



# Newton North High School

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Dear students and families:

I hope you are having a fantastic summer. Senior year has arrived, and I look forward to our final year together.

**Attendance:** There will be one change to the school policy regarding excused absences. In order for an absence from *one block in the middle of the school day* to be excused, parents and/or guardians must provide proper documentation (i.e., from a health provider). On many occasions last year, when students felt unprepared for a test or wanted to work on assignments for other classes, they asked their parents/guardians to excuse them from school. The school does not consider those legitimate reasons to be excused from school. When students are dismissed from school, the expectation is that they have left the building. If students are seen in the building during a period when they have been excused from school, their absence will be considered unexcused.

In addition, please be sure to review school attendance policies, including the N-rule. All students are required to attend homeroom. If a student is marked absent-unexcused from homeroom, an automated phone call will be made to the student's home.

**Obligations:** Student obligations (text books, library books, etc.) from the previous three years should be taken care of by the end of September 2019. If you have questions about obligations, feel free to contact the house office.

**Schedules:** Seniors are expected to be enrolled in at least 24 blocks of classes. If seniors are committed to extracurricular activities that are sponsored and supervised by NNHS staff, they may enroll in 22 blocks. In order to graduate, students must earn a minimum of 100 total credits and meet distribution requirements by earning the following number of credits in each subject: English – 20, Math – 10, History & Social Sciences – 10, U.S. History – 5, Physical Science – 5, Biology – 5, Fine & Performing Arts or Career, Vocational & Technical Education – 5, and Physical Education – 5. If you have questions about graduation requirements or whether you are under-enrolled, please speak with your counselor.

**Student Parking:** Student parking permits are issued through the Newton Police Department.

Ms. Wong and I look forward to working with you all. If there is anything we can do to support you or your child, please contact us.

Sincerely,  
Dave Turcotte