



Freshman Parent Information Welcome!

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Rationale

- “America’s Most Successful High Schools – What Makes them Work,” Dr. Willard R. Daggett
- Reports nine characteristics that appear consistent among 30 high-achieving high schools.



Nine Characteristics

1. Leadership
2. Professional Development
3. Laser-like focus on data
4. Focusing instruction around students' interests, learning styles, and aptitudes
5. Particular emphasis on literacy across the curriculum
6. High-quality curriculum and instruction
7. Rigorous and relevant 12th grade year
8. Relationships



Nine Characteristics

9. Attention to 9th grade students

“an extraordinary commitment of resources and attention to 9th grade students”



What's at Stake !

When 9th graders are not successful academically, which is true for 30-40% of these students across the United States, there is a domino effect on everything that happens in grades 10-12.



Manta Mantra for Freshman

I believe in myself and my ability to do my best at all times.

I will act in such a way that I will be proud of myself, and others will be proud of me too.

I will not waste this day, because this day will not come again.



Freshman Academy

- Academics through personalization
- The 9th grade year: A foundation for high school SUCCESS!
- Enjoy the journey...



Facilities

Centralized Facilities

- Classrooms / Locker area
- Computer Lab
- Administration
 - Counselor
 - Dean
- Restrooms



First Daze

- Common Policies / Procedures
- Agenda's (Planner)
- Instructional Model

Start

Instruction

Finish



Success Wheel

- 7- Habits Training
- Career Lab – Media Center
- Student Code of Conduct
- Lockers/ Campus Tour
- Guidance
- Agenda's
- Media Center Orientation/ Student I.D.



"Connections"

- Academic Recognition
- Gold – 3.5 + GPA
- Silver – 3.0 – 3.5 GPA
- Bronze - .5 improvement of GPA



Periods
1,2,3,5,6

Aug 9th	QTR 1	Oct 8th
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Oct 12th	QTR 2	Dec 17th
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Attendance

.5 Credit

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Period
4
(Block)

Aug 9th	SEM 1	Oct 8th
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Oct 12th	SEM 2	Dec 17th
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FOCUS (Parent Connect)

- FOCUS is an online tool for checking your child's attendance, current grades, assignments, report cards, transcript and discipline record.
- Step 1. Go to County web site <https://focus.yourcharlotteschools.net>
- Step 2. Login using Parent Username/Password
- Click on each class name to see teacher assignments



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Course Graduation Requirements

- 4 English Credits
- 4 Math (Must include Algebra 1 & Geom.)
- 3 Social Studies/History
- 3 Science
- 1 Fine arts/Performing Art Elective
- 1 HOPE (Health/PE)
- 8 Electives (no longer need career pathway/ Major Area of Interest electives)
»Equals 24 Credits



High School Graduation Requirements

- 2.0 GPA (unweighted "C" average)
- 24 Credits
- Passing FCAT score (in Reading only)





End of Course Exams

- In May 2011, some 9th grade students will participate in a End of Course Exam for Algebra.
- This exam will be taken on the computer.
- This exam will count as 30% of the student's 2nd semester grade (will be considered the student's final exam.)



End of Course Exams

- Students who will take exam:
 - 9th grade students currently enrolled in Algebra 1
 - 9th grade students who completed Algebra 1 in their 8th grade year.
- Students Who will NOT take exam this year:
 - 9th grade students currently enrolled in Algebra 1A.



Grades

- Your semester grades are what determine your overall GPA.
- 1st nine weeks ends on October 8, 2009.
- Semester grades are calculated as follows:
 - » 1st Nine Weeks 35%
 - » 2nd Nine Weeks 35%
 - » *Semester Exam 30%*
 - » Semester Grade 100%



Ed Options

- October 8th – End of the semester for Block class
- If failed “Core” class- Alg, English, Integ. Science-will be placed in Ed Options- a credit retrieval class
- After school from 2-5 p.m. Tues.-Thurs. Student attends one day a week.



FCAT

- FCAT Scores in the 8th/9th grade determine 9th/10th grade placement and possible remediation
- Scores in the 10th grade count for graduation. ***Students must earn a score of 300 or better in reading.***



PSAT

- Pre- SAT
- If your student is college-bound, this is a great opportunity to see how he/she would do on the SAT.
- Wednesday, Oct. 13th @ LBHS auditorium – 7:30 a.m.
- \$15.00 to the student services office.
- THIS IS BASED ON AVAILABILITY. 11TH & 10TH GRADERS WILL GET PRIORITY.



Florida Virtual School

- Internet- based online school
- Free to high-school students
- Over 80 course offerings
- Course has be approved by guidance counselor
- www.flvs.net



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- Career Planning
 - Florida Choices
- College Information
 - Degree Search
- Financial Aid
 - Bright Futures
- EPEP



- Questions?
- The End

Thank you!

