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ANNOUNCING NIHL'S 2025-2026 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM!

Supported by the Chicago Blackhawks

All 2025-2026 NIHL players are encouraged to participate in this season's
Academic Excellence program.

To Qualify:

NIHL rostered 1st through 8th grade players must earn and submit a straight "A" report card from any 2025-26 grading period (ending prior to April 1, 2026) in all subjects except P.E. Non-traditional grade equivalents will be accepted.

NIHL rostered high school players must earn a minimum of a 3.5 (4.5 on a 5 point scale) grade point average from any 2025-26 grading period (ending prior to April 1, 2026) in all subjects except P.E.

AWARDS:

Qualifying participants will be recognized on the NIHL website.

All submissions must include a copy of the report card, a completed submission form, and must be received by April 1, 2026.

Qualifying report cards can be submitted either by email or US Mail to:

NIHLSecretary1@gmail.com

**NIHL Academic Excellence
c/o Sue D'Anza
715 N. President Street
Wheaton IL 60187**



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NIHL 2025-2026 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE SUBMISSION FORM

SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 1, 2026

Player's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

E-Mail Address _____

Phone _____

NIHL Organization _____

Circle One:

Age Level: 10U 12U 14U 16U/19U 16U 19U

Division: American National

What grade is your skater in? _____

We understand some school districts grade on a more difficult or non-traditional scale and some of your students take classes beyond their grade level. In order to be fair to all our players, we are unable consider any report card that doesn't strictly meet the program's grade requirements.

If you have questions, or need more information, contact

Sue D'Anza at NIHLSecretary1@gmail.com



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