



NORTH STAR
ACADEMY LAVAL

Your Success,
Our Priority.

GRADES 7 TO 12



Making learning
meaningful for
today's generation



Our students are highly motivated learners because they have incredible opportunities to experience learning in the real world, bridging the gap between theory and practice. Our faculty create opportunities to bring the world into the classroom and our students out into the world, through diverse Signature Programs, Activities and Community Connections. Our school also offers a Grade 12 Program that prepares students for university in Montreal and around the world. We teach not only for school, but for life.



Mission

We seek to create an environment that achieves equity for all students and ensures that each student is a successful learner, is fully respected, and respects others. Each student will be treated as an individual, given the tools to be a lifelong learner, and taught to function as a member of a group and as a productive member of society, thereby becoming a global citizen of honour and self-discipline who is committed to positive and innovative thinking.



Ethos

Fostering knowledge, compassion, strength and integrity.



Vision

Prioritizing each student, each day.

No certificate of eligibility is required due to the fact that although we follow the Quebec Ministry of Education programs, the government does not subsidize us.



Building
positive
relationships

Varying the
curriculum to
meet advanced
learner's

Setting
goals to focus
our learning

Keeping
class sizes
small

Signature
Programs,
Activities and
Community
Connections

Cornerstones — *for* — Success

**Innovating
our approaches
to always offer
the best**

**Connecting
with community
through real-life
experiences**

**Customized
learning and
programs for every
students' needs**

**Using technology
to enhance
our teaching
and learning**

**Providing
opportunities to
grow locally and
internationally**

North Star Academy Laval: The Right Choice for Your Family

North Star Academy Laval is the only private English high school on the North Shore. We pride ourselves in teaching each student, each day in its 21st century ways. Students are greeted as they walk into school, with pen, pencil or tablet in hand, ready to learn in so many diverse ways. We are known for our small class sizes, our focus on individualized learning and customized programs and strategies that guide students to develop at their own pace, within high academic standards. Our online system allows you to stay connected at home, knowing when tasks are assigned, when results are posted for your child, upcoming projects and events, and easy access to reach each of us, at any time.

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Bringing the world to our students and our students to the world is a key focus of our school —through diverse extra-curricular activities and by connecting students with community through projects, volunteer opportunities, visits, and travel—learning to become active citizens in a community. We teach not only for school, but for life. Your private school in your community for your child.

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We offer cutting-edge educational programs that distinguish our school from the rest. Our students are no longer homogeneous in terms of their abilities and the manner in which they learn; instead, they are exposed to a multitude of information made available to them from a variety of resources. In turn, students are more likely to internalize the information being presented to them, as they engage with the curriculum through various outlets helping them solve complex, authentic problems that cross disciplinary boundaries. The academy is committed to use learning tools that will provide structure and a collaborative learning environment for all our students.

• **Safe and secure**—knowing your child is in good hands in high school is the peace of mind our parents look for in a school.

• **Engaging them in class**—from clear goals to differentiated curricula and teaching strategies—our faculty work endlessly to make learning enticing for each type of learner.



• **Each student, each day**—Inclusion and personalized attention in a small class setting with a faculty team approach to educate each student in every grade.

• **Partners in education**—parents are our partners, we have a simple to use communication system, call, email or message us. We know that it takes a team to help guide a 21st Century Teen towards adulthood.

• **Enrich their lives**—from local volunteering to travel in Canada and abroad, our students experience a taste of the world through various lenses as they continue to grow and learn about themselves in these key years of their lives.

• **Give them an edge**—all our students graduate and successfully enter college.

• **Keeping them motivated**—Opportunities that keep students engaged abound. Weekly extra-curricular activities in-house; guest speakers who make connections between learning and earning; volunteering and community visits; and competitive contests ensure there is something for everyone.

Proud winners of:

- Speak Up Montreal
- Hydro Quebec Regional Science Fair:
Great Distinction Award, and McGill University's Mechanical Engineering Award
- Top Ranking in the Waterloo Math Contest
- Mouvement parlons mieux finalist
- Santhei Film Festival: *8 nominations, and won for Best Actress, Best Supporting Actress, Best Actor.*



Student Life— Signature Activities

Signature Activities are weaved into high school student life. These activities are what bring school spirit into the day-to-day learning, and which is an integral part of social development for teens. Opportunities include a blend of tradition, choice and social responsibility development. The teen years are a time of rapid change and growth, teens feel strongly about many topics and often want to have a positive impact or make change happen. There are many opportunities for our students to develop their community connections and social activism interests. We are always open to new initiatives and ideas that motivate our students to do more.

The House System

Membership in Houses fosters leadership amongst the students. House participation gives students a sense of pride in their school, a role in the community, offers mentoring opportunities and builds close personal relationships between students in higher and lower grades. Inter-House competition encourages school participation in all aspects of school life: academics, athletics, arts and cultural activities, as well as community service.

Students join one of our four House teams and remain with their House until graduation. Siblings who subsequently join the school also join the same House as their sibling(s). NSA House team names are aligned with our Ethos: Knowledge, Compassion, Strength, and Integrity.





A Sense of Community

North Star Academy Laval seeks to create well-educated individuals who become active citizens of the world—starting with the communities around them. As part of this element of learning, students are required to complete a minimum of 20 hours of community service.

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Community Service encourages students to become engaged citizens by: teaching values of commitment and responsibility, contributing to the school and the community at large, building knowledge and understanding of the community, and developing a sense of pride that a good deed has been done.

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Extra-Curricular Activities

North Star Academy Laval offers a diverse Extra Curricular Activities program. The choices of E.C.A.s mirror the academy's cohort of students from all levels. Letting each individual submerge themselves in their field of interest. Lead by one of our faculty members or community partners, students select from a wide range. From Performing Arts, Athletic interest to Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, each student grows in their own unique way, giving them the opportunity to further develop communication skills, time management and to be valued as part of an distinguished group.





Below is a list of ECAs offered in the past. Each year we offer many ECA choices based upon both student and faculty interest.

- 5 Star Gold Show
- Artist Club
- Basketball Team
- Chest Club
- Choir
- Cross-Country
- Dancing with the Stars
- Fillactive
- Filmmaking
- Gourmet Club
- Grad Committee
- Me to We
- Ping Pong Club
- Track & Field
- Volleyball Team
- WEG (Wildlife Environmental Group)
- Yearbook & Photography club

Academics

North Star Academy Laval's curriculum provides a broad selection of courses allowing interdisciplinary learning that joins the traditional STEM disciplines of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math with the Arts.

Our diverse curriculum challenges students to complete a variety of activities, in and out of school, to be evaluated in a variety of ways that go beyond classroom tests and to showcase strengths, abilities and develop interests that go beyond the four walls of a classroom.



These courses offers college and university-level subjects for secondary students. The AP program allows students to participate in a college or university level course while still in secondary school. It is recognized for advanced credit or advanced placement in many Canadian and American universities and colleges.

Courses offered:

- Calculus
- English Literature
- Biology
- Physics
- Chemistry
- World History
- French Literature

Academic Advisor

North Star Academy Laval recognizes the value of excellence in academic advising. Each student is guided from "Admissions to Graduation." Through our unique conferencing, student's receive one on one meetings, building a collaborative relationship with the academic advisor in order to assist the student in developing meaningful educational goals that are consistent with personal interests, values and abilities.





Athletics





Somang-NSA Hockey Development Program

North Star Academy Laval is proud to be part of the Somang Hockey Development Program. Somang-NSA Hockey prides itself in developing skilled hockey players who travel the world to participate in specialized camps, schools, programs and leagues in Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia.

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Members of the hockey program benefit from the opportunity to learn and develop under one of the best technical coaches in North America—Francois Landreville. With a multitude of games and practices, these teams are a growing force in the hockey world.
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Hockey player students are supported at North Star Academy Laval with a flexible schedule, with all course materials made available online and with after school tutoring available each day for them to keep up with their studies.

Sports Concentration Program

North Star Academy Laval's Sport Concentration program allows students the opportunity to participate in a range of sports, further their leadership skills, and helps promote a healthy lifestyle. Our aim is to forge unbreakable bonds between teammates and to teach the importance of teamwork, humility, and self-discipline leaving behind a lifelong habit beyond their high school years.

Elite Athlete Program

We provide our student athletes with a supportive environment, as this will enable them to succeed academically while pursuing their athletic careers. We also provide them time to work on their school assignments and to access remedial help when required. Students enrolled in the concentration component must also meet criteria respecting level of ability and training.



Music

Keyboards



Piano



Music Concentration Program

Students with a keen interest in music have an opportunity to deepen their knowledge and skill through a music concentration program. Both highly advanced and absolute beginners will appreciate this opportunity. The mechanics of music and history of musical development will come alive through performing familiar tunes, current favorite songs and innovative, unique pieces.



Voice



Percussion



Drums



Electric Guitar

Bass Guitar

Acoustic Guitar

Technology

With today's fast paced advances in technology, North Star Academy Laval students use technology in a variety of contexts for many purposes.

Faculty and students use cloud-based resources, including Google classroom, for online-shared notes, assignments, and assignment submission.

The Academy believes strongly in the power of technology and works to instil responsible practices in each of our students.





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Fairview Pointe-Claire	16 min.	16 km
Centropolis	13 min.	5 km
Place Vertu	15 min.	12 km