



## Creating Academic Success with Graduation

We expect all students to graduate from high school. We know greater personal and financial success is the result of getting a diploma and achieving this education milestone. All students are encouraged to enroll in a rigorous academic curriculum.

We do not take our responsibility in educating students lightly, and we ask students and parents to dedicate themselves to meeting high standards. The required number of units or sets of competencies for graduation, including those courses specified by state statute, is 23.

Beginning with the freshman class of 2009, students must pass four of seven end-of-instruction examinations in order to graduate from high school in the State of Oklahoma.

## Parent Communication

The Norman Public School District is able to provide parents the opportunity to view their child's school information via the web using **Infinite Campus Parent Portal**. This password protected website will allow parents to view their child's grades, assignments, and attendance.

All that a parent needs to gain access to **Parent Portal** is a connection to the Internet. Registration procedures for this service may be obtained at your child's school.

If you have any questions or need technical assistance, please call **405-366-1075**.

## Helping with the Rest

We understand how important decisions are regarding your child's education. We know you may have additional questions. We encourage you to visit our website at [www.norman.k12.ok.us](http://www.norman.k12.ok.us) and to read our student/parent policy guide.

Please do not hesitate to contact your child's school or administration office at **405-364-1339** for any assistance. Thank you for choosing Norman Public Schools.

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2010-2011

# GETTING STARTED

A GUIDE TO NORMAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## Making the Most of Norman Public Schools

*We realize you have a choice* when it comes to selecting your child's education. At Norman Public Schools our goal is to make sure each child has the opportunity to achieve academic excellence, to learn in a safe and positive environment, and to become a responsible citizen. If you are new to Norman, considering moving to our community, or a resident wanting to review what the District offers and requires, WELCOME!

Thanks in part to the tremendous support from our community, we are recognized on the state and national level for exceptional teachers and instructional programs. In addition to being fully accredited by the Oklahoma State Department of Education, our two high schools are accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

**We are here to make your child's experience with our District exceptional. Thank you for choosing Norman Public Schools.**

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

Academic school year calendars can be accessed online at [www.norman.k12.ok.us](http://www.norman.k12.ok.us).

## How to Get Started

Classes for the 2010-2011 school year begin **August 19, 2010**. Beginning the week of August 2, students will be able to register and enroll at the elementary, middle, or high school in the attendance area where the student's family lives. During the summer, enrollment forms are available at the District Administrative Services Center, 131 S. Flood. You can call **405-364-1339** for directions and to verify hours of business. You may also access enrollment information online by visiting the Norman Public Schools webpage, <http://www.norman.k12.ok.us> and clicking on the "Enrollment Information" link.

Each student enrolling in the District will need **Proof of Residency, Completed Enrollment Form, and Proof of Immunization**. Students enrolling in grades pre-k through 1<sup>st</sup> grade will additionally need to provide a **Birth Certificate**.

## CLASS TIMES

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**  
7:55 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.

**MIDDLE SCHOOLS**  
8:40 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**HIGH SCHOOLS**  
9:05 a.m. – 3:55 p.m.

Graduation Requirements			
College Preparatory	Units	Core Curriculum	Units
English	4	English	4
Mathematics	3	Mathematics	3
Science	3	Science	3
Social Studies	3	Social Studies	3
Fine Arts or Speech	1	Fine Arts	2
Foreign Language or Computer Tech	2	Electives	8
Electives	7		
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>23</b>



## For a Healthy and Smart Start

Because we want all children to be ready to learn and free from diseases that can negatively impact their health, children entering our pre-k or four-year-old program must be four years old on or before **September 1**.

Oklahoma law requires that students entering kindergarten be five years old on or before **September 1** of the current school year. Students enrolling in the first grade must be six years old on or before **September 1** of the current school year. Students entering kindergarten or first grade for the first time must present a state certified birth certificate or other legal proof of birth date.

Every student entering the Norman Public Schools for the first time must have immunization records indicating that the child has received or is in the process of receiving, required immunizations.

Students are required by law to have the following immunizations:

VACCINE	PRE-K	KINDERGARTEN
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DTP or DTaP	Four (4)	Five (5)*
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\*Unless the fourth dose was given after the child's fourth birthday, then the fifth dose is not required.

Polio (OPV/IPV)	Three (3)	Four (4)*
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\*Unless the third dose was given after the child's fourth birthday, then the fourth dose is not required.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella	One (1)	Two (2)
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Hepatitis A*	Two (2)	Two (2)
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\*Children in the process of completing the series may attend school but must complete the series on schedule and provide documentation of completion.

Hepatitis B	Three (3)	Three (3)
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Varicella or Documentation of Chickenpox	One (1)	One (1)
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## Instant Messaging

As part of our student information software package, we have added a feature that will allow us to communicate a message to parents or guardians within minutes. This system will deliver emergency messages to home phones, cell phones, and by email. In addition, schools may use this system to keep you up to date on important school-wide information.

This system uses the information provided to us on the enrollment form. **It is very important we have correct contact information to ensure you receive this new service.**



## Achievement for All Students

NPS is committed to meeting students at their level of learning. We make it possible for schools and teachers to customize the curriculum to match the individual's needs so that all students can reach their potential.

Extra-curricular activities have a positive influence on student performance in the classroom. Students involved in more challenging classes and a variety of activities are more likely to graduate and be prepared for college.

Technology is no longer considered a nice extra in schools. Being able to understand and use technology is critical for students as we prepare them for post secondary education, the work force, and as citizens in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

As the result of a recent bond issue, an "Intelligent Classroom" project will provide up-to-date technology in all our schools. Every classroom will have an interactive white board, document camera, student response system, and an audio system. This technology will enable teachers to make the use of technology a part of every student's learning experience. The district appreciates the citizens of Norman for supporting this project for our students.

Here is a list of some of the programs we offer to make the learning experience for students the best it can be:

- » Advanced Placement courses
- » AEGIS courses in high school for talented math and English students
- » Alternative education programs
- » Career Connections / Service Learning
- » College Preparatory Curriculum
- » Community after-school programs
- » Community Education
- » Community tutoring programs
- » Comprehensive drug prevention education program
- » Concurrent enrollment in university courses
- » Counseling services
- » English language Learners (ELL) services
- » Fine Arts opportunities, including music and art
- » Foreign languages
- » Full-day kindergarten
- » Gifted education
- » Health services
- » Library media program
- » Norman.Net online instruction
- » Physical education and athletics
- » Pre-K (four-year-old program)
- » Special education programs
- » Summer School
- » Technology / Computer education



## Helping Students with Transportation

Students living 1.5 miles or more from school are provided with free transportation. Information regarding bus schedules, routes and stops are available from your child's school or the District's Transportation Department at **405-366-5965**.