

What Others Say...

"The teachers at Northwest do their best to get to know their students and encourage them to excel not only academically, but also personally. Students can't easily be labeled as 'just an athlete,' since many of the athletes are also good students and are involved in fine arts or other activities."

~ Phil Hesterman, Parent

"As a representative of student council and National Honor Society, I realize that Northwest has given me many leadership opportunities in which I might not have had the chance to participate in if I would have attended a larger high school. With all of the life skills that I have gained through these experiences at Northwest, I not only feel prepared for college academically, but I'm also confident that I can achieve my goals in the future."

~ Kristin Klanecky, Class of 2010

"I transferred to Northwest from a smaller school because I wanted opportunities and a chance to take the advanced classes. I have been completely satisfied with my decision to change schools. Northwest offers so much more than my old school, and I found it very easy to make new friends."

~ Theresa Swezey, Class of 2007

"While attending Northwest, I was allowed to start college early. With the AP classes provided by Northwest, I was given the opportunity to obtain a number of college credits for free. Along with the AP classes offered to me, I was also able to take classes at Central Community College during the summer and during my senior year. By taking these classes I was able to earn over 15 credit hours, essentially completing a semester of college prior to graduation."

~ Cale Hadan, Class of 2009

"What makes Northwest such a great school is its size. Northwest is big enough that the staff is qualified for their teaching area, technology is provided to enhance education, and a variety of varsity, junior varsity and intramural sports are offered. Along with hundreds of other clubs, Northwest has a very well developed music program. Yet the best part is how small Northwest is. You're able to know where all the classrooms are even if you don't take those courses. You're able to build a personal relationship with teachers and staff to make learning comfortable and fun. But the greatest thing is that you know every one of your peers, creating a safe and bonded family."

Lindsey Roetzel, Class of 2009

"I feel very fortunate to have had all the opportunities that I have had while at Northwest. A few of the things that I have been involved with include: AP Classes, FCA, NHS, Training/Athletic Dept. and the Choir Department. Northwest not only provided me with countless opportunities, but also provided a safe and encouraging environment for me to learn and grow. My four years at Northwest have been the busiest, and most fun four years of my life. I wouldn't trade any of the things that I have learned, accomplished, and experienced here for anything."

Briana Willis, Class of 2011

"At the end of my 8th grade year when I was faced with the decision of where to go to high school, I made the wise choice and went to Northwest. Northwest has a great faculty and staff along with a broad range of sports and activities in which you can participate. With the education that I received from Grand Island Northwest, I believe that I was given all of the tools I needed to succeed in college academically and athletically."

Phillip Wieck, Class of 2007

"Opportunities. Having been an active member of the athletic department and an even more active member of the music department, I feel extremely fortunate to have been able to do both at a high level. Greatest of all, Northwest provided an opportunity for growth guided by a faculty that cared about me. As a future teacher, I have had many discussions about other systems while in college and feel like I can safely say that one would have to travel a long way to find better opportunities for growth and success."

Jordan Rhodes, Class of 2006

Recent Accolades

Acapella Choir – Performed at Davies Symphony Hall in San Francisco in 2004, Performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. in 2007, Performed at Carnegie Hall in 2010.

Musical – Beauty and the Beast – 235 students involved in 2010; Westside Story – 240 students involved in 2009; All Shook Up – 225 students involved in 2008

FFA – 13 District Proficiency Winners; Nebraska State Gold Rated Chapter 2003 – 2008, National Model of Innovation Chapter, 2006, 2007; State Speech Winner 2008; State Officer 2009

FBLA – National Qualifiers 2003-2009 with a 5th place finish in 2007, 8th place in 2008, and 4th place in 2009. Consistent placement in Top 8 at State Leadership Conference.

Speech – State Qualifiers 2003, 2005, 2006, 2010

Mock Trial – State Qualifier 2005, 2010

One Act Play – Conference Champions 2010

Show Choir – Grand Champion Show Choir at Omaha Westside Show Choir Invitation, Peru Show Choir Festival, Northeast Jazz Festival, GISH Show Choir Invitational, Ranked 16th in national rankings.

State Championships – Volleyball in 2003; Runner-up 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, Boys Track in 2005; Runner-up in 2008; Girls Track in 2010

Girls Basketball – District Champions 2003, 2004

Football – Playoff qualifier 2003, 2004

Girls Golf – District Runner-up 2003, 2008, 2009; Conference Champions 2008, 2009, 2010; State Qualifier 2010

Boys Track – District Champions 2003, 2005, 2007, 2008

Volleyball – District Champions 2003 – 2010

Boys Soccer – District Champions 2004, District Runner-up 2008

Softball – District Runner-up 2005, 2010

Boys Basketball – Conference Runner-up 2004, 2009, District Champions 2007

Cross Country – Individual and State Qualifiers 2000-2009

Girls Track – Conference Relay Champions 2004; Conference and District Champions 2006

Boys Golf – State Qualifiers 2008, 2010

Wrestling – District Runner-up 2006, State Qualifiers 2003-2010, Two state medalists 2008, One state medalist 2009 and 2010

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*Learners Today,
Leaders Tomorrow*

Northwest High School

Mission Statement

Northwest Public Schools are committed to maximizing learning for all students while fostering a safe environment that promotes positive citizenship.

With 700 students and a 14:1 student/teacher ratio, Northwest ranks as the 41st largest high school in the state of Nebraska. Occupying a remodeled 200,000 square foot facility, Northwest provides students a challenging academic curriculum as well as opportunities for involvement in a wide range of extracurricular activities, boasting the largest vocal music department in the state.

Advanced Placement (AP) classes in math, English, and social studies challenge the seventy percent of Northwest's college-bound students and help fulfill the mission of the school in maximizing the learning potential of every student. Northwest consistently ranks above the state and national averages on the ACT, providing all juniors and seniors with the Baylor Test Preparation course to ensure their success.

The Project Lead the Way engineering and biomedical science programs are only offered in two other school districts statewide and give our students a unique opportunity to begin preparation for an exciting and challenging career in those fields. Whether students have interest in fine arts, technical trades, business, computer science, agriculture, or the culinary arts, they can count on their needs being met at Northwest.

Diverse Academic Opportunities

- College Credit Classes
- Pre-Engineering
- Horticulture
- Biomedical Science
- Music Theater

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Extracurricular Activities

- Mock Trial
- Speech
- One-Act Play
- Jazz Band
- Marching Band
- Orchestra
- Show Choir
- Musical
- National Honor Society
- Newspaper/Yearbook
- Student Council
- FFA
- FBLA
- Art
- FCA
- SADD
- Volleyball
- Football
- Cross Country
- Softball
- Golf
- Basketball
- Wrestling
- Swimming
- Track
- Soccer
- Baseball
- Cheerleading
- Vikettes
- Intramurals
- Power Lifting
- Trapshooting

