reminders

Remember the goal

GRADUATION
In May of 2029



Important Dates

Wednesday, August 20th First Day of School 7:30 am

Monday, September 1st No School

Thursday, September 11th HS/MS Picture Day

Thursday, September 25th HS Conference Night 3:00 pm-6:30 pm

Friday, September 26th No School/PD Day

First
— DAY OF —
School

***Wednesday, August
20th 7:30 am***

