High School Mission

The mission of North Branford High School is to foster a strong learning community focused on excellence in academic rigor, school climate, and civic and social responsibility.
Welcome Parents of
NBHS Class of 2017

Todd Stoeffler – Principal
Carter Welch – Assistant Principal
Abby DeTour – Director of Guidance
Tracy Wootton – Dean of Students & Math Dept. Leader
Nancy Bianchi – Coordinator of Special Education

Department Leaders:
Lauren Maghini & Liz Caplan - Art
Dick Terrill – Technology and Careers
Jennifer Marenna – Health & Physical Education
Tamre Mockus – Science
Robert Ford & Stephanie Byrd – English
Tracy Wootton – Math
Linda Humphrey – Music
David Borkowski – Social Studies
Jennifer Marenna – World Languages
Academic Expectations:
North Branford High School students will effectively:
- Use literacy skills, including reading for knowledge and writing for purpose, to think critically and reason with evidence
- Apply concepts and skills to frame, analyze, and solve a range of increasingly complex problems
- Use technology responsibly to enhance inquiry, research, and communication

Civic and Social Expectations:
North Branford High School students will effectively:
- Demonstrate CIRCLE (Citizenship, Integrity, Responsibility, Consideration, Leadership, and Empathy) expectations within the school and community
- Understand and apply skills and concepts associated with lifetime fitness and wellness for self and the community
- Demonstrate active civic participation and service within the school and community
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• Supports for the transition to NBHS
  – Freshmen Orientation (August)
  – Advisory (throughout school year- PBIS, presentations, etc.)
  – Guidance – School Social Workers
  – **Student Success Plans** - grades 6-12
    • Naviance Software – electronic file to store and track
    • Interest Surveys
    • Career Exploration
    • Examples of Assignments completed: Freshmen Seminar Class, Health Grade 10, Consumer Economics Grade 11
GUIDANCE

ABBY DETOUR
Guidance Director
NBHS Graduation Requirements

• minimum of 24 credits
• score in the “Proficient,” “Goal” or “Advanced” range in each section of the CAPT
### Credit Requirements by Department

- English – 4.0 credits
- Math – 3.0 credits
- Science – 3.0 credits
- Social Studies – 3.0 credits
- Health – .75 credits
- Physical Education – 1.5 credits
- Business – 1.25 credits
- Vocational/Fine Arts – 1.0 credit
- Elective – 6.5 credits
## Typical 9th Grade Schedule

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Course Registration Procedures

- Students will receive all registration materials on Thurs., February 7th
- Students will ask their academic teachers for course and level recommendations
- Students will review their course registration sheets with their parents, with teacher recommendations indicated
- If parents have questions about any of the teacher recommendations, they are asked to contact that teacher directly
- Parents sign the registration form and students will hand it in to their homeroom teacher by Wednesday, February 13th
- Students will register on-line for the courses that were recommended during school on Thursday, February 14th
- Parents will be able to view course requests through PowerSchool
Special Education

NANCY BIANCHI
Coordinator of Special Education
All students who receive special education services have a Resource Room Block every other day and take a traditional program of study.

Students who participate in the Life Skills or Bridges Programs participate in courses aligned with those programs.

Throughout their high school careers students with disabilities have opportunities for “work study” opportunities in order to earn additional credits and job experience.

Most questions may be answered at the 8th Grade Annual Reviews. If you have additional questions call Special Services office at 203-484-1230.
MUSIC

LINDA HUMPHREY
Department Leader
Music

- Concert Band - 1 Credit
- Chorus/Select Chorus - 1 Credit
- Music Theory - 1 Credit (alternating years)
- Beginning Guitar - .5 Credit (alternating years)
- Jazz Ensemble – 1 Credit
- Wind Ensemble - 1 Credit

Music electives are open to all students in grades 9 - 12 although some require a pre-requisite and/or audition.
ART

LAUREN MAGHINI
LIZ CAPLAN
Department Leaders
Art

• Minimum 1.0 Credit – Vocational/Arts
• Freshmen – **Art Basics** –
  - Pre-requisite to all other Art Classes (semester course)
  
  *May then take: Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Ceramics, Crafts and Basic Photo*

• New Art Studio – Opened Fall 2008

  *AP Art Course Added-2 Students enrolled 2012-2013 school year*
DICK TERRILL
Department Leader
Technology & Careers Department

- Program Areas: Business, Technology Education, Communications and Family & Consumer Science

- Graduation Requirements
  - Freshman Seminar - 1/4 Credit
  - Computer Applications - 1/2 Credit
    - Grade 9 or 10
  - Consumer Economics - 1/2 Credit
    - Grade 11
  - Additionally - 1 Credit in Vocational Education or Fine Arts

- Helping Hands & Interact Clubs
ENGLISH

ROBERT FORD
STEPHANIE BYRD
Department Leaders
English Department

• **Four** credits of English are required

• **Ninth grade English**
  - Students study literary genres (i.e., poetry, short story, drama, and nonfiction) through World Literature

• Students can graduate from NBHS with up to **seven** college credits in English, including two college-level classes in writing and literature
JENNIFER MARENNA
Department Leader
Health And Physical Education Program

• Credit Requirements: 1.5 in PE and .75 in Health
  – PE (9, 10, 11) Health (10, 12)

• Freshmen Program: Weight Training/Fitness or Traditional PE 9

• Elective Courses: WT/Fitness, Non-Traditional PE, and Senior PE
MATHEMATICS

TRACY WOOTTON
Department Leader
Three credits in Mathematics are currently required for graduation.

**Freshmen Offerings***:

- Algebra I General 1.0 credit
- Algebra I College Prep 2.0 credits
- Algebra I Honors 2.0 credits
- Geometry College Prep 1.0 credit
- Geometry Honors 1.0 credit

We are pleased to offer Algebra I CP and Honors as 2 credit classes, offering students enhanced preparation for higher level math and science classes as well as standardized tests such as CCSS, CAPT, SATs and college placement exams.

*Student must have their 8th Grade Teacher’s recommendation as well as Department Leader approval for course enrollment.*
To graduate from NBHS, all students must earn a minimum of three credits in Science and achieve a score of Band 3 (proficient) or higher on the Science CAPT.

The three credits should consist of the following:

- 1 credit in General Science (Grade 9);
- 1 credit in Biology (Grade 10);
- .5 credit in Physical Science (Grades 10-12) which can consist of a credit in either Chemistry and/or Physics and .5 credit in an elective science.

Science AP courses include AP Biology, AP Physics and AP Environmental Science; students enrolled in these courses may earn college-credit if successful on the AP exams.
DAVID BORKOWSKI
Department Leader
Social Studies

Department Requirements
- World History (9th grade)
- United States History (10th grade)
- Contemporary Issues (12th grade)

Freshmen Year
- All 9th graders will have a full year of World History
  - General, College Prep, Honors levels

Advanced Placement
- AP US History- (10th grade)
- AP Psychology- (11th and 12th grade)
World Language

- World Language is an elective.
- Freshmen Offerings (1.0 credit each):
  * French I
  * French II
  * French II Honors
  * Spanish I
  * Spanish II
  * Spanish II Honors
  * Italian I

  - Student must have an overall average of 90 upon the completion of Spanish I or French I in order to enroll in Spanish II Honors or French II Honors.

- We offer Spanish, Italian, and French and Latin.
• Research-based framework: improving academics, behavior, and school climate
• Modeling, encouraging, rewarding desired expectations through systems and practices
• “Going Full CIRCLE” (Citizenship, Integrity, Responsibility, Consideration, Leadership, Empathy)
New initiatives courses and programming at NBHS

• Latin I
• Algebra I – 2 credits
• Yale Courses
• Engineering Program – Project Lead The Way
• Virtual High School – On-line accredited courses
• Communications Class – TV Studio and Edit Room
• Growth in Advanced Placement Courses/enrollment
• Future Problem Solvers Course
• Greenhouse
• Wellness Center
• Automotive Class
• Coffee Coop