

NORTHWEST STUDENT SUPPORTS



2018-2019

Advantages of Supports

The purpose of this document is to provide students, parents, and community members details regarding the numerous students supports that Northwest offers students. In addition to rigorous coursework and quality instruction, students are provided with academic assistance programs, tangible resources to meet financially-related needs, social/emotional supports, and vocational development opportunities.

We believe that with the appropriate support all students can be successful. We hope that this information will help families identify supports that might help their child overcome challenges to their success.



Included:

- Academic Assistance
- Tangible Resources
- Social/Emotional Supports
- Vocational Development Opportunities

Academic Assistance

Tutoring Opportunities

Each teacher at Northwest offers tutoring outside of school hours, either immediately before or after school. Students should ask their teacher(s) for their tutoring times to arrange one-on-one and/or small group tutoring.

Panther Success

Panther Success is an afterschool tutoring program that provides ALL students with the opportunity to receive extra assistance in ELA and math, as well as other areas, from Northwest teachers. This program operates on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:45-5:00pm beginning October 1st and ending April 11th. For more information or to sign up please contact Ms. Stein at mstein@greenville.k12.sc.us.

OnTrack

Parents of students who are having a difficulty being successful through tutoring, Panther Success, and/or other interventions might consider contacting their child's guidance counselor in order to have their child discussed by Northwest's OnTrack team. The OnTrack team analyzes a student's data and situation(s) and attempts to determine alternative interventions for the student specially catered to the student's needs.



Tangible Resources

Backpack Food Program

Northwest provides meals for students in need through the means of our Backpack Food Program. Students who participate in the program receive a backpack full of food items every Friday and return the backpack the following Monday. If you or your child experience meal-related needs and are interested in participating in this program then please contact Ms. Rogers at hlogers@greenville.k12.sc.us.

Angel Tree Christmas

Not all families have the ability to provide their children with presents and/or necessities around Christmas time. Northwest's Angel Tree Christmas provides donors an opportunity to sponsor a child for Christmas by donating clothing, essentials, and/or toys. Families who would like their children to participate should contact Ms. Burgs at jbargs@greenville.k12.sc.us.

School Supply and Clothes Closet

Northwest and its School Improvement Council maintain a closet stocked with school supplies, clothing, and other essentials. Although the closet cannot provide all students with everything they may need to be successful at Northwest, it offers a supply of items to those most in need.

Social/Emotional Supports

Grade-based Counseling

We support students with academic, social-emotional and career development needs. We provide counseling in individual and/or small group settings, depending on the need. We also effectively handle crisis situations as they occur by working with administration and teachers. See any of the guidance counselors for more information.

Bike Club

Momentum Bike Club is a organization from Clemson University that allows students and mentor teachers to ride the Swamp Rabbit Trail to downtown Traveler's Rest and back. Students not only get to explore the world on two wheels, but are offered a mentor teacher to get to know, learn about healthy eating, and receive great exercise in the form of bike riding. See Ms. Fields for more information about the Bike Club.

Girls on the Run

Heart and Sole is a nation wide program that teaches empowerment, self awareness, and various interpersonal skills to middle school girls through designed programming and physical activity. Our students and teacher volunteers participate in the program on a twice a week basis through out the fall, ending with a 5K in December. Contact Ms. Rogers if interested.

Mentoring

We partner with local organizations to provide students with mentors as needed. These men and women commit to spending time, and usually meals, with a student for the purpose of building a relationship with, encouraging, and otherwise supporting a student. Are student needs usually exceed the number of available mentors, but if interested then please contact a counselor.

Mental Health Counseling

We have an on-site mental health specialist counselor who is available to assist students who face mental and/or psychological challenges. Families interested in this option will need to complete an intake application with Mr. Blount.

Project Unify

Project Unify is a club to promote social inclusion of individuals with disabilities. Members of project Unify will serve as advocates and Unified Partners. This club will help to increase appreciation and acceptance of individual differences and diversity and gives increased opportunities to establish friendships. It also helps to develop leadership skills for those involved. See Mrs. Brundridge for more information.

Interscholastic and Intramural Sports Opportunities

Northwest offers several sporting opportunities for students to develop motor skills, character, and interpersonal skills. Interscholastic sports are offered only to 7th and 8th grade students, but intramural sports are available to 6th-8th grade students. See Coach Green for more information about any of our sports opportunities.

Vocational Development Supports

Career Day

Approximately 30 different careers are represented for 30 minute sessions to allow students to explore various fields and career clusters. Students are able to schedule themselves through Sign-Up Genius for 6 career sessions based on their interests. Contact a guidance counselor for more information.

Community-based Vocational Instruction

Community Based Instruction (CBI) is performance based instruction using an Individual Education Plan (IEP) with goals and objectives. It is part of the curriculum and includes deliberate and frequent assessments. CBI is designed for middle and high school students with moderate to severe disabilities needing intensive instruction in functional and daily living skills and for students that exhibit challenging behaviors in community settings. CBI supports transition planning and involves a series of small group activities where students with disabilities apply independent living skills from the classroom, to the school environment, and later into the community. See Mrs. Brundridge for more information.

Job Shadowing Day

Students are able to explore various careers by selecting a business to visit for one day. The absence is excused, and students complete a follow-up assignment to describe what their experience was like, what they learned, and what career cluster fits the job they visited. Contact a guidance counselor for more information.

Life Skill Development Opportunities

Students are given opportunities to develop life skills through the Unique Learning System curriculum. Students team up with custodians and cafeteria staff to do laundry each day and make sure table cloths are on the tables on the stage each day. Students also run a coffee shop in the classroom learning how to make and deliver coffee throughout the building. See Mrs. Brundridge for more information.

Student Council

The Northwest Middle School Student Council is a group which strives to provide opportunities for students to enhance their development of leadership skills while contributing to the overall benefit of our school and community. See Mr. Mekler or Mrs. Fountain for more information.

