NORTHSTAR FOUNDATION

Winter-Spring 2021 || **Daytime Extended Learning Hub**[1]

THE LANDSCAPE

Omaha Public Schools (OPS) is planning to continue the Family 3/2 Attendance model for the Second (Winter-Spring) Semester of the 2020-21 school year. OPS will utilize a phased return to in-person learning accordingly:

- **January 5, 2021** – All students beginning with remote instruction following the normal bell schedule.
- **January 19, 20121** –All students returning to in-person instruction following the Family 3/2 attendance calendar.

For the the Family 3/2 Attendance calendar, students with last names A-K will attend school in-person Mondays and Tuesdays. Students with last names L-Z will attend school in-person Thursdays and Fridays. Groups alternate in-person and remote learning every other Wednesday. Under this model, most of the students served by NorthStar will be physically present in classrooms 50% of the time during the semester, with the other 50% consisting of planned at-home learning. This model presents the opportunity for NorthStar to address a critical need in for its students and their academic and social-emotional wellbeing.

With an eye toward nurturing measurable outcomes across key educational and developmental domains, we know that meeting the needs of our boys and NorthStar families has never been more important. In August 2020, NorthStar opened 17,000 sq. ft. of classroom space—including the new *Mammel Foundation Leaders & Achievers Center* for high school students—with the completion of our new South Wing. On January 17, 2021, we will open our new 20,000 sq. ft. North Wing—the *Henry Davis Academic Wing*—focused on educational programming for boys in grades 3-8. With the addition of these new major wing, **NorthStar's total facility footprint will exceed 70,000 sq. ft. available for program usage.**

Starting on January 5th, NorthStar will be open for daytime student services between 7:30am to 5:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Students who are engaged in remote learning coursework will have access to on-site academic support, healthy meals and snacks, as well as recreation time during planned breaks in the day. With the extension of NorthStar's daytime services to 5:30pm there will be no traditional after-school program offered in Winter 2021. Over the course of this extended day, NorthStar will serve up to 150 boys in grades 3 -12 each day while still **maintaining under 12% of the campus' facility capacity.**

WINTER-SPRING PROGRAM SUMMARY // DAYTIME SERVICES

NorthStar will open for Winter Programming on Tuesday, January 5th, 2020

Daytime Extended Learning: NorthStar will be open during the day from 7:30am to 5:30pm on Monday through Friday.

[1] *Current program plan version was last updated on December 30, 2020.*

Middle and High School students must arrive before 8:00 am when classes for 6th to 12th grade students begin. Elementary students must arrive no later than 8:30am to be ready for the start of 3rd-5th grade classes at 8:50am. Transportation will not be provided. **Breakfast and lunch will be served daily.**

EVENING SERVICES

The School Day will end at 3:00pm. High School students will be allowed to leave at that time when pick up by an adult OR they can remain at NorthStar until 5:30pm to work on homework, work with a tutor, or engage in other recreational activities (if other required school work is complete).

Elementary and Middle School students may also leave at 3:00pm with a parent/guardian or can choose to stay at NorthStar for homework-help, and then move to recreational program activities from 3:00 to 5:30pm. **Dinner will be served each evening to all students remaining past 5:00pm.**

ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

In order to maximize our impact on the academic trajectory of students, and to allow for staffing and meal planning: boys will be expected to attend consistently for the days they are enrolled.

KEY ELEMENTS	DAYTIME EXTENDED LEARNING				
HOURS	7:30am to 5:30pm				
DAYS	M	Tu	W	Th	F
MEALS	Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner				
ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT*	Students must attend a minimum of **two (2)** days each week				

Students engaged in 100% remote learning at their school during the first (Fall) semester may attend NorthStar five (5) days a week. For new and existing 100% remote learning students: prior approval from NorthStar must be received to attend five days a week to ensure availability of classroom space.

› For more information, contact Rose Roeder: rose@northstar360.org

NORTHSTAR SAFETY PLAN

NorthStar will adjust its delivery plan as the 'Red – Orange – Yellow – Green' status of schools necessitates or suggests for the safety of all. NorthStar will be open during 'Orange – Yellow – Green' status and will make decisions based the factors and recommendations of the Douglas County Health Department if

Omaha should fall to Red. Further details about the NorthStar Safely Plan can be found on our website at www.northstar360.org.

NorthStar and the Omaha Outward Bound School employs a full time Safety Manager. Specific questions about protocol and procedures can be addressed to Taylor Wentz, Safety Manager.

› **Contact Lead:** taylor@outwardboundomaha.org

ANTONIO'S LOCKER – CLOTHING CLOSET FOR NORTHSTAR BOYS

New this fall, Antonio's Locker opened in October 2020. The 'Locker' is packed with new and gently used clothing for boys. Boys grow quickly as you know and if your son(s) need an item or two for fall, times for shopping in the 'Locker' can be set up for hours outside of programming.

Coats, hoodies, t-shirts, pants, shorts, new socks & underwear, and more!

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TECHNOLOGY ACCESS

NorthStar has the technology on-site for students to access daily in connecting to the e-learning platforms. Parochial School students who may not have school issued technology will have access anytime they are on-site.

PARENT COMMUNICATION

Parents and families can expect to receive communication from NorthStar through several platforms.

- Parents will receive text / email communication through Track CC.
- NorthStar's Facebook and Twitter accounts will share regularly updates for general public and families.
- The www.northstar360.org website is the home for timely, more lengthy information on programming, enrollment, and safety protocols related to COVID-19 mitigation.
- The Team Snap App will again be used for athletic team communication.