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Bus Trip 18 Rider School Reflections

Norcross High School

Team work – mission focus, K-12 emphasis as discussed by the principal is certainly displayed here. “We are Norcross.” Superb, diverse community support with dedicated parents, scholars and teachers. 52 minutes of lunch – socialization skills practice. Terrific!

Students are being coached into being well-rounded in academics as well as sports, music, art and other clubs to promote leadership and expression of the individual self. The administration believes that the students’ failures are their failures... student successes are their successes.

IB/Advanced Placement School – very impressive! Fully comprehensive curriculum with student engagement. Arts are a focus.

Great school and good hosts! Students seem to really have a sense of pride. Students that I saw were highly motivated, articulate and driven. Lots of opportunity for students to excel in advanced honors, gifted, AP and IB courses. I also liked the mandatory study hall for students who were struggling and being helped by other peers.

The impression I am left with after visiting is that “failure is not an option.” The parents, teachers, and community are one big melting pot of support, love and most importantly, dedication that will forever leave a footprint of the hearts of every student that leaves there.

Loved the diversity of the school. Students seemed to love being there and engaged in the learning.

Loved it!!! The students were very intelligent, well informed. Very impressed with student panel. I loved the level of professionalism I saw throughout the school. I love the diversity and the staff’s sincere dedication to all of the students. I could see my sons being educated at NCHS. Keep it up. Thank you.

Student panel great.

I love their focus on strengthening low-achieving students! The leadership development & implementation done via their Student Scholar Program is excellent! We visited a math class of a teacher who has a school wide reputation of being extremely passionate

about math. It was neat! I could never see a student failing his class. I loved learning about the IB program.

Large community/family involvement, students able to articulate why their school is “great” & teachers truly care about students.

At-risk students were not discussed (except for mandatory tutoring) – student panel did not represent the student body.

Great use of the IB and AP instructions, preparing students for the rigor of college.

Great, clean school- wonderful IB Program

Wow! Wow! Wow! This was a perfect school! Students are expected & held accountable for their learning. Engagement was present and instruction was rigorous.

Very large school! Very clean environment. Many opportunities for children who want to take advantage of them. I liked the idea of the same mentor being with them for many, many years!

Repeatedly heard from students that teachers gave of their personal time to give extra support. All classes were student directed. Spoke about learning your strengths.

Invested in educational excellence – well organized school for population and exceptional show of school pride from administration to student level. Lunch /tutoring schedule – innovative & excellent use of time.

Innovative teaching & learning – students are engaged. Commitment to educate every child – very diverse environment! No excuse. IB English class – students learning to listen & to focus in the midst of distraction; learning to give and receive feedback. They make learning fun.

Conversations in the French class between students took place in French, impressive language lab, teachers appeared to facilitate learning rather than deliver instruction and cooperative learning/group work in several classrooms.

At first I was really curious why the principal and others mainly focused on IB when discussing the school. I viewed this as a negative aspect, what about all the other students? Later I came to find out that the school encourages participation in IB and AP as a means to prevent student failing. The school sets very high expectations for students and gives them great teacher support.

Great diversity, dedicated teachers, students, and administrators. Great parent and community support. Excellent mandatory mentor tutoring, 30 minutes of lunch break. Great IB & AP classes for college preparation. Great test scores in a productive learning environment.

This was an amazing school. As a future H.S. teacher, I love the fact that the students are afforded so many opportunities with the IB program and everything NHS has to offer.

The uniqueness of this high school stands out among all high schools I have seen. The collaboration of the teachers, students, and the parents were remarkable to hear about. This high school prepares their students for the world.

The IB courses were very engaging! Students were motivated and encouraged to pursue excellence. The mandatory and volunteer tutoring is an excellent idea. Students are not allowed to fail. They take to heart that “Failure is not an option!”

Impressive programs, opportunities for all for all programs, great quartet, targeted tutoring and raising floor to ceiling.

AP classes, Honor classes – the aim is high but the beauty of it all is the belief of the faculty/staff/admin. that all students are capable of achieving greater things & higher goals. The mantra “I believe I can” is true here.

I enjoyed the visit to Norcross High School. They had such an awesome sense of pride there. I loved the motivation that students and teachers possessed. I loved the community involvement and support that they receive from so many businesses and parents. I love the theme that if they have an interest or passion to do something, they can. They are taught skills to help them excel in college too.