

Application for Admission to K-12 School/Programs 2020-2021 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*

Student's Legal First Name*

Student's WCSD ID #*

Parent/Guardian Name*

Parent/Guardian Email*

Parent/Guardian Phone #*

Home Address*

City* State* Zip Code*

Current School*

Zoned School*

Current Grade Level*

Step Two:

Please complete the following application pages specific to North Star Online School. The entire application is available online @ <https://www.washoeschools.net/northstar>.

Student's Name: _____

Office Stamp Date Received: _____

Office Application complete: _____



Application 2020-2021 School Year Fall Semester

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.

All applicants are **required to complete an information session with a parent or legal guardian**. Please visit our website at <https://www.washoeschools.net/northstar> then click on link "Apply to North Star" to access the online information session.

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:

All applicants must submit the following:

- ___ Application Page - Page 1
- ___ This North Star Info. form - Page 2
- ___ Student Voice Essay - Page 3
- ___ Acceptance Criteria - Page 4/5

Applicants who last attended or currently attend school outside the WCSD must also include the following documents:

- ___ Attendance printout for most recent semester
- ___ Standardized / Proficiency test scores
- ___ Current grades if semester has not ended
- ___ Official current transcript

Reference Information:

Name of recent core curriculum Teacher: _____ Subject Taught: _____

School Name: _____ email or phone #: _____

Date Completed Information Session _____

- **All applicants: Legal guardians must complete the 2020-2021 WCSD Infinite Campus Online Registration.**
 - If your students last attended a WCSD school and you have already completed the online registration for 2020-2021 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.

___ Radio ___ Television ___ Current School ___ Flyer / Mailer ___ Friend/Relative ___ Community Event
 ___ Billboard ___ School Counselor / Administrator / Staff ___ Other, Please specify: _____

Acceptance Criteria

Parent /Guardian Initials

___ **Initial** **Minimum Criteria:** 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.

Acceptance criteria:

- 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, please provide written documentation from an appropriate source and a letter of explanation for consideration of a possible exception.

___ **Initial** **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.

___ **Initial** **Enrollment is a Privilege:** Acceptance is a privilege and enrollment will continue from semester to semester provided the student continues to meet the grade, credit, GPA and WCSD behavior requirements as stated. Students not meeting these requirements will be notified of probationary status and subsequent revocation of attendance privileges, if applicable.

All Students must log into all of their classes and complete work and assessments each week during the first four weeks of school to maintain full time status. Students who do not maintain the attendance requirements may be referred back to their zone school at the semester.

___ **Initial** **Parent/Guardian/Student Involvement:** If approved for enrollment, students and parents will be expected to sign and follow the Student & Parent Success Contract.

___ **Initial** **Transportation:** Students/families are responsible for providing transportation to and from North Star Online School as there is no District sponsored transportation. Students must come to North Star for all mandated testing and when attendance is requested by the teacher. If concurrently enrolled with their zoned school, students/families are responsible for all transportation to and from their zoned school.

___ **Initial** **Student Involvement in Zoned School:** Students may be concurrently enrolled in 1 to 2 classes in their zone school. Many students choose to participate in athletics, music, art, or theatre. Students may take electives at their zoned school that are not offered at North Star or classes that can provide educational support as needed due to an IEP, 504, or ELL services. Students will be expected to maintain attendance and grades at both schools as required by District policy or state law. Students are encouraged to stay active both at North Star and their zone school if applicable. (i.e. leadership, dances, academic Olympics)
Students enrolled at North Star Online School concurrently with their zone school are considered full time North Star students. **Graduates will earn their diploma from North Star and will be eligible to participate in the North Star graduation ceremony only, and not that of their zoned school.**

____ **Initial** **Athletic Policy:** Student athletes attending North Star Online School are able to participate in any sanctioned sport offered at their zoned school. North Star is an NCAA approved online course provider. Students must abide by the regulations of enrollment which include:

- Students must maintain full enrollment in the plan of study designated by North Star Online School and the zone school with which they are affiliated. Enrollment will be reevaluated each semester. Student athletic participation in their zone school is subject to zone school approval and is limited to the sanctioned sports offered by the zone school.

____ Initial **Withdraw:** Students may only **voluntarily** withdraw **at the end of a semester or school year**. If a situation arises for a student to withdraw prior to the end of a semester the parent/guardian **will be required to arrange** a meeting with North Star counselor prior to withdrawing.

____ Initial **Technology:** Each student attending North Star must have access to **their own computer** and high speed internet. Due to the challenging online curriculum there is not time for computer sharing.

Students Name: _____

Students Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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 reference name for a recent teacher or counselor?

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 completing the required information session.** During this time it is recommended to fax or scan and send to the school in a secure fashion.

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?

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- Meets standards on state and district mandated testing.
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- 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?

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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.