

THE
**NORMAN
HOWARD**
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A sense of belonging and a safe environment to learn and grow.

Snapshot:

Enrollment: 114 students, Grades 5-12
Districts served: more than 30 districts and 9 counties
Head of School: Paul D. Keller, III
Location: 275 Pinnacle Rd. Rochester, NY 14623
Transportation: District busing for district placed students and privately placed students living within 15 miles of campus.
Teacher Credentials: Masters Level; Certification in Content Area or Special Education
Dress Code: Yes
School year: September – June; Extended year? No.
School day: 8:30am-3:17pm
Accreditation: New York State Association of Independent Schools; Approved by NYSED as Special Education School
Partnerships: Member of Education Success Network
Mission: The Norman Howard School fosters the academic growth of students with learning needs using an individualized approach. The school's supportive community promotes students' development as respectful, responsible, resilient citizens. The school promotes the understanding of diverse learning needs and serves as a resource for families and professionals.

Why Norman Howard?

We believe each student is unique, bright, resilient and capable- though they may have struggled with the social or academic aspects of past schools. Here, families are supported by a welcoming community, experience a sense of belonging, and are equipped with strategies for managing special learning needs.

How is The Norman Howard School different from other schools?

Students are supported in a small, structured learning environment with reading and math intervention, special education services, Speech-Language, and Counseling onsite. All students benefit from Skills for Life, our comprehensive social skills / pragmatic language program that supports self and social awareness, decision-making, self-regulation, and relationship skill-building. We teach school-wide, universal strategies to support learning.

How large are the classes?

NHS is a 12:1:1 program so there are never more than 12 students in a class with a teacher and a teacher's assistant. The average class size is 9-10 students per class.

Where do NHS students come from?

Students from over 30 different school districts in 9 counties attend NHS.

What time does school start and end?

Homeroom starts at 8:30am and dismissal is at 3:17pm.

How long are classes?

Academic classes are 45 minutes. Students have two minutes passing time in between classes.

What do NHS students wear to school?

NHS has a standardized dress code that students must adhere to. [Click here to view the dress code policy.](#)

Do students bring or buy their lunch?

Students typically bring their lunch from home and can store it in their locker or in the school refrigerator. There are multiple microwaves available for student use during lunch. On Mondays and Fridays clubs sell pizza from Domino's and on Wednesdays students have the option to buy a sub from Wegmans.

What after school clubs/activities are offered?

NHS offers many after school clubs/activities that are open to all of our students. For a full list please [click here.](#)

Is there a School Nurse?

Yes, NHS has a full-time nurse on site.

Does NHS provide busing?

Students who are placed at NHS by their home school district are transported to The Norman Howard School by their district. Privately placed students who live within a 15 mile radius of NHS also receive transportation from their home school district. NHS does not have buses that provide transportation to and from school.

What do students do after graduation?

On average, about 75% of NHS graduates go directly to a two or four-year college after graduation. Others may take advantage of employment or vocational opportunities.