

**TRANSITION
FROM MIDDLE
SCHOOL TO HIGH
SCHOOL**

THE TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

High school students need the support and guidance of their parents.

CHANGES

- ⦿ High schools are larger in size
- ⦿ Coursework is more difficult
- ⦿ Students are expected to be more independent, focused, and responsible
- ⦿ High school grades determine the kinds of jobs students can get and the colleges they will be able to attend.

HIGH SCHOOL BASICS

School Calendar shows:

- ◉ When each grading period begins and ends
- ◉ When school will be closed for holidays and vacations
- ◉ Test dates
- ◉ Open houses
- ◉ Conferences

HIGH SCHOOL BASICS

Attendance Policies:

- If your child is absent for more than a couple of days, school has procedures for getting assignments.

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Graduation Requirements:

- Academic requirements are needed in order to graduate.
- Earn a minimum number of credits (24)

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School Counselors:

- ⦿ They monitor academic progress.
- ⦿ Help students choose their courses.
- ⦿ Help students with their career goals and educational options.
- ⦿ They help students deal with difficult situations.
- ⦿ Counselors are excellent resources for students and parents.

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Programs and Courses:

- ◉ Students are required to take a number of courses in order to graduate.
- ◉ Freshman schedules are mostly filled with required courses, each year students have more room in their schedules for electives.
- ◉ Electives give students the opportunity to develop skills and gain knowledge in their areas of interests.

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Scheduling:

- ⦿ Students choose their courses for the following year in the Spring.
- ⦿ Students need to investigate and carefully consider all of their course options.
- ⦿ Once a student's schedule is set, it may be difficult to change a class.

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School Rules/Code of Conduct:

- Please read it since consequences for not following the rules can range anywhere from detention to expulsion.

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Extracurricular Activities:

- Studies show that students who are involved in extracurricular activities enjoy school more, and they do better academically.

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Summer School:

- ⦿ A great way for students to earn credits toward graduation
- ⦿ A good way to lighten their class load during the regular school year
- ⦿ Students who are short on credits, or who have failed a required course, should attend the summer school.

THE ACADEMIC RECORD

Parents need to know and understand the information that's included in their child's academic record.

- ◉ Grade Point Average (GPA)
- ◉ Class Rank
- ◉ Four-Year High School Plan
- ◉ Questions: talk to your child's guidance counselor

HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED

High school students need their parents to be interested and involved in their academic progress.

- Provide a good place to study
- Help your child set academic goals
- Attend all parent programs
- Insist on daily attendance
- See all midterm reports and report cards
- Deal effectively with homework
- Be a good role model

CAREER AND EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

Choosing a career and figuring out how to prepare for it can be difficult.

- ◉ Identify abilities and interests
- ◉ Explore career options
- ◉ Discuss educational options
- ◉ High school career and technology programs
- ◉ Four-year college
- ◉ Career or trade school (cosmetology, dental assisting, welding, etc.)