

## Family Advisory Council

May 10, 2016

### Principal Items

- **Shared School Board Approved calendar** - Calendar is synced with NNTC/Governor's School Spring Vacation.
- **Senior March** through hallways of NES, NMS, and NHS planned for 5/11/16.
- **Spanish** - Mrs. Anna Patterson appointed to long-term substitute Spanish position - Letter to parents dated May 11, 2016. I's in Spanish dating back to 3rd quarter will be addressed.
- **Summer Honors Physics course** - Interest Letter provided to students on May 11, 2016.
- **Profile of a High School Graduate/Virginia Diploma** discussed (25 credits + 4 verified + 1 locally verified credit in applied knowledge and skills). Changes take effect 2018 for the Class of 2022.
  - Principal attended VADOE Roundtable on Profile of a High School Graduate on May 9, 2016. The roundtable included State Superintendent, Chief Academic Officer, and members of the Board of Education. VADOE officials are meeting with various stakeholders on Profile of High School Graduate.
  - Will require changes to NCPS 6-12 Program of Studies by 2018.
- **Diploma Seals**

**Governor's Seal** – Awarded to students who complete the requirements for an Advanced Studies Diploma with an average grade of "B" or better, and successfully complete college-level coursework that will earn the student at least nine transferable college credits in Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge, or dual enrollment courses.

**Board of Education Seal** – Awarded to students who complete the requirements for a Standard Diploma or Advanced Studies Diploma with an average grade of "A" beginning with the ninth-grade class of 2006-2007 and beyond.

**Board of Education's Career & Technical Education Seal** – Awarded to students who:

- earn a Standard or Advanced Studies Diploma and complete a prescribed sequence of courses in a career and technical education concentration or specialization that they choose and maintain a "B" or better average in those courses

- OR pass an examination or an occupational competency assessment in a career and technical education concentration or specialization that confers certification or occupational competency credential from a recognized industry, trade or professional association
- OR acquire a professional license in that career and technical education field from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**Board of Education's Advanced Mathematics & Technology Seal** – Awarded to students who earn either a Standard or Advanced Studies Diploma and satisfy all of the mathematics requirements for the Advanced Studies Diploma (four units of credit including Algebra II; two verified units of credit) with a "B" average or better; and either

- pass an examination in a career and technical education field that confers certification from a recognized industry, or trade or professional association
- OR acquire a professional license in a career and technical education field from the Commonwealth of Virginia
- OR pass an examination approved by the board that confers college-level credit in a technology or computer science area.

**Board of Education's Excellence in Civics Education Seal** – Awarded to students who meet each of the following four criteria:

- Satisfy the requirement to earn a Modified Standard Diploma, a Standard Diploma or an Advanced Studies Diploma
- Complete Virginia & United States History and Virginia & United States Government courses with a grade of "B" or higher
- Complete 50 hours of voluntary participation in community service or extracurricular activities, such as volunteering for a charitable or religious organization that provides services to the poor, sick or less fortunate; participating in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or similar youth organizations; participating in Junior

Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC); participating in political campaigns, government internships, Boys State, Girls State or Model General Assembly; and participating in school-sponsored extracurricular activities that have a civics focus. Any student who enlists in the United States military prior to graduation will be deemed to have met this community service requirement.

- Have good attendance and no disciplinary infractions as determined by local school board policies.

**Board of Education's Seal of Biliteracy** – Awarded to students who earn a Board of Education-approved diploma and:

- Pass all required End-of-Course Assessments in English reading and writing at the proficient or higher level
- Demonstrate proficiency at the intermediate-mid level or higher in one or more languages other than English as demonstrated through an assessment from a list approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. American Sign Language qualifies as a language other than English.

## **FAC Parent Items**

- **Graduation - Will the graduation ceremony be posted to the NFHS Network?** Mr. McCormick plans on posting the ceremony to the NFHS network. Mr. McCormick may also sell CD's of graduation ceremony to raise funds for the Broadcast Journalism class.
- **Personnel - When will vacancies for English and Foreign Language be announced?** Waiting for budget for 2016-2017 to be approved.
- **After school access to computers - Can students use school computers after school on non-tutoring days?** Yes. The college/career lab is available for student use.
- **Blood Drive - How many students gave blood at the annual NHS Blood Drive?** 25 students signed up and 15 students gave blood.

Special thank you to our Family Advisory Council members for your leadership for learning!!!!  
Next meeting will be in August of 2016.