



# Superintendent Update

## April 9, 2026



# Vision

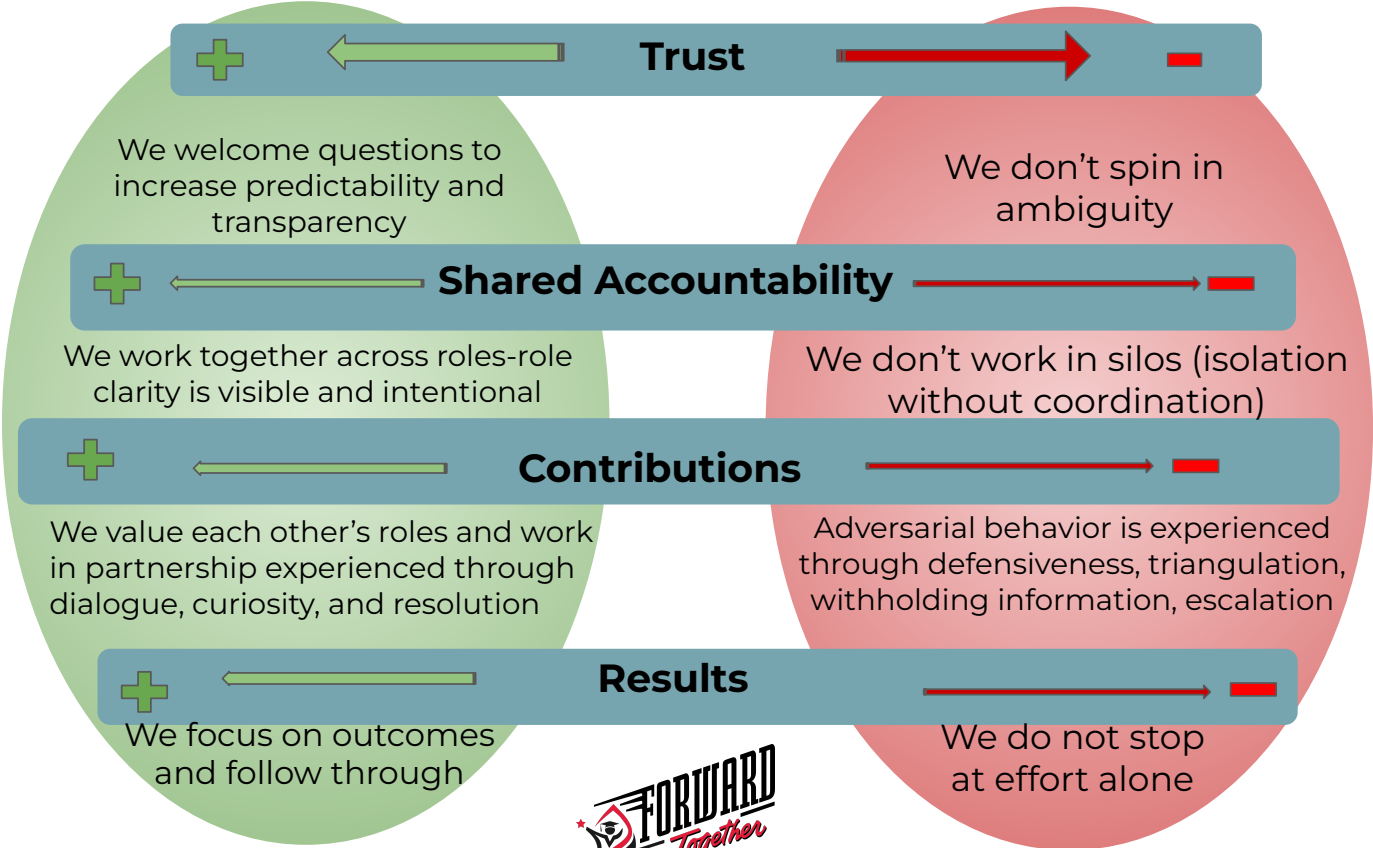
*What we intend to create*

*Inspire dreams,*

*build integrity,*

*instill hope*

*in our students, our staff, our families  
and our communities.*





# Graduation Rates

*Class of 2025 Performance*

**93.0%**

North Branch High School

Stronger systems of support  
More effective credit attainment/on-track work  
Better engagement and alternative pathways



# Success for Every Student

*More Than a Graduation Rate*



# 93%

On-Time Graduation

## Top of the Region

North Branch Area High School outperformed regional 2025 graduation rates.

## MULTIPLE OPTIONS

- Norse Area Learning Center
- Distance Learning Academy

## Big Picture for ISD 138: Combined Impact

- **NBAPS (93%):** High-performing- significantly above the state average of 84%. (173 seniors, graduated 161. All but one student are continuing to meet graduation requirements.)
- **DLA (67%):** Reflects the unique needs and circumstances of students enrolled in this learning model. (18 seniors, 12 graduated)
- **ALC (45%):** Most students value flexible timelines and supports needed to complete their education. (20 seniors, 9 graduated)



# Mission

*Purpose of our work*

*Partner with students, families and communities*

*to challenge all students to achieve their **greatest potential***

*and become informed and engaged citizens.*

# Senior Spotlight



NBAPS is again honoring graduating seniors by hosting the “senior spotlight” on social media.

Each day, Monday through Friday, a group of four graduating seniors will be featured at the district’s Facebook and Instagram pages.

Congratulations Class of 2026!



# Scholarships for the class of 2026

NBAPS staff members donated their time on Saturday, April 4, to raise money for scholarships for graduating seniors.

This year, staff raised more than \$1,900!

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# Prom and Grand March



The 2026 "Arabian Nights" Senior Prom and Grand March is Saturday, April 25.

- Grand March: 3 - 4:30 pm NBAHS
- Prom: 7:30 - 11:30 pm Jimmy's Event Center, Vadnais

Tickets are available starting March 16. Scan the QR code on the prom flier for more information.

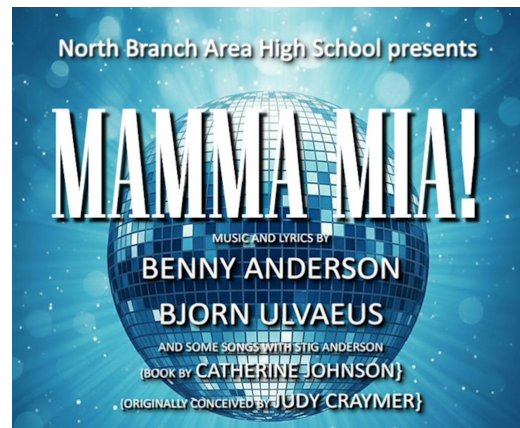




# The Ultimate Goal

Ensuring every student graduates with a clear, actionable plan for their future.

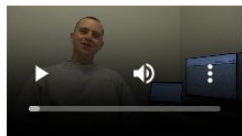
Check out all the [choices](#) for high school students at NBAPS.



## AVIATION HONORS GROUND SCHOOL\* 11-12

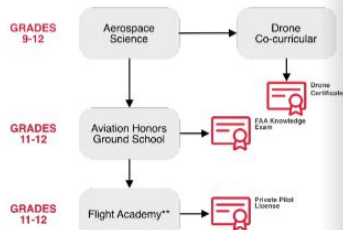
SEMESTER 1 #1522  
SEMESTER 2 #2522

Yes, you read that right. Students interested in learning to fly can complete their Ground School right here at NBAHS. This course prepares you to pass the FAA written exam. You may then apply for AFJROTC Flight Academy to earn your Private Pilot's License over the summer for free!



No prior JROTC experience required!

## Aviation Pathway



\*Requires instructor approval  
\*\*Must meet all eligibility requirements to apply

## COLLEGE CALCULUS 11-12

SEMESTER 1 #1181

**Prerequisite:** College Algebra or Precalculus, 2.8 GPA

**College Level:** 5 College Credits

Transfer course intended for bachelor programs in technology, engineering, mathematics, or science, including natural, physical and social sciences. Topics include limits, derivatives (including trigonometric functions), continuity, applications of derivatives to related rates, optimization and graphing, simple differential equations, Riemann Sums, basic integration techniques, definite integral and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. Students will become proficient with appropriate technology.



## COLLEGE CHEMISTRY

SEMESTER 1 #1321

SEMESTER 2 #2321

Prerequisite: 2.7 GPA

College Level: 4 College Credits

Yearlong: This is a college introductory course in chemistry emphasizing elementary principles and applications intended for non-science and allied health majors and preparation for the Principles of Chemistry sequence. Topics include matter, measurement, atomic theory, bonding theory, nomenclature, organic chemistry, stoichiometry and the mole concept, reactions, liquids and solids, solutions, and acid-base chemistry. This course meets the requirements for Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal 3 Natural Science.



JOIN US IN FIGHTING HUNGER!

## FILL THE SHELVES: FOOD DRIVE

Friday, April 10 - Friday, April 24

Norse ALC is hosting a Food Drive to help our local food shelf. Bring your donations and help us spread kindness!

### Most Needed Items:

- \*Fresh, frozen, or canned fruit & vegetables
- \*Whole grain pasta, rice
- \*Bags of potatoes, carrots, & onions
- \*Peanut Butter
- \*Hearty soups
- \*Canned meats
- \*Personal Hygiene & Household Cleaning Products

Drop-off Locations: Norse ALC-Brooker Building, North Branch Area Education Center, and North Branch Area High School

# 400 Strong Connection, Inclusion, and Joy



Over 400 community members came together at the NBAEC to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day. From the dance floor to the face painting, the energy, joy, and sense of belonging filled every corner of the event.

Families enjoyed music from our DJ, fun crafts and activities, delicious treats, and even fresh Heggies pizza. Most importantly, the night was a beautiful reminder of what makes our community so special: connection, inclusion, and celebrating each other.

We're so grateful to everyone who attended, supported, and helped make this event such a success.



# Norse ALC Food Drive



Norse ALC is coordinating a food drive for our local Family Pathways food shelf. Students have set a goal of collecting at least 500 items!

Please drop off items at the North Branch Area Education Center, North Branch Area High School, or the Norse ALC–Brooker Building. For suggested donation items, please see the flier.

The food drive will run from April 10 through April 24. If you have any questions, please contact Mindy Lattimore at [milattim@isd138.org](mailto:milattim@isd138.org).



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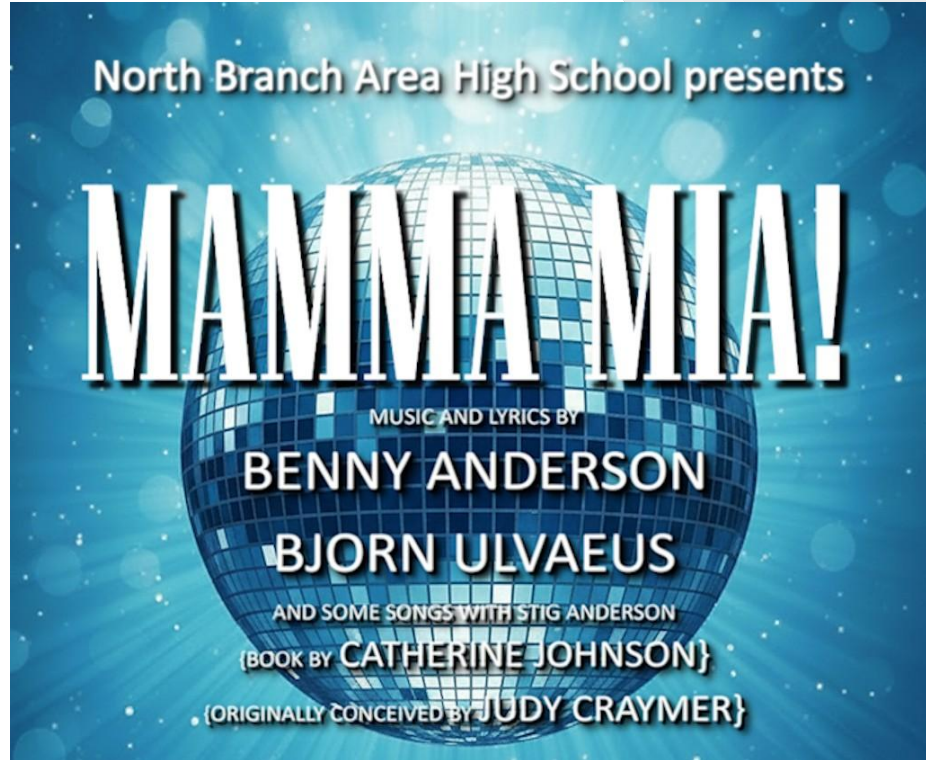


Spring musical Mamma Mia!  
is coming in May.

Showtimes are:

- May 7-9 at 7 p.m.
- May 10 at 2 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at  
the district's GoFan page at  
[this link](#), or by scanning the  
QR below



# Community Service Day



This year's Community Service Day is Friday, May 29. Already, numerous classes and groups have volunteered to be a part of this year's event.

If you know anyone who could use a hand with their spring chores this year, please contact Community Relations Coordinator Pat Tepoorten at 651-674-1018 or [ptepoorten@isd138.org](mailto:ptepoorten@isd138.org).





**FORWARD**

*Together*