

MISSION STATEMENT

Education, Community & Accountability

NRHS uses a research-based, government-supported definition of the term “recovery”: a process of change through which individuals improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and strive to reach their full potential. The school fosters a culture rooted in integrity, mutual respect, and personal accountability, empowering students to take ownership of their growth and contributions to the broader community.

NRHS co-designs plans and pathways that are personalized to each student’s needs and goals. The school’s commitment is to provide a high-quality academic experience while supporting the development of students’ recovery capital — assets such as knowledge, dispositions, abilities, and relationships within each of the broad domains of health, purpose, and community. The goal of NRHS is to stabilize students, build their recovery capital, and help transition them to their next steps with a healthy accumulation of internal and external resources that will fortify them along their path to meaning and purpose, including higher education, military service, and employment.

- Program Details
- Serve students ages 14–21 whose lives have been impacted by substance use and potential co-occurring mental health challenges
- Provide robust family support services and actively encourage parent/guardian involvement
- Employ highly qualified, DESE and DPH licensed educators and staff
- Develop personalized support plans tailored to meet each student’s unique needs
- Offer both individual and group counseling to support emotional well-being
- Provide academic curriculum aligned with Massachusetts Frameworks
- Administer MCAS testing
- Adhere to DESE regulations for students with 504 plans and IEPs, including those placed out-of-district
- Collaborate closely with sending districts to ensure students meet graduation requirements
- Award diplomas through students’ sending districts

- Maintain small class sizes to foster individualized attention and support
- Serve a population of between 30–50 students
- Operate through joint funding from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Department of Public Health (DPH), and local school districts