



2026-2027 AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

NORTHSTAR

Grades 3rd-12th

ACADEMICS | ADVENTURE | ARTS | ATHLETICS

NorthStar is strengthening its after-school program to better support students academically, socially, and personally. Students will continue to take part in Academics, Adventure, Arts, and Athletics while building strong relationships, confidence, responsibility, and leadership skills.

WHY JOIN NORTHSTAR?

- Students receive a safe, structured place to go after school with caring adults who know and support them.
- Students get time for homework and academic support to help them stay on track in school.
- Students build friendships, confidence, responsibility, and leadership through small groups, enrichment, adventure, arts, and athletics.
- Families receive support through transportation from eligible schools, dinner during programming, communication tools, and access to helpful resources throughout the year.



OUR MISSION

NorthStar's mission is to change young men's lives through programming that supports, challenges, inspires and instills a life rooted in education, self-discipline and service to the community.

PROGRAM DETAILS

- The after-school program runs Monday-Friday from 3:00 PM-7:00 PM. NorthStar follows all in-service days and closures listed on the OPS calendar. (If your student does not attend an OPS school, please note those dates because transportation and programming will not be available.)
- Transportation is offered from 25+ schools. Check school eligibility on the FAQ page (pg. 5).
- The enrollment fee is \$50 for the academic year.

ACADEMICS

DAILY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

NorthStar students engage in a diverse range of daily program activities designed to support their academic and personal development.

- Enrichment opportunities tailored to student interests
- Program opportunities in Adventure, Arts & Athletics
- Nutritious dinner
- Dedicated academic support
- Small groups help students build relationships with peers from different schools, connect with caring adults, and develop a stronger sense of belonging.



NorthStar Academics supports students from elementary through high school with age-appropriate programming that grows with them.

- Elementary students build foundational skills through play, reading, math, and social-emotional development.
- Middle school students strengthen academic habits, explore STEAM learning, practice mindfulness, and prepare for high school.
- High school students in Leaders and Achievers receive individualized academic support, leadership development, life skills, career exposure, and post-secondary planning.



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ADVENTURE

ARTS

Through NorthStar Adventure programs, students build leadership, teamwork, confidence, and resilience through experiences that challenge them to learn more about themselves and what they can do. Students may participate in hiking, mountain biking, the Hitchcock High Ropes Challenge Course, the Hitchcock Rock Wall, team development activities, and mindfulness.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

NorthStar Mountain Biking team is entering their 3rd season. The team is open to students in grades 5-12 and participates in the Nebraska Interscholastic Cycling League (NICL) which is part of the National Interscholastic Cycling Association (NICA). The season is August-October and includes team activities, trail rides, league races, and adventure events.

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NEW FOCUS AREA: ARTS

Art gives students a space to create, reflect, and express who they are. Through hands-on projects and creative exploration, students build confidence, develop their voice, practice problem-solving, and experience new ways to connect with others. Art also supports belonging by giving students opportunities to share their ideas, celebrate their strengths, and see themselves as creators.



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ATHLETICS



BASKETBALL

Players of all ages are welcome to join a NorthStar Basketball team. NorthStar plays in two leagues: YMCA (recreational) and Omaha Sports Academy (competitive). NorthStar offers two sessions, one in the fall and one in the spring.



SOCCER

Students are invited to play soccer at NorthStar in both competitive and recreational leagues. Teams are divided by age and play in two leagues: SOKA (recreational) and Nebraska (competitive). NorthStar offers two sessions, one in the fall and one in the spring.

At NorthStar, students can participate year-round in basketball, soccer, and lacrosse. Athletics help students develop respect, responsibility, reliability, teamwork, character, and leadership while staying active and connected to positive peer and adult support.

INTRAMURAL SPORTS

Intramural sports are now available for all grade levels. Students with consistent daily attendance are eligible to participate, and activities will be held during the regular program schedule. New athletic sports will include flag football, volleyball, pickleball, and more!

LACROSSE

NorthStar's lacrosse program is open to students attending any Omaha area school in grades 9-12. Practices and conditioning begin in the fall, and home games are played on Fritz Field at NorthStar. Tryouts for the team are held in February. The team competes in the Nebraska High School Lacrosse Association.



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LITERACY

Through NorthStar's partnership with BookLoop, students have daily access to books and reading support. Students choose books that match their interests, talk about what they are reading, and build daily reading habits with encouragement from staff and volunteers. Students also receive homework help and academic support to build confidence and long-term success.

This program is designed to build confidence, increase access to books, and help students develop a stronger connection to reading as part of their everyday lives.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Book access & choice: Students are introduced to a wide range of books and encouraged to choose texts that match their interests, identities, and reading goals.
- Reading Conversations: Staff and volunteers help students talk about what they are reading, make connections, ask questions, and build confidence as readers.
- Homework help: Students continue to receive support with school assignments while also building the reading habits and confidence that support long-term academic growth.



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PARENT AND STUDENT RESOURCES

NorthStar provides resources to help families and students have a successful year.

Please scan the QR code below to visit our website and access important information and updates.



Student Code
of Conduct

Parent
Handbook

PowerSchool
Account
Resources

FAQ
Information

DAILY ATTENDANCE

Students benefit most when they attend NorthStar every day. Daily attendance helps students build routines, keep up with schoolwork, develop friendships, and take full advantage of Academic support, Adventure, Arts, and Athletics.

REGISTRATION CHECK-LIST

- ☐ Go online to northstar360.org/register. To begin, select your application type:
 - 1 New Students**
Complete the Pre-Registration form for students who have never been to NorthStar.
 - 2 Returning Students**
Log in to your existing PowerSchool account to submit the current enrollment forms.
- ☐ **Remind** - for alerts & updates
Download the Remind app to receive important updates, schedule reminders, and event information through text messaging and two-way conversations with staff.
- ☐ **Pikmykid** - for dismissal
Download the PikMyKid app. All students must be dismissed from programming through PikMyKid to support a quick, safe, and secure dismissal process.



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