

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.