



PROGRAM OF STUDY

Our Mission: *To engage parents in activities that support their child's school program in order to increase student success in their progress towards post-secondary opportunities.*



Northeast High School

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Dear Northeast High School Parents,

Welcome to Parent University

We are excited to recognize and celebrate parents who are involved in their child's education. This booklet contains information about a variety of courses, events, and volunteering opportunities in which you can participate. All of them support the mission to engage parents in activities that support their child's school program in order to increase student success in a child's progression towards post-secondary opportunities.

Parents earn a credit for each event, and you can track them using the form in the back of this booklet. We will also keep a master record of attendance from sign-in sheets at each event. We encourage you to work toward "graduation." At the end of each year, parents who accumulate enough credits are invited to a Parent University graduation/dinner to celebrate their achievements:

10 credits – Bachelors Degree

25 credits – Masters Degree

50 credits – Doctoral Degree

We look forward to learning with you!

Eagle Pride,

Jason Williams

Principal

FAQ'S

What is Parent University?

Parent University at Northeast High School is a way for you, as a parent, to become more involved with your child's education and our school. It is also the program that we, as a school, will use to recognize and celebrate your achievements. Your involvement is a critical component in your child's academic success, and Parent University provides both the tools and information about the many opportunities to become more involved in our school and your child's future.

Why should I join?

We want all parents to have access to courses, events, and other opportunities that will help you help your children to succeed. Your presence, in and of itself, speaks volumes to the importance and value you place on your child's education.

How much time is involved?

You will earn one credit for each event or course you complete (*see the Course Descriptions on the following pages for examples*). At the end of each school year, we will celebrate those parents who have earned one of three degrees: Bachelor's Degree (*10 credits*), Master's Degree (*25 credits*), or Doctorate Degree (*50 credits*), with a graduation dinner. You have the entire time your child is at Northeast to complete one or all degrees.

How do I start?

Come to any event that is sponsored by Parent University! You may also call us at 410.437.6400 to learn more about our program. We look forward to seeing you graduate!

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

ACADEMIC	Any training or involvement that leads specifically to the improvement of a parent's understanding of the educational experience.	
	Parent University Courses	Participate in any of the Parent University Courses offered by the school. Notification of these courses are communicated through Connect Ed and paper notices sent home with students.
	FAFSA	Attend Training for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
	Naviance Training	Participate in the Office of School Counseling Training for "Naviance Succeed" which promotes college and career readiness.
	Back to School Events	Participate in Back to School Night events that promote understanding of your child's coursework and the level of expectation placed on them by their instructors.
	Parent Teacher Conferences	Register for and participate in Parent Teacher conferences to discuss progress in a child's educational experience.
	Cyber-Bullying	Participate in school-sponsored training about the dangers of preventative measures for electronic aggression.
	Parent Connect	Register for and obtain a user ID and Password for the Parent Connect program. This helps in monitoring student academic performance.
PARENT LEADERSHIP	Any group leadership or organizational opportunity where the parent contributes time or talent to a school-related initiative – standing or temporary.	
	Leadership Positions	Positions that entrust the parent with additional purpose and responsibility above that of a regular participant.
	Group Officer	Either through nomination or vote, a parent assumes the role of a group officer; i.e. President, Secretary, Treasurer.
	Board of Director	Either through nomination, vote or volunteer, a parent assumes the role of a Board of Director member responsible for such things as decision-making for the good of the group.
	Committee Chair	Either through nomination, vote or volunteer, a parent assumes the sole responsibility of chairing a committee that is a sub-section of a larger recognized group.
	Fundraising Organizer	This parent is responsible for the organization related to fundraising activities. The responsibilities might include, but are not limited to, advertising, ordering, collecting of funds and distributing materials.
	PTSA Membership	Registering and participating in the Parent/Teacher/Student Association at Northeast. <i>(Membership and attendance at each meeting is worth one credit)</i>
	Booster Organization Membership	Registering and participating in the Northeast Athletic Sports Boosters, Band Boosters, Dance Boosters, Etc.
	County Level Meeting Attendance	Attend county level meetings to represent Northeast High School interests.
	Citizens Advisory Commission (CAC)	Attend Citizens Advisory Commissions meeting to represent Northeast High School interests.
	Parent Involvement Advisory Council	Attend Parent Involvement Advisory Council meeting to represent Northeast High School interests.
	After Prom Organizational Committee	Takes a leadership role in the organization of the After-Prom activities scheduled for students back at the school.

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COMMUNITY	Any participation in school sponsored courses that support parental involvement and enrich the lives of their children.	
	Signature Program Support	Participate in the School's Signature development and/or support program.
	Community Events	Attend our free community events that are aligned with the Anne Arundel County Public Schools Wellness Standards. These events are aimed toward the needs of the Northeast High School community.
	Miles for Music	Register for our 5K event that raises money for the Northeast High School Music department.
VOLUNTEERING	Any event or activity where a parent's time and talent is given to support a school sponsored initiative in a non-leadership capacity	
	Front Desk	Sign up and work out a schedule with Ms. Littleton to assist at the front desk as visitors enter the school building.
	Concession Stands	Sign up and work in one of the four concession stands found on the Northeast High School campus.
	Mock Interviews	Sign up and participate in the "Mock-Interviews" practice session for would-be applicants for employment outside of the school.
	After Prom Activities	Sign up and participate in the After-Prom activities sponsored by the parents of the senior class. This activity usually lasts well into the morning and provides Seniors with a safe and secure place to go following the Prom.
	Chaperone Events	Sign up and participate in events requiring chaperones (this requires you to view the Sexual Harassment Video and undergo a background check).
	Field Trips	An example of when a chaperone might be needed.
	Dances	Another example of when a chaperone might be needed.
	Coach a Sport	Meet with the Head Coach and Athletic Director to determine whether you would be a suitable addition to the coaching staff (<i>this requires you to view the Sexual Harassment Video and undergo a background check</i>). Also required to become AED/CPR Certified.
	Cafeteria	Sign up and work in the cafeteria as a monitor during the scheduled lunch periods.
Parent University Committee	Participate on the Parent University Development Committee under the direction of Mr. Williams. Contribute your ideas and recommendations to the committee for inclusion in the creation of this cutting edge initiative.	
INDEPENDENT STUDY	Activities or initiatives that do not necessarily "fit" in the four previously identified sections. This section is not limited to the criteria listed below and can be added to with approval from the principal.	
	Campus Beautification Work	Identify a need and participate in accomplishing a project that brings beauty and improvement to the Northeast Campus.
	Master of Ceremonies/ Announce an NHS Event	Serve as the event announcer for any NHS event such as sporting events, plays, concerts, award recognition ceremonies, etc.
	Sew or repair Sports and Music Uniforms	Assist sports teams, the music department, theater department or dance department with costumes and uniforms for school-sponsored activities.
	Guest Speakers for Class Enrichment	Agree to be an invited guest speaker in a class. Share your career expertise or hobby interest with students to bring "real-world" experiences into the classroom.
	Other	Any other activity, self-authored or otherwise, that supports the mission of Northeast High School.

