Academic Letter

Students who take the minimum class requirements each semester and earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher for three or five semesters will earn an academic letter and pin. Students who have earned a GPA of 3.5 or higher for seven semesters consecutively, will earn a gold cord that will be worn during Burke’s Commencement ceremony.

Academic Class Load

The average class load recommendation is seven credits per semester. The maximum is nine. Credits are required per semester for seniors. A minimum of 49 credits will be required for graduation. It is important for students to register for the appropriate number of courses each semester.

Activities/Athletics

School sponsored activities/athletics include those which are part of the Burke curriculum under the direct supervision of a certified staff member, or sanctioned by the Nebraska School Activities Association, the OPS Central Office, or the Principal's Office. Students will be counted absent from individual classes but will not be counted as absent from school. Spectators at school-sponsored activities during the school day are counted absent from class and from school.

Activity Card

There is a fee of $45.00 for high school participation in extracurricular activities either as a member or a spectator. All students who pay the $45.00 participation fee will receive a sticker on their ID Badge, which entitles students to attend designated Omaha Public Schools’ activities/events at no additional cost. Students who are eligible for free and reduced lunch may have the participation fee waived and receive an Activity Sticker at no cost.

The extracurricular activities for which a membership participation fee is charged at Burke High School are as follows:

- All extracurricular activities where a membership participation fee is required, including but not limited to, all sports, clubs and student organizations.

- The owner of a Burke activity sticker is admitted free to all home athletic events and designated OPS activities/events. This is an outstanding value for $45.00. The sticker is not transferable. A student will lose the privileges of an activity sticker by transferring or loaning it to another person. If a card is lost, please report the loss to the Assistant Principals’ Office.

9th Grade Planner

All 9th grade students will be using an Agenda/Planner by Burke High School. The Agenda/Planner will also help students to keep track of daily homework assignments and upcoming tests/quizzes. Please encourage your student to use their Assignment Notebook.

Attendance

Daily Attendance

If it is necessary for a student to be absent, a parent should call the school Attendance Office (402-557-3230 or 402-557-3231) by 9:00 a.m. to report the absence. A note must be brought to the Attendance Office before 7:40 a.m. upon his/her return to school.

Make-Up Work After an Absence

Students may make up work following an absence. Teachers may establish guidelines and time limitations. It is the student’s responsibility to obtain and inquire about missing assignments upon returning to school.