

Introducing the NorthBay Academy

The NorthBay Academy is an innovative residential education program, specifically designed to serve Baltimore City Public School 6th Grade students during Fall, 2020. The Academy provides selected students with intensive, hands-on academic tutoring to help them succeed in the on-line learning environment. Additionally, students receive targeted literacy tutoring, social emotional learning and a wide range of enrichment activities, all led by NorthBay's professional education staff.

This is a unique and exciting opportunity for students!

- Helping students navigate virtual learning, improve literacy and social emotional learning
- Students selected by school based on completed application materials
- Application deadline Sept 21, 2020
- Selection notification Sept 23, 2020
- Program dates Monday Sept 28, 2020 – Wednesday Jan 27, 2021
- Residential program Monday – Friday at NorthBay Education campus
- Transportation to NorthBay campus provided by NorthBay
- All local, state and federal guidelines implemented for student and staff safety
- Program provided at **no cost to families**

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What parents need to know!

Things to know...

APPLICATION & SELECTION

To be considered for selection parents/guardians need to submit a completed and signed application and related forms (completed and signed) to their school by no later than noon on September 21, 2020.

Selection of students is school based and parents/ guardians will be notified by no later than September 23, 2020.

Families will receive additional information prior to the program start.

TRANSPORTATION

Students will be picked up at their school or at a designated school in their neighborhood on Mondays at 9:30am. NorthBay busses and staff will meet students at their school or designated pick-up school to transport them to the NorthBay campus. Students will be returned to their schools by 11:30am on Fridays.

A NorthBay staff member will be on each bus, while only 24 students will be transported per bus and all social distancing guidelines met

Students will be temperature checked prior to boarding buses and will wear masks during transportation.

CAMPUS & ACCOMMODATIONS

The NorthBay campus is located 1 hour north of Baltimore in the beautiful Elk Neck State Park. Lodging is provided in one of 18 different cabins. Each cabin consists of 2 rooms and 2 bathrooms, with 12 bunk beds each, for a total sleeping capacity of 24/cabin. Inside the cabin, next to each room is a bathroom, each with two showers and two toilets. Our cabins are heated and air conditioned and are separated by gender. **Male and female students are NEVER allowed to be in or around a cabin for the opposite gender.** Students are under direct adult supervision by professional NorthBay staff at all times and never allowed in the cabin without adult supervision. Students are provided with linens, blankets and pillows but are expected to bring their own towels and washcloths.

There will be a maximum of 12 students per cabin building which can sleep 24. These cabin groups are the cohorts that students will remain in for the duration of the semester and with whom they will participate in classes, all enrichment activities and transportation.

The buildings, pathways, and activities at NorthBay are accessible to disabled persons. Students with special needs can participate in all activities.

EDUCATION

Students will be grouped into **cohorts of 12 and will stay in that cohort at all times for the duration of the semester.**

Students engage in supported live (synchronous) learning with their schools. Additionally, they will receive intensive tutoring designed to improve their literacy, social emotional learning, and engage in a variety of enrichment activities all led by NorthBay Academy staff.

NorthBay staff will conduct weekly debriefs with school staff to coordinate student activities and lessons and check on NorthBay student's progress.

FOOD AND NUTRITION

Three delicious, healthy meals are provided daily, with a different menu from week to week. Students with dietary restrictions or allergies are all catered for by NorthBay's professional chef and dining team. Meals are prepared and provided to meet all applicable health and safety regulations.

COMMUNICATION

Students will have time daily to connect with parents/guardians and family via Zoom and or phone and NorthBay staff will provide parents/guardians updates on their child's progress.

Students will have daily access to their personal cell phones to communicate with parents and family. Phones in the NorthBay office are also available to students for this purpose.

Parents can call the NorthBay office to connect with their child. While in class children will not be available but a message will be given to them and the opportunity to return the call provided that same day.

The NorthBay front desk phone is manned 24/7.

SAFETY & SECURITY

At NorthBay safety is paramount. All of our facilities undergo regular inspections and certification and our staff are all qualified in their field, background checked (state and federal) and drug tested. **We make the health and safety of your child a priority.**

NorthBay is following all local, state and federal guidelines and practices to prevent the spread of COVID 19.

NorthBay has a policy of zero tolerance for the use/possession of drugs, alcohol, cigarettes (including e-cigarettes) or weapons. Parents/guardians and school leadership will be notified of violations policy and children sent home.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

NorthBay's Wellness Center contains a treatment area, isolation rooms, medication storage, and appropriate bathrooms. NorthBay's experienced staff includes two RN's as well as several Emergency Medical Technicians trained in CPR, first aid, all under the oversight of the NorthBay Medical Director.

The Wellness Center is staffed 24 hours a day.

All health and medication forms need to be accurately completed and signed by the parent/guardian and a doctor in order for the Wellness Center staff to be able to administer your child's medications.