

NRHS Space Needs Task Force

Catalogue of Administrative, Academic Support, Student Support, and Special Education Spaces at Nashoba Regional High School

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The list was compiled with the help of NRHS administrators. The effect on student outcomes of these spaces is unclear at this time (7/6/15)

HS Central Administration

- One conference room, seats eight (8) people, maximum. Too small for central office staff meetings or STAT (Student Teacher Assistance Team) meetings of 15 people. There is a projector and a projection screen in the room.
- U.P.S. deliveries are made to the front office. No place to store teachers' materials until teacher can pick them up.
- Kitchen Space – sufficient for a coffee maker, sink, and microwave.
Bathroom attached
- Stationary Closet – shares duty as location for some computer servers
- No office for possible future Dean of Students
- Student “cooling off” space currently whatever vacant room available in Special Education space. Better to have “cooling off” room located with central office administrators.
- No office for School Resource Officer (police on site).

Guidance

- No conference room in Guidance Office
- General lack of privacy for discussions with students, parents, outside counselors, and other situations.
- Record-keeping vault is too small for file-keeping as mandated by law. Footprint of fireproof file cabinet is two feet by four feet. File cabinet not secure.
- Waiting area for students next to office secretary. Students hear office secretary greet callers (including parents) over the phone and hear secretary answer questions posed by callers.
- No room(s) for college interviewers to use for meetings with student applicants.
- Career counselor is separated from guidance department by hallway.
- No carrels with internet connections for use by student to research colleges and other post-high-school opportunities
- No office for use by providers of special counseling services hired by NRSD to deal with special student issues.
- Parents cannot enter guidance area without visibility to all students in waiting room.

- Some additional meeting rooms should provide privacy. Parents should be able to meet guidance department staff without student(s) knowing they are there.

Nursing

- Two offices
- Exam room
- Waiting room
- “Rest area” for student with conditions best remedied by not sitting or standing
- Sink
- Bathroom

Academic Support Center

- In Media Center (in LC2 portion of Library). Size OK but better if located separately from library.

Athletic Administrator’s Office

- Trophies and plaques stacked in office due to lack of display space. Need more trophy display cases and someplace to put them.
- The Athletic Administrator’s office used for storage of sports uniforms and some sports equipment due to lack of other suitable storage space.
- Office too small for meetings: three people can meet in the office if one of them stands.
- Unable to conduct interviews for coaching positions because the office is not able to accommodate enough people.
- No waiting area for students/coaches/parents to walk into before meeting with the athletic director. Lack of privacy. Numerous interruptions while in meetings in the office as you open the door and walk right into the office (where a meeting could be taking place).
- Needs a area to plug-in and charge scoreboards (either in this office or another area). Outdoor wireless scoreboards need to be charged each day to be ready for games. Currently, this takes place all over the office.

Athletic Training Room

- Too small, no room for dividers. Used by male and female athletes.
- Only two training tables. Need a training taping station due to the number of athletes that are taped each day.
- Should be closer to athletic facilities.
- Small ice machine and water distribution resource. Home and visiting sports teams lined up into hallway to get water and ice before athletic events.
- Ice machine is old and gives off lots of heat, making the training room too warm throughout the year.
- Physical therapy and rehabilitation done in hallway outside of lower gym and custodial area due to lack of open space in training room.

- Plyometric physical therapy done in hallway.
- Need washing and dryer for athletics (towels, cloths, ace bandages, uniforms, etc.)

Other Indoor Athletic Space Concerns

- Indoor Track team practices running, starts (using starting blocks) and hurdles in hallways.
- Indoor track uses the auditorium foyer for circuit training and the weight cage.
- Cross-country and alpine ski teams practice in the cafeteria (including running in the hallways and set up their circuit training in the cafeteria).
- Due to lack of space, teams rotate on a schedule to have practice between 2:30 PM and 9:00 PM each day in the winter.
- Cheerleading teams and wrestling teams must practice in the lower gym as that is where both teams store their mats.
- Cheerleading team, Cross-country Ski team, Downhill Ski team all practice in wrestling practice room due to presence of large, heavy floor mats.
- Boys' locker room poorly ventilated
- Girls' locker room has insufficient number of lockers.
- Girls' locker room showers never used. Take up lots of space.
- Occasional sewer backups into athletic storage area in basement.
- Room with sewer cleanout pipe filled with athletic equipment, making it difficult to deal with sewer blockages quickly.
- Weight-lifting cage (in upper gym) too small. Students move weights out of cage to create more effective circuit. Wood flooring unsuitable for weights.
- No sound barrier/absorber to block sound of clashing metal, affecting ability to have effective gym class in upper gym when weight training class in session.
- Noise from weight-lifting cage makes coaching basketball difficult
- Visitors Locker Room looks like a dump. Interior includes two bathroom stalls, urinal, one shower stall, two benches, and three storage lockers (which are not enough space for all of the equipment). Used as main locker room for baseball (in the spring), ice hockey (in the winter), and golf (club storage) and soccer (in the fall).
- Each Nashoba team using the Visitors Locker Room must remove all their equipment when visiting teams (football, boys basketball, girls basketball) come to Nashoba because this is the lockerroom for those opposing teams to use.
- Male referees use the coaches' office in boys' locker room to dress and prepare for games. Female referees use the Physical Education teacher's office because there is no coaches' room in the girls' locker room.
- Insufficient storage areas for sports equipment. Loading/Shipping dock used for storage of large items.

Cafeteria

- Limited cafeteria seating drives four lunch periods of twenty-two minutes each.
- Short lunch period creates stress for students, instead of providing break from school stress. More cafeteria seating would allow three lunch periods of longer duration
- Need seating area for food allergies isolated from general lunch area.
- Kitchen area sufficient
- Students use cafeteria courtyard in good weather, which alleviates some overcrowding.

Media Center

- Right now, it is the place you to go when you do not have an assigned class and scheduled study hall is in hallway outside auditorium.
- What is role of Media Center?
- What is best use of this space?

Special Education

- 8 to 12 percent of students at NRHS on IEP (Individual Education Plan).
- Legal requirement to maintain ratio of 1 teacher dedicated for every 8 students on an IEP for direct teaching.
- Physical facilities in NRHS not a factor in determining if Special Education students receive out-of-district services.
- Physical facilities not currently impairing Special Education program due to close management of space by Administration. May not hold true in future.
- School psychologist office in Media Center. Better if this office located closer to other Special Education facilities.
- No conference room or meeting room in Special Education spaces.
- Need a Transitions Room for students who have been away from NRHS due to special requirements to help them re-acclimate to NRHS.

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Program

- Storage of EMT equipment and training material is in a stairwell the goes up to the roof from the Life Skills room next to the lower gym (room 403A, 403B)