

# Application for Admission to K-12 School/Programs 2019-2020 School Year



Each specialized high school program (listed below) has a unique application process easily accessible on each school's or department's website. Additionally, application information is also available by contacting the school or department directly. All admission decisions are made using a blind review process (i.e., the person reviewing the application does not have access to student/family directory or demographic information). The information requested below will be used for clerical purposes only and is the first step in the application process for each program.

- GATE Institute (at Procter Hug High School)
- Innovations High School
- **North Star Online School**
- Signature Academy Program(s)
  - Includes AACT High School
  - Includes International Baccalaureate (at Earl Wooster High School)
- TMCC High School

## Step One:

Please enter the following information:

\*Required

Student's Legal Last Name\*

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Student's Legal First Name\*

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Student's WCSD ID #\*

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Parent/Guardian Name\*

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Parent/Guardian Email\*

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Parent/Guardian Phone #\*

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Home Address\*

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City\* State\* Zip Code\*

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Current School\*

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Zoned School\*

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Current Grade Level\*

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## Step Two:

Please complete the following application pages specific to North Star Online School. The entire application is available online @ <https://www.washeschools.net/northstar>. A printed version of the application is also available at the school and by calling 775-353-6900.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Stamp Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Application complete: \_\_\_\_\_



**Application 2019-2020 School Year**  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Fall      \_\_\_\_\_ Spring

North Star Online School is a college preparatory school. Online school students typically are motivated, independent learners who generally can advocate for themselves. As the majority of the curriculum is online, it is very important for the student to have a good reading comprehension level to be successful in an online school. More information regarding North Star Online School will be provided at the required information session.

**All applicants are required to attend an information session with a parent or legal guardian.** Please call our office at (775) 353-6900 to set up your appointment.

**Complete** applications will be processed on a first come first serve basis and enrollment will be closed when capacity is met.

**Completed Application consists of the following:**

- \_\_\_ Application Page - Page 1
- \_\_\_ This North Star Info. form - Page 2
- \_\_\_ Student Voice Essay - Page 3
- \_\_\_ Acceptance Criteria - Page 4 – **Not included in packet you will receive it at required Information Session.**
- \_\_\_ Teacher Recommendation given to recent teacher - Page 5- **can be sent to North Star by prior school's teacher**

- Applicants who last attended or currently attend School outside WCSD must also include the following:**
- \_\_\_ Attendance printout for most recent semester
  - \_\_\_ Standardized / Proficiency test scores
  - \_\_\_ Official current transcript

**Date Attended Information Session \_\_\_\_\_**

- **All applicants: Legal guardians must complete the 2019-2020 WCSD Infinite Campus Online Registration.**
  - If your students last attended a WCSD school and you have already completed the online registration for 2019-2020 during the spring semester then you are done. If you have not and need login assistance please contact your current WCSD school.
  - If the last school your student attended was **not** a WCSD school you will need to go to <https://www.washoeschools.net/Page/10776> and select the New Student online registration option.
- **Upon approval you will also be asked to complete a North Star enrollment packet. If the last school your student attended was not a WCSD school, then upon approval you will also be asked for registration documents. These will include birth certificate, immunizations and proof of residence in Washoe County.**

**Please take a moment to let us know how you heard about North Star Online School.**

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| ___ Radio          | ___ Television                               | ___ Current School  |
| ___ Flyer / Mailer | ___ Friend/Relative                          | ___ Community Event |
| ___ Billboard      | ___ School Counselor / Administrator / Staff |                     |

\_\_\_ Other, Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_



# North Star Online School Recommendation Form

**Parent/Guardian:** please give this form to your student's current language arts or mathematics teacher. The teacher can then fax or mail the form to North Star.

**Current Teacher:** This student is applying to North Star Online School for the next semester. Your response is valuable in helping us determine the candidates who will benefit from an online learning program. We greatly appreciate your prompt response.

**Please return this form via one of the following ways. School mail, US mail to North Star Online School, 5450 Riggins Ct, Suite 6, Reno, NV 89502 or fax to 775-689-2537 QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL NORTH STAR AT 353-6900**

**Counselors:** If you receive this form and you do not have knowledge of students work capabilities please give to language arts or mathematics teacher.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Known? \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Request to be contacted by North Star?      Yes      No      Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Does this student read and comprehend on grade level:      yes \_\_\_\_\_      no \_\_\_\_\_

Academic comments only: \_\_\_\_\_

Does Student have: IEP \_\_\_\_\_ 504 \_\_\_\_\_

*Please evaluate the student's current academic performance by checking one rating for each category:*

Criteria	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Other / explain
Works independently; manages time well (handles schedule and workload without close monitoring and assistance from adults)					
Takes responsibility for organizing school work					
Students at North Star are required to develop portfolios and exercise high degrees of independence. Has this student demonstrated such academic capability?					
Demonstrated the capability of following written instructions and the ability to stay on schedule and pace themselves.					
Completes homework assignments; demonstrates consistent academic effort and pride in work					
Seeks academic challenges; capable of handling a rigorous online curriculum					
Demonstrates positive learning attitude through participation, cooperation and follow through					
Shows potential for success in self-paced academic learning					

## Frequently asked Questions

### Why a student Voice essay?

Online schooling is a very different style of learning. It takes dedication and a desire to be a self-motivated student. Our student voice essay gives each applicant the opportunity to talk about themselves, their goals and why they feel this type of school would be a good fit for them. We take your personal voice seriously at North Star Online School. Share how you shine!

### Why do I need a recommendation from a recent teacher?

Recommendations offer you the chance to have someone who knows you well, help us to get to know you a bit better in the application process. It is a way for us to also ask some questions about your motivation, organization and ability to learn on your own, and whether or not you would thrive in a self-paced academic setting.

### How do I submit my application?

Applications can be submitted to the school after attending the required information session in any of the following ways:

- Complete at the information session and leave it with the office.
- Bring completed application with all required documents attached to school in person after attending information session.
- Mail to office at: North Star Online School, 5450 Riggins Ct Suite #6, Reno, NV 89502
- Fax to 775-689-2537

### My Student has an IEP or 504 what do I need to do?

- North Star welcomes all students! If a student is on an IEP or 504, please complete North Star Online School application packet as instructed.
- For students on an IEP, once you are accepted a transition meeting must be called by the North Star Special Education Teacher in collaboration as needed with case manager of prior school.
- The IEP team will determine if online school is an appropriate placement of students who require special education services and accommodations.
- For students on a 504 please provide a recent copy.

### What is the recommended criteria to attend North Star Online School?

Acceptance is based on criteria set by the WCSD. All approved applicants are provisionally accepted, dependent upon their final grades, attendance, credit accrual or minimum grade level expectations, state test scores, and behavior.

- Min. 2.0 GPA in core courses, not credit deficient.
- Meets standards on state and district mandated testing.
- Regular school attendance (90% or better).
- Demonstrations of student motivation and self-advocacy for learning.
- Student must be currently enrolled in an accredited school and have attended the entire prior year.

**Note:** If for any reason a student does not meet one (or more) of the minimum criteria, you can provide written documentation from an appropriate source and a letter of explanation for consideration of a possible exception.

### What if my student needs a variance?

North Star Online School does not take students on a variance due to regulation changes by the Nevada Department of Education for distance learning.

### What is the requirements for computers?

Each student attending North Star must have access to **their own computer, printer, headset with microphone** and high speed internet. Due to the challenging online curriculum there is not time for computer sharing. Chromebooks are not recommended due to limitations with use of common document software programs such as Microsoft Office. Microsoft Office 365 is free for students to install however you cannot install the Windows or Mac desktop version on a Chromebook.