

Northtown Class of 2025 students and families,

As the proud principal of North Kansas City High School, I am looking forward to welcoming your family to Northtown next fall! As Future Hornets, you've already made us proud as we've watched your many accomplishments throughout the years. We can't wait to see all that you achieve as North Kansas City Hornets!

The Class of 2025 will make history at Northtown as the first group to experience high school in an entirely new way. As Dr. Clemens shared in his message this morning, NKC Schools will be implementing Linked Learning throughout our district beginning next school year. This new approach to high school will create opportunities for students to explore their strengths and future interests as they align to leading industry fields.

Linked Learning will connect students' learning in our classrooms at NKCHS with real-world work in business and industry. All incoming freshmen will have the opportunity to select a leading industry sector of interest, a "school within our school" that will truly become a community over the next four years. These industry-themed schools include health and wellness, business and entrepreneurship, technology and design, and human services. All new North Kansas City students will engage in meaningful work-based learning through experiences like guest speakers, mentoring and internships with our partners in each industry. When this class of Hornets graduates in May of 2025, they will leave Northtown with expanded opportunities for success and a true edge over their peers nationwide.

Our College & Career Facilitator, Mrs. Jamie McSparin, will be hosting several virtual events in early December as an opportunity to learn more and ask questions. If your family is interested in attending a session on December 8 or 10, please stay tuned for an opportunity to sign up after Thanksgiving Break.

North Kansas City High School is truly a unique place for students to learn and grow. Our students make me proud each and every day with their embrace of diversity, engagement in the community and strong leadership. At Northtown, our students have been making their mark our community for nearly 100 years, and this next class of Hornets will have their own unique opportunity to lead.

I'd encourage your family to spend time over the Thanksgiving break discussing these new opportunities together. I look forward to sharing more information with you about this initiative throughout the winter. We can't wait to officially welcome you as Hornets next fall!

Sincerely,

Dr. Drew White
Principal, North Kansas City High School