

WELCOME
NORTH RIVER BULLS
CLASS OF 2022 & 2023!



TRADITION ★ STARTS NOW

MISSION STATEMENT

- As we build our culture and traditions of North River High School, we will look to student, parent, and community leaders to help build the foundation and principles of what being a NRHS bull means.
- As the founding faculty and staff, we commit to fostering open and honest communication and providing the best educational opportunities to fit the need of each and every student.
- Our decisions will always be focused on college and career pathways to success, which will allow students to explore potential careers, attain college goals, and be equipped with employability skills upon graduation.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

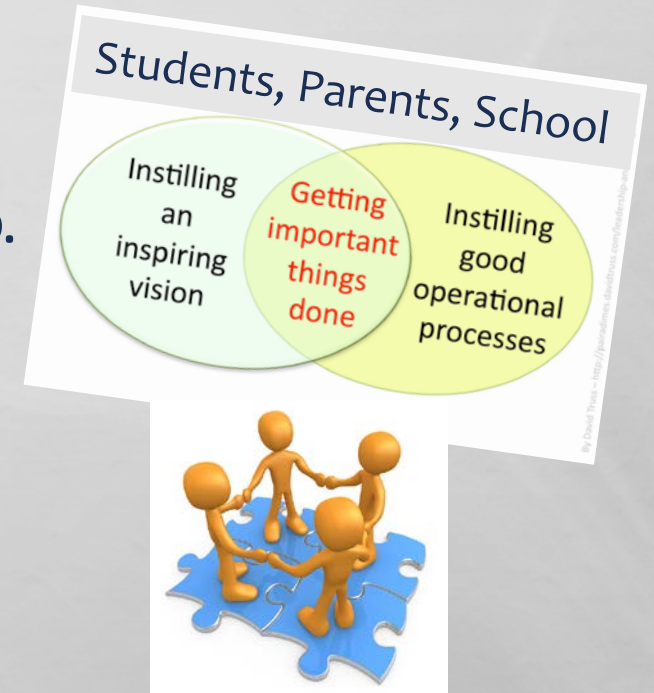
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

● **PARENTS:**

CONSIDER JOINING YOUR SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC).
TAKE A MOMENT TO SIGNUP TONIGHT IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

● **STUDENTS:**

YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR YOUR STUDENT
GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (SGA). APPLICATIONS WILL BE
GIVEN AT REGISTRATION.



CONTACTS

Administrators

Craig Little, Principal

Melissa Gagnon, Assistant Principal

Athletic Director

Shawn Trent

*Staff is currently working out of The
Mixon House at Matzke. 1 Matzke
Way; 941-708-8800. ext. 1191 for
Senior Secretary.*

School Counselor

Diana Ansbro

School Staff

Robin Castle – Senior Secretary

Denise Turner – Registrar

Janet Stinton - Bookkeeping

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- ☒ Earn 24 credits as follows:
 - ☒ 4 English
 - ☒ 4 Math (Including Algebra 1 and Geometry)
 - ☒ 3 Science (Including Biology)
 - ☒ 3 Social Studies (World History, US History, US Government and Economics)
 - ☒ 1 HOPE (Health and PE)
 - ☒ Fine Art/Practical Art with Artistic Content
 - ☒ 8 Electives
- ☒ Earn an unweighted cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- ☒ Complete at least one online class
- ☒ Pass required state assessments

HOPE WAIVERS

A student can waive the HOPE requirement in one of two ways:

1. Participate in two seasons of an interscholastic sport at the Junior Varsity or Varsity level.

OR

2. Complete two years of JROTC. This will waive the full credit in HOPE and the full credit in Fine Arts.

* Once a student meets the requirements for a HOPE waiver, he or she will need to request a waiver form from his/her school counselor.

FINE ARTS REQUIREMENT

- All students must earn a Fine Arts/Practical Arts with Artistic Content credit for graduation.
- Courses that satisfy the Fine Art requirement at NRHS include:

Band
Chorus
Commercial Art
Digital Informational Tech
Drama

Engineering
Journalism
Orchestra
Robotics
TV Production

ONLINE COURSE REQUIREMENT

- An online course is required for graduation.
- Students will create an account on FLVS and select a course.
- If the student is still enrolled at a middle school when requesting a course on FLVS, the middle school counselor will approve the course.
- After completing 8th grade, the student will need to change the physical school on the FLVS student profile to NRHS so that the final grade is sent directly to the high school.

STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS

Graduation Requirements

Students must earn a Level 3 or higher to be eligible for a standard high school diploma:

- Grade 10 ELA Florida Standards Assessment (FSA)
- Algebra 1 End of Course (EOC) Assessment

Note: The Algebra EOC results also count for 30% of the final grade of the course

STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS

End of Course Exams

The results are calculated as 30% of the final grade of the course in the following subject areas, but do not affect graduation status:

- Biology
- Geometry
- US History

STATE UNIVERSITIES OF FLORIDA

Minimum Admissions Requirements:

- Standard High School Diploma and ACT/SAT Scores
- 16 credits in college preparatory courses:
 - 4 English Credits
 - 4 Math Credits (Algebra 2 or higher level)
 - 3 Credits Science (2 with substantial labs)
 - 3 Credits Social Science
 - 2 Credits Foreign Language (sequential in same language)
 - 2 Credits Academic Electives



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AREAS OF FOCUS AT NRHS

- AGRISCIENCE
- AUTOMOTIVE PATHWAY
- COMMERCIAL ARTS
- ENGINEERING/ROBOTICS
- HEALTH SCIENCE/ MEDICAL PATHWAY
- PERFORMING ARTS (BAND/ORCHESTRA/CHOIR/THEATRE)

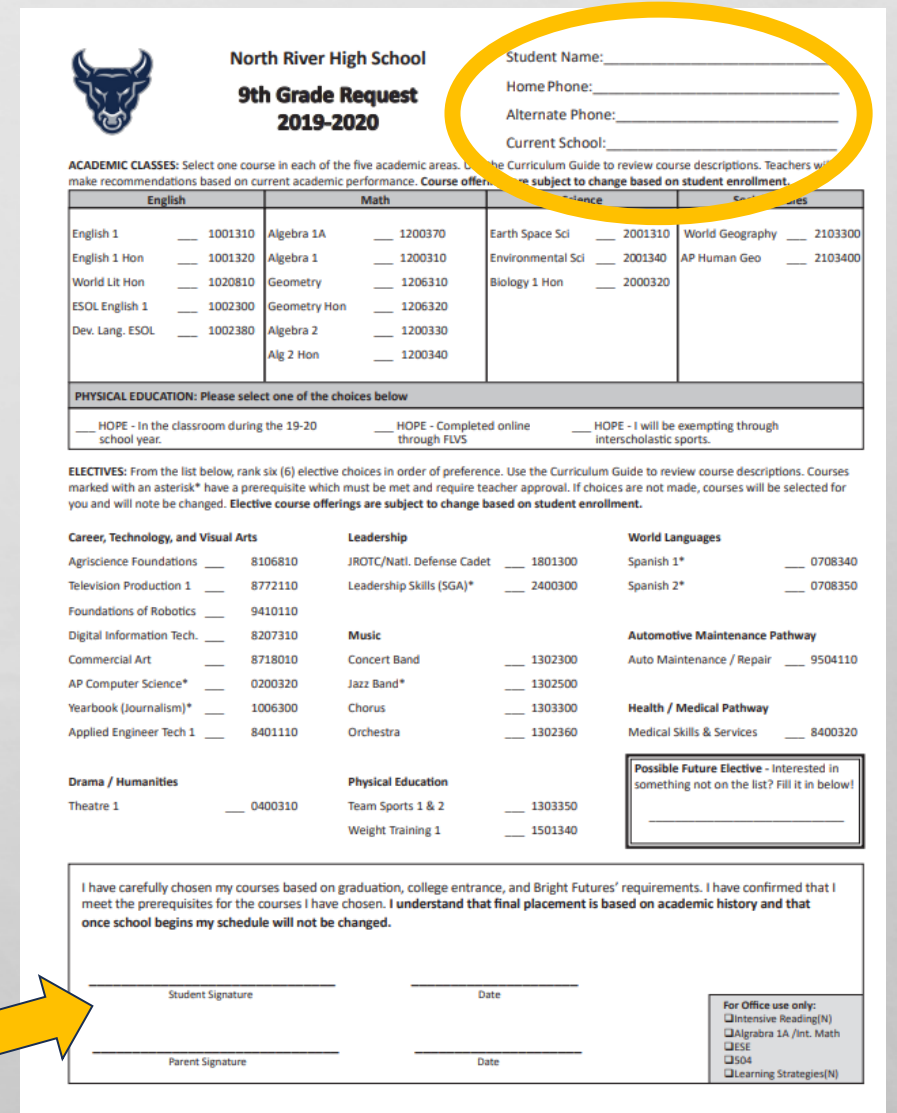


COURSE REQUEST GUIDELINES

- Review the courses in the guide and discuss options with your parents/guardians.
- Your core subject area teachers (English, Math, Science, and Social Studies) will recommend the next course along with course prerequisites.
- Choose six (6) electives!
- Parents/Guardians and students must sign the Course Request Form.

REQUEST FORMS

- Sample forms are located in the back of your guide which you will receive when NRHS counselors visit your middle school.
- Use ink only and press down firmly to ensure the second copy is readable.
- Complete the top portion of the request form. PLEASE PRINT!
- Sign your Course Request Form.



The form is titled "North River High School 9th Grade Request 2019-2020". It features the school's logo (a bull head) and a yellow oval highlighting the student information fields: Student Name, Home Phone, Alternate Phone, and Current School. Below this is a section for "ACADEMIC CLASSES" with a table of course offerings. The table has four columns: English, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Each column lists courses with their respective numbers. Below the table is a section for "PHYSICAL EDUCATION" with three options: HOPE - In the classroom during the 19-20 school year, HOPE - Completed online through FLVS, and HOPE - I will be exempting through interscholastic sports. This is followed by an "ELECTIVES" section where students rank six elective choices in order of preference. The electives are categorized into Career, Technology, and Visual Arts; Leadership; World Languages; Music; Automotive Maintenance Pathway; Health / Medical Pathway; Drama / Humanities; and Physical Education. A yellow arrow points to the signature section at the bottom, which includes lines for Student Signature, Date, Parent Signature, and Date. A small box labeled "Possible Future Elective" is also present, asking if the student is interested in something not on the list. A "For Office use only" section at the bottom right contains checkboxes for Intensive Reading(N), Algebra 1A /Int. Math, ISE, 504, and Learning Strategies(N).

North River High School
9th Grade Request 2019-2020

Student Name: _____
Home Phone: _____
Alternate Phone: _____
Current School: _____

ACADEMIC CLASSES: Select one course in each of the five academic areas. Use the Curriculum Guide to review course descriptions. Teachers will make recommendations based on current academic performance. **Course offerings are subject to change based on student enrollment.**

English	Math	Science	Social Studies
English 1 _____ 1001310	Algebra 1A _____ 1200370	Earth Space Sci _____ 2001310	World Geography _____ 2103300
English 1 Hon _____ 1001320	Algebra 1 _____ 1200310	Environmental Sci _____ 2001340	AP Human Geo _____ 2103400
World Lit Hon _____ 1020810	Geometry _____ 1206310	Biology 1 Hon _____ 2000320	
ESOL English 1 _____ 1002300	Geometry Hon _____ 1206320		
Dev. Lang. ESOL _____ 1002380	Algebra 2 _____ 1200330		
	Alg 2 Hon _____ 1200340		

PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Please select one of the choices below
_____ HOPE - In the classroom during the 19-20 school year. _____ HOPE - Completed online through FLVS _____ HOPE - I will be exempting through interscholastic sports.

ELECTIVES: From the list below, rank six (6) elective choices in order of preference. Use the Curriculum Guide to review course descriptions. Courses marked with an asterisk* have a prerequisite which must be met and require teacher approval. If choices are not made, courses will be selected for you and will note be changed. **Elective course offerings are subject to change based on student enrollment.**

Career, Technology, and Visual Arts
Agriscience Foundations _____ 8106810
Television Production 1 _____ 8772110
Foundations of Robotics _____ 9410110
Digital Information Tech. _____ 8207310
Commercial Art _____ 8718010
AP Computer Science* _____ 0200320
Yearbook (Journalism)* _____ 1006300
Applied Engineer Tech 1 _____ 8401110

Leadership
JROTC/Natl. Defense Cadet _____ 1801300
Leadership Skills (SGA)* _____ 2400300

World Languages
Spanish 1* _____ 0708340
Spanish 2* _____ 0708350

Music
Concert Band _____ 1302300
Jazz Band* _____ 1302500
Chorus _____ 1303300
Orchestra _____ 1302360

Automotive Maintenance Pathway
Auto Maintenance / Repair _____ 9504110

Health / Medical Pathway
Medical Skills & Services _____ 8400320

Drama / Humanities
Theatre 1 _____ 0400310

Physical Education
Team Sports 1 & 2 _____ 1303350
Weight Training 1 _____ 1501340

Possible Future Elective - Interested in something not on the list? Fill it in below!

I have carefully chosen my courses based on graduation, college entrance, and Bright Futures' requirements. I have confirmed that I meet the prerequisites for the courses I have chosen. **I understand that final placement is based on academic history and that once school begins my schedule will not be changed.**

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

Date

For Office use only:
☐ Intensive Reading(N)
☐ Algebra 1A /Int. Math
☐ ISE
☐ 504
☐ Learning Strategies(N)

CHOOSING ELECTIVES

- Rank your elective choices from 1-6.
- Carefully select elective courses. It is possible to get your 6th choice elective over your 2nd, 3rd, 4th, or 5th. Please make sure you will be happy with any course listed on your request form.
- Courses with an asterisk (*) require teacher approval. These courses typically have a prerequisite or require an application or audition.
- Elective courses offerings are subject to change based on enrollment

WHAT IS A PREREQUISITE?

If a course has a prerequisite, that means you must complete a specific course, earn a minimum grade, or attain a qualifying test score in previous coursework prior to being permitted to enroll in the class. Prerequisites for all NRHS courses are listed with the course description in the curriculum guide.

For Example:

- *To enroll in an Animal Science & Services, you must first complete the Agriscience Foundations course.*
- *To enroll in AP Human Geography, you must score a level 3 or higher on the FSA and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.*

ACADEMIC COURSE APPEAL

- Prerequisites are in place to maximize student academic success. Careful consideration was taken in designing course requirements.
- If you or your parent/guardian disagree with a teacher's course recommendation or prerequisite, a meeting with your high school counselor or administrator is required to discuss your concern.
- The Parent Appeal window for incoming students is April 1st –12th. Please call to schedule your meeting. 708-8800 x1093

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Requests for schedule changes will **ONLY** be considered for the following reasons:

- The student has already earned credit for the course.
- The student has failed to meet the prerequisite for the course.
- The student is scheduled for too many or not enough courses.
- If there was a clerical error.

COURSE FAILURE POLICY

- If a student has been unsuccessful in a course, they will not be scheduled back into that course at NRHS.
- Grade forgiveness is available only for earning a letter grade of C, D, or F in middle school or a letter grade of D or F in high school.
- Students obtain approval from their school counselor and register through Florida Virtual School to recover a credit (www.flvs.net).
- If the student receives a C or higher on FLVS, the original failing grade will not be calculated into the student's GPA but will still appear on the transcript.

ACCELERATION OPTIONS

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

- AP courses are college-level courses taught at the high school culminating in a national AP exam taken in May.
- Students interested in AP courses must have teacher approval or meet prereq.
- AP summer assignments must be completed and submitted on the first day of school. Check school website for summer assignments.
- Required to take the end of year AP Exam.
- Freshmen are permitted to take AP Human Geography & AP Computer Science.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

- Dual enrollment is a program which allows eligible students to enroll in USF & SCF courses.
- Credits earned are included in both the high school and college GPA.
- Grades earned in dual enrollment courses become a permanent record on the college transcript.
- DE courses are typically completed in grades 10 -12.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: When will NRHS come to my middle school?

A: We will be presenting at most of the middle schools starting February 26th.

Buffalo creek MS – Feb. 26th

Haile MS – Feb. 27th

Nolan MS – Feb. 28th

Lincoln MS – Mar. 4th

Johnson MS – Mar. 22nd

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: I don't attend one of your feeder middle schools, how do I register for courses?

A: For enrollment/registration questions please contact our registrar, Mrs. Turner, at 708-8800 x1114 or email at *turner1d@manateeschools.net*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Can I pick up my schedule before school starts?

A: No, official schedules will not be given out prior to the first day of school.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Can I change a class at the end of first semester?

A: No, your schedule will remain the same for the entire school year.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What if there is an error on my schedule?

A: Students can speak with their counselor after the first day of school. Counselors are available in during the lunch periods to meet with students to address any concerns about classes during the first week of school.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How many community service hours do I need for graduation?

A: Although hours may be required for scholarships or college admissions, there is not a community service requirement for graduation. *(ie Bright Futures – 75 hours)*

Please note: Hours completed in the summer after 8th grade can count. The Community Service forms are available on the website.

NEW TO BULL COUNTRY STUDENT ORIENTATION

- More detailed information about our school and student expectations will be discussed at our orientation in August 2019.
- Students will have the opportunity to obtain their picture IDs in the Media Center.
- Please check the school's website for updated information (date/time) regarding Orientation and School Information/Policies.

LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN ...

**Only 172 more days until
YOUR First Day of the
FIRST DAY EVER at
North River High !**



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RESOURCES

NRHS Website:

<https://www.manateeschools.net/NORTHRIVER>

Florida DOE Graduation Requirements:

www.fldoe.org/academics/graduation-requirements/

Florida Virtual School:

www.flvs.net

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship:

www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/SSFAD/bf/