

NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL

UKNIGHTED WITH PARENTS

Top 10 Ways to Help Your Student Succeed

1. Please call, call, and call some more. We want to hear from you early and often. Let us know if there are strategies that will help your child succeed.
2. Ask your student to tell you three things they learn each day. In fact, many of our teachers send weekly emails with questions you may ask your child.
3. Ask your child to teach you a difficult math problem at night. And, never say the following – “I wasn’t good at math either.” Our students have the ability to achieve anything, and we don’t want them to lower personal expectations.
4. Encourage your child to read every day – especially in the summer.
5. After the first month of high school, ask your child to explain the graduation credits system and the grade point average calculation. After their first semester of high school, they should know their grade point average and the number of earned credits at ALL times.
6. Monitor computer and phone use. Research indicates that the average teenager spends more than 7 hours per day in front of a screen (television, computer, iPad, video games, phone, etc.). While responsibly using technology can enhance some learning activities, we need your help to limit harmful uses (texting during school hours, inappropriate messages on face book and twitter, etc.).
7. Join the PTO! We would love to meet with you on a regular basis to improve every facet of Northern High School.
8. Encourage your child to try something new! We have nearly 100 clubs, organizations and teams at Northern. Research shows that students are happier and more successful when they are connected to something positive at school.
9. Sign up for Northern’s Friday Message by sending a blank email to NHS-SBDMC-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Make sure our guidance office has your correct phone numbers (home, cell, work, etc.). Visit our website to learn more about events, celebrations, and school/district policies.
10. Ask your student’s teachers the following questions:
 - How should I best prepare my child for your class?
 - How much homework do you assign? Are homework grades based on accuracy or completion?
 - What should my child know when they leave your class?
 - What is the grade distribution? In other words, how much does homework, quizzes, tests, papers, projects, etc. count?
 - How should my child study for assessments in your class?
 - What are the best resources (websites, books, etc.) we can use to supplement your course material?

