



Northwest High School
THE STUDENT COMPASS

Academic Year 2012-2013

RESPECT

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INTRODUCTION



A Message from the Principal

Welcome to the new Northwest High School, home of the *Paluwlaps*.

We begin this new school year with great hopes to rebuild our islands, our people, and our school. We dedicate this journey to the spirit of our ancestors whose visions formed the foundation of this school for future generations of Northwest students.

Now it is up to us as students, teachers, administrators, and community to build upon their visionary foundation. They were our great chiefs (hamwool), our master navigators (paluwlap), and wise elders (repien fanuw) who had the vision to unite our islands and our people together under the same vision of education.

Our founders left us a legacy for which we are eternally grateful. But it is now our responsibility to improve on it to meet the changing needs of our islands, our region, our state, and our nation. We are now the navigators, the *Paluwlaps*, the master of our own destiny. The horizon is filled with many opportunities. But it also has obstacles, big waves, currents, reefs, and other challenges that impede our progress.

This handbook is our compass to help us on our journey together. It is built upon the greatest value that we all share in our region: RESPECT. This is our guide to our common success, our North Star (fusumwakut), the values that help us live, learn, and work together as companions (*piloo*) on a journey. These values should guide our behaviors.

Sincerely,

Fr. Floren Akkin
Principal, Northwest High School

Our Mission Statement

We, the Northwest High School Community, pledge to share our gifts, our heritage, and principles of our knowledge with one another as we continue our pilgrimage toward a “successful journey.” From our rich cultures and talents, to UNITY, we commit ourselves to respond to the needs of all the students from Northwest High School. As a culture-based school we are committed to cultural literacy and the perpetuation of our tradition, as we promote the ability of our students to think critically on all aspect of our curriculum.

We seek to provide all students with significant life experiences and the tools to make informed decisions. We are committed to maintaining a strong relationship between the school program the island’s activities. We are also committed to promote a strong community and parental involvement in the education of our students.

We are committed to the academic enterprise within a wholistic educational and formative approach. We bring to this task the island tradition in education reaching back to our early years, and lived out here at Northwest High School over these last forty years and onward.

Our Vision

Northwest High School strives to be a School Community that promotes the development of our human resources (youths) in obtaining knowledge, skills, wisdom, and the proper attitudes and behaviors needed to succeed in college and the modern world life while perpetuating the traditional skills in our island cultures.

Goals & Objectives

At Northwest High School, we aspire to educate our students with these goals in mind:

- To prepare each student **academically** to succeed in college and be equipped with the tools to be successful members of their communities in a modern world.
- To deepen each student **culturally** to strengthen their respect and deepen their understanding of the traditions of our islands.
- To form each student **spiritually** to heighten their sense of self-worth and to become men and women who strive to serve the needs of their island communities.
- To train each student **physically** to advance healthy attitudes, habits, and practices in life.

Grading System

The following grading system will be used at Northwest High School:

A= outstanding (student demonstrated excellence in all work.)

B= above-average performance as a student

C= average performance

D= passing, but in danger of failure (student has met only minimal requirements in the course.)

E= incomplete (a student may receive 5 days from report card day to make up his work for which he receive an "1" the student will be notified by his teacher of his incomplete and be told how he may make up the work. An extension of up to 10 days may be given to student who have excused absences during those initial 5 days. All incompletes will become "F" if the work is not made up within the allotted time).

F= Failure (student did not fulfill minimal requirements for passing).

Computing grade point averages, the letter grades will be valued as follows:

A=4.00

B=3.00

C=2.00

D=1.00

F=0.00

Probation: A student is on academic probation when he accumulated a grade point average of 1.50 or less for a one semester grading period. A student will be dropped from school if he or she has been on probation once in a school year.

Curriculum

To qualify for graduation from the 12th grade, a student must successfully meet the following requirement:

1. Completion of 25 units of credits (one unit of credit is granted for courses, each meeting 5 days a week for one school year).
2. Completion of the required courses:

<u>SUBJECT AREA</u>	<u>UNITS:</u>
a. English.....	7
b. Mathematics.....	3
c. Social studies.....	3
d. Science.....	3
e. Requires electives.....	9

3. A student is required to pass each of the following minimum level requirement in each of the core subject as indicated:

a. English	ENR 70
b. English.....	ENW 70 or NPW 71
c. Math.....	MS 70 or MS 71
d. Science.....	SC 70
e. Social Studies.....>.....	SS 70

Daily Schedule

MONDAY - FRIDAY

MORNING

6:00 am	Rise/shower
6:30 am	Mass
7:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 AM	Study hall
8:30 AM	Assembly
8:45 AM	1st Period
9:20 AM	2 nd Period
10:00 AM	3 rd Period
10:45 AM	4th Period
11:15 AM	5 th Period

AFTERNOON

12:00 PM	1st Lunch / 6 th Period
12:45 PM	2nd Lunch / 7 th Period
1:30 PM	Study Hall (for all students)
2:15 PM	Physical / Culture / Work Detail (all classes)
3:00 PM	Sports [except on Fridays=General Clean Up]
4:00 pm	Shower
4:30 pm	Dinner

EVENING

5:30pm	Community Relaxation
6:30 pm	Roll Call @ dormitories (boys girls)
7:00 pm	Study Hall
9:15 pm	Dorm inspection (Houseparents)

10:00 pm Lights Out / Quiet

SATURDAY

6:00 am Rise
6:30 am Mass
7:00 am Breakfast
8:30 am Morning Assembly
9:00 am Saturday Workers (Punishment)
9:15 am Sign out (Except for Saturday Workers)
11:00 am Saturday Workers (Sign Out)
LUNCH with sponsors; all students must each lunch with sponsors)
4:00 pm Roll Call (all students must be on campus or face consequences)
4:30 pm Dinner
Free Evening
10:00 pm Lights out

SUNDAY

6:00 am Rise
7:00 am Breakfast
9:30 am Mass
12:00 pm Lunch
1:00 pm Rest
2:00 pm Study Hall
3:00 pm Sports
4:30 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Roll Call
7:00 pm Study Hall
9:15 pm Dorm inspection (Houseparents)
10:00 pm Lights Out / Quiet

RESPONSIBILITY

Students must...

1. Always strive to respect themselves based on the knowledge that God has created each human being with unique gifts, talents, and worth. No one at Northwest High School should ever feel less than worthy.
2. Treat others with respect always striving to “Treat others as you would like to be treated.”
3. Strive to respect their bodies for a healthy mind can only grow in a healthy body.
4. Understand that education is both a right and a privilege which demands certain responsibilities.
5. Make responsible decisions and live with the consequences of those decisions including the possibility of suspension or expulsion from the school for extreme behaviors that negatively affect other students, staff, faculty, administration, and the Onoun community.
6. Strive to make responsible and mature decisions to support their personal growth and to build a healthy educational environment for all students, staff, and faculty of Northwest High School.
7. Take responsibility for their education always striving to work harder than yesterday and learning from past mistakes.

Consequences...

Suspension

A student who has violated any of the guidelines for personal responsibility as a student at Northwest High School may be suspended from all activities and privileges. Duration of a student suspension may range from 1 day to one year at the discretion of the principal.

Expulsion

A student who has not shown any improvement in their behavior after been given warnings from the principal may be permanently expelled from Northwest High School and sent back to their home island. All actions calling for expulsion will at the discretion of the principal.

EXPRESSION

Students must...

1. Always strive to freely express their opinions respectfully, responsibly, and truthfully.
2. Respect other students and their right to express themselves respectfully, responsibly, and truthfully.
3. Strive to learn our culturally appropriate ways to express themselves in public using culturally appropriate words that respect the harmony of the community.
4. Strive to express their views in classroom assignments without plagiarizing or cheating.
5. Respect the rights of students to dress in their culturally appropriate attires such as *affitita* without fearing ridicule.
6. Respect the need for fellow students to practice the English language without being laughed at or ridiculed for mistakes.
7. Not express their opinions or creativity by writing or scratching on any school property including dorm rooms, school materials, or buildings.

Consequences...

Public Apologies

A student who has violated any of the guidelines for personal expression as a student at Northwest High School may be required to publically apologize to the entire Northwest High School community during a general assembly for disrespecting our common commitment to responsible expression of views.

Expulsion

A student who has not shown any improvement in their behavior after been given warnings from the principal may be permanently expelled from Northwest High School and sent back to their home island. All actions calling for expulsion will at the discretion of the principal.

SERVICE

Students must...

1. Strive to be compassionate leaders who care for the wellbeing of the Northwest High School community, the people of Onoun, and the entire Northwest region.
2. Participate fully in assigned work details in teams or individually to keep the Northwest High School campus clean and neat.
3. Engage in community service projects organized by the school to support the Onoun Municipality including airport land clearing, roadside clean up, church activities, and other culturally appropriate activities.
4. Always try to look out for the good of the other person as a way to keep the campus a compassionate community for all students, staff, and the Onoun community.

Consequences...

Community Service

A student who has violated any of the guidelines for common service may be required to do Saturday Work from 8:00 am – Noon on projects that will benefit the people of Onoun or the Northwest High School community. These community service activities may be done in tandem with suspension at the discretion of the principal.

Expulsion

A student who has not shown any improvement in their behavior after been given warnings from the principal may be permanently expelled from Northwest High School and sent back to their home island. All actions calling for expulsion will be at the discretion of the principal.

PROPERTY

Students must...

1. Respect all property of Northwest High School, the Onoun community, and the municipal government by not deliberately destroying, damaging, or misusing them.
2. Respect school facilities and properties by using them for the right purpose. This includes keeping off the roofs of all school facilities.
3. Return all school materials that are temporarily assigned to their use including computers, work supplies, books, any other supplies that belong to Northwest High School.
4. Respect the property of other students by not stealing, damaging, or misusing them.
5. Stay away from areas that are unsafe for students including the solar plant, solar panels, cooking area of the cafeteria, and other designated areas.
6. Respect school areas where confidential files are kept including the school office by staying out of them without prior permission of the principal. Removing any school supplies or files from the school buildings without prior approval of the principal.

Consequences...

Replacement Cost

A student who has violated any of the guidelines for the respect and care of school, community, personal properties maybe charged for the full cost of replacing such materials. Transcripts may be withheld until all charges have been paid in full. Charges may be done in tandem with suspension at the discretion of the principal.

Expulsion

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ENVIRONMENT

Students must...

1. Use every opportunity to care for the land, the ocean, and the sea for these are God's gifts to us in the Northwest.
2. Strive to keep our school environment safe and beautiful by completing their work details and assigned responsibilities.
3. Keep the campus a drug free, smoke free, and alcohol free environment so as to encourage a healthy living habit.
4. Clean up after themselves in the cafeteria and in other common use areas such as the assembly hall (uut), shower areas, restrooms, classrooms, recreation field and courts, computer lab, library, sidewalks, etc. All eating utensils must be kept at the cafeteria and not be taken to the dorms.
5. Keep their living environment clean and sanitary by daily sweeping of floors, cleaning of walls, hanging clothes on clotheslines and not on louvers, and maintaining general cleanliness outside of their rooms as well.

Consequences...

Saturday Work

A student who has violated any of the guidelines for common service may be required to do Saturday Work from 8:00 am – Noon on projects that will benefit the people of Onoun or the Northwest High School community. These community service activities may be done in tandem with suspension at the discretion of the principal.

Expulsion

A student who has not shown any improvement in their behavior after been given warnings from the principal may be permanently expelled from Northwest High School and sent back to their home island. All actions calling for expulsion will be at the discretion of the principal.

COMMUNITY

Students must...

1. Strive to maintain a peaceful educational environment where all students, teachers, staff and administrators feel safe and cared for.
2. Live in peaceful harmony by not fighting with other students or any member of the Onoun community or encouraging others to cause violence against any other human being.
3. Respect the health and safety of the dorms by staying clear of the other gender dorms. Boys are not allowed to visit the girls without prior permission of the principal and the house parents. Girls are not allowed to visit the boys dorms without prior permission of the principal and the house parents.
4. Respect the safety of their roommates by not inviting outsiders to stay overnight in their room.
5. Keep every student's health and safety at the forefront of their actions. Therefore weapons of any kind are prohibited from the dorms, classroom, or on one's person or belongings.
6. Stay on campus at all hours and may only leave when signed out by the local sponsor or by permission of the principal or any designated officials.

Consequences...

Saturday Work

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TRADITION

Students must...

1. Learn to respect our traditional customs, cultures, and our local language.
2. Master our traditional practices including
3. Always strive to act according to our cultural practices which create a peaceful and harmonious community. These include the ways in which we respect our family and clan relationships by not acting in ways that dishonor our culture including public show of affection, dating, and other American ways that disrespect other relatives on campus.
4. Respect our traditional knowledge by striving to learn them and practice them on and off campus during and after school and on weekends.
5. Perpetuate our cultural values by practicing them daily on campus and off campus.

Consequences...

Public Apologies & Projects

A student who has violated any of the guidelines for respecting our traditional cultural practices may be required to engage in extra culturally appropriate projects that benefit the school and Onoun community as well as public apologies at gathering of the entire community of Onoun and the school community. These public apologies may be done in tandem with suspension at the discretion of the principal.

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THE NORTHWEST PLEDGE

To encourage daily affirmations and reminders of our common journey together as *Paluwlaps*, the Northwest High School community of students and staff will recite their pledge every school day during the general assembly starting with the students followed by the staff (administrators, teachers, cooks, security, house mothers). *This pledge will be translated into our local language.*

Student Pledge

I, _____, promise to do my best to make mature and the right decisions, holding myself accountable to a high standard of integrity, hard work, and commitment to excellence. I promise to do my best to understand and respect my personal responsibilities, my freedom of expression, my duty to serve others and my school, the proper care for properties and the environment in which I share with others. I pledge to do the best of my God-given abilities to live in peace and harmony with my fellow students at Northwest High School, the community on Onoun, and our beloved Northwest region always respecting myself, others, and our traditional values and cultures.

Staff Pledge

I, _____, promise to serve as a role model of excellence, to do my best to prepare students to make mature and informed decisions, providing moral guidance to students to help them make the right decisions, and setting the standards for integrity, hard work, and commitment to excellence in my classroom and outside of the classroom. I promise to help students understand and respect their personal responsibilities, their freedom of expression, their call to service, the proper care for properties and the environment in which we share, and the ways to live in peace and harmony in a community, respecting our traditional values and cultures.