

Fairfield Freshman School

Mission Statement

Our mission at the Fairfield Freshman School is to create an atmosphere that embraces individuality and a sense of community. By encompassing all styles of learners, our teaching focuses on the academic and social progression of each child. In our unique environment, we empower our students to transition successfully into high school and beyond.

A Special Welcome to Incoming Freshmen

Beginning high school is an important step on the road to becoming an adult. The faculty, administrators, and staff welcome you to the Fairfield Freshman School. We understand the questions and challenges which freshmen face, and we are prepared to help you make a successful transition to high school. All of us will work hard to make your year pleasant and successful. If you have worries about starting high school, we encourage you to contact one of our counselors, Mrs. Jean Platt or Mrs. Marilyn Coburn at 829-8300. They can help you know what to expect and how to make a good start.

The Freshman Schedule

Much of your freshman schedule will be taken up with required courses. In the spring of the 8th grade, counselors and 8th grade teachers will recommend classes that are in line with your interests and abilities. All of these courses will count toward your high school graduation credits. They are also important for preparing you to be successful on the Ohio Graduation Tests, which all sophomores take. In order to graduate from high school, you must receive a passing score on all five parts of the Ohio Graduation Tests—Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. Your academic work should be taken very seriously since there is much to learn in preparing for the Ohio Graduation Tests.

All freshmen will take English, Math, Social Studies, Science, Health, and Physical Education. A few electives are also available, but enrollment in these classes may be limited by available space in classes. If your first choice of an elective cannot be scheduled, counselors will suggest another choice. Counselors try to schedule every student into seven classes each term, but sometimes it is necessary or desirable to schedule a study period (study hall) for one period. Generally speaking, students will not have more than one study hall during the year.

A Sample 9th Grade Schedule
(Your actual schedule will be different.)

1 st Semester	2 nd Semester
First Period - English	First Period - English
Second Period - Social Studies	Second Period - Social Studies
Third Period - Physical Education	Third Period - Health
Fourth Period - Elective	Fourth Period - Elective
LUNCH	LUNCH
Fifth Period - Elective	Fifth Period - Elective
Sixth Period - Math	Sixth Period - Math
Seventh Period - Science	Seventh Period - Science

Students are expected to stay with the schedule choices made during the scheduling period. Schedule changes will be made only if there is a serious reason to do so. A dislike for a course and/or a teacher, or a desire to be with friends, is not sufficient reason for making a schedule change. If a schedule change is desired, students and parents should discuss the possible change with a counselor. The counselor and/or principal will make the final decision on any requested change. Any schedule changes made after the sixth week of the semester will result in the student receiving a failing grade for the course that is dropped. However, if availability permits, students may be able to switch electives through the end of third week of the school year.

