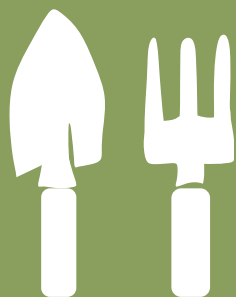


FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

about the junior high program at NHCS

1) CAN STUDENTS LEAVE THE CAMPUS?



NHCS operates as a closed campus. This means that in order for a student to leave, the school must be notified by parents or legal guardians that they will be leaving and be signed out at the main office. If someone other than the parent or legal guardian is picking up the student, this information must be provided to the teacher or school secretary. NHCS will not allow students to leave with individuals that are not their parent or legal guardian, or whom parents have provided consent for the student to be picked up by.

2) ARE THERE ANY TRIPS FOR JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS??

In order to provide students with an immersive junior high school experience, NHCS is committed to planning unique experiences solely for these students. Ideas or suggestions are always welcome and can be shared with school administrators or school council.



3) WHAT ARE THE RULES ON CELL PHONE USAGE?

NHCSA will be developing a cell phone policy for all students. More information will be available over the coming months.

4) WHAT ABOUT YOUTUBE IN SCHOOL?

NHCSA will be developing a Youtube policy for all students. More information will be available over the coming months.



5) WHAT IS THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE SCHOOL?



Technology is a wonderful tool that is utilized appropriately and in moderation throughout NHCS classrooms. While technology has a role in modern society and education, the Charter focus remains on innovative academics, stewardship and agricultural literacy. Technology such as Chromebooks and interactive screens are utilized and incorporated into the classroom with clearly defined ties to the Charter, but do not replace the expectation for outdoor, experiential, hands-on learning. If you have concerns about the role of technology in your child's learning, please contact school administration.

6) WHAT IS THE EXPECTATION FOR COMMUNITY AND PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT?

Taken directly from our Charter, "the name [New Humble Community School] emphasizes the opportunity for the community, students, staff and industry partners to come together to create something new, fresh and innovative. It also signifies the school's commitment to excellence in educating the youngest members of the community." (New Humble Community School Association Charter, 2024, p. 2, para. 2). While there are no requirements for community and parent or legal guardian involvement, NHCSA recognizes its importance, not only for student achievement, but towards sustaining our community and the success of achieving our Charter mandate. Therefore, community and parent or legal guardian involvement is welcomed and encouraged. Please expect multiple opportunities to get involved in various forms throughout the year. Examples of previous opportunities include community events (Trunk or Treat, winter skate, barnyard open house, guest speakers, ag career day, etc.). Ideas and suggestions are additionally welcomed. Please contact school administration if you have suggestions for improvement.



7) WILL MY CHILD BE SITTING IN A DESK ALL DAY?

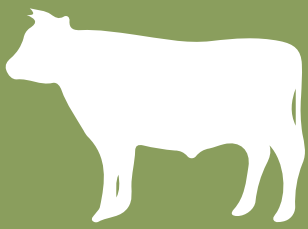
Some learning will happen in a traditional classroom setting. However, you and your child can expect plenty of hands-on, experiential learning activities to be offered daily throughout the year. Multi-grade, school-wide learning will also occur at appropriate times.

8) WILL THERE BE AGE APPROPRIATE LIBRARY RESOURCES AVAILABLE?

To accommodate older students diverse and varied areas of interests, NHCSA is investigating local library partnerships where students can order in books on a weekly or biweekly basis.



9) WHAT CAN I EXPECT TO PAY FOR SCHOOL FEES OR TUITION?



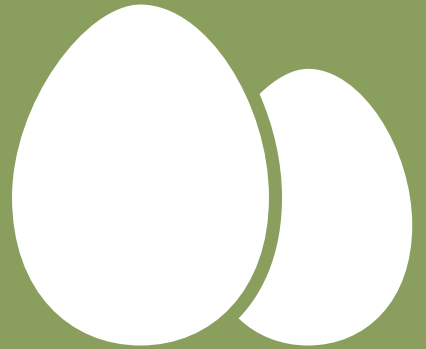
Like all public charter schools in Alberta, NHCS does not nor can it charge tuition. Families are required to pay basic annual school fees to cover program costs that are not funded by Alberta Education. Additional fees may apply for school trips, optional courses and extracurricular programs, bussing, etc. Questions about fees or concerns due to financial difficulties can be directed to the school administration.

10) WHAT IS COMMUNICATION LIKE WITH PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS?

Communication between the school and parents or legal guardians is a priority at NHCS. Please expect regular communication from your child's teacher, school secretary, school principal, Superintendent, or NHCSA Board throughout the year.

Communication in relation to student learning is an imperative operation that aids to further improve the student's learning and rate of success. There are several methods which NHCS will employ in order to provide each and every student with the support and encouragement they deserve, these include but are not limited to

- student work collected in personal portfolios
- phone calls
- emails
- notes in agendas
- meetings or conferences
- celebrations of student learning
- NHCSA website and other social media platforms
- "Learning in Action" website
- evaluated assignments or projects
- personal notes
- report cards
- progress reports



Consistent and up to date communication is paramount to your child's learning and success in school. If your contact information changes, please update your child's teacher and the school secretary to ensure you continue to receive pertinent information.

11) HOW IS THE JUNIOR HIGH BEING FUNDED?



The junior high program will be funded primarily through Alberta Education. Funding allocations for new grade configurations not offered previously in the school authority (Grade 7-9) will be based on actual enrolments.

However, some unsupported funds (i.e. funds raised through other initiatives such as the Roof Raiser event) may be used to cover additional expenses.

12) WHERE WILL MY CHILD BE LEARNING?

To accommodate the increase in student population and programming expansion, NHCSA has secured three previously used modular classrooms. These modular units will be standalone, separate from the main building. Preliminary classroom configurations have two of these classrooms dedicated to Junior High, with the third being a lab/ flex space. Investigation continues into sourcing a bathroom unit.

Junior High students will be included in daily school-wide programming, normally occurring in the main building ex. Breakfast program, assemblies, hot lunch, etc.

The Barnyard can be expected to be utilized heavily throughout daily educational operations. With approximately 52 000 ft² of space dedicated to outdoor, experiential, hands-on learning, this space ensures your child will live and understand the saying "not all classrooms have four walls". Additionally, NHCS is proud to feature a 36' x 36' insulated and heated barn to further provide Charter specific learning initiatives. Walking field trips are frequently planned for students to explore the natural areas surrounding the property, yearly permission forms will be sent home to obtain consent. Various field trips will be planned throughout the year depending upon scheduling and availability.

13)WHAT ABOUT THE CHORE PROGRAM AND ELEMENTARY STUDENTS?

All of our students are valued members of the chore team. The elementary students can be assured that the direct involvement with chores will not change. Instead, junior high students will be incorporated into the chore program through collaborative efforts. Additional animal projects solely for junior high may be introduced to offer diversity and expand experiences offered. The administration and staff are very mindful of the importance of the elementary program and ensuring it remains strong.



14)WHAT WILL MY CHILD BE LEARNING?

Junior high students will be offered diverse and Charter-specific courses from three streams.

- 1.Core courses- ELA, Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Physical Education, and Health.
- 2.Charter option course- locally developed course consisting of environmental and outdoor education outcomes and Charter-specific (project-based learning) initiatives.
- 3.Options- complimentary courses students choose from based upon personal interest. Options are likely to be run on a trimester basis. Students will rotate options at least twice a trimester.

