

Fairview's Frequently Asked Questions



Communication and Contact

1. What is the best way to keep informed?

To stay well-informed at Fairview, we offer various channels to keep you updated. You can expect the **Friday Flash**, a weekly newsletter every Friday at 3:00 pm, which provides essential updates and news. Archived newsletters are available for reference. Additionally, the principal sends separate emails and letters to families when needed.

For real-time updates and current events, our [newsfeed](#) is a valuable resource.

You can also explore [The Royal Banner](#) a monthly publication accessible digitally and in print, catering to Fairview students' interests by Fairview Students.

[Parent Dashboard](#): To access important school information. Please visit this page often to stay view announcements and the [school calendar](#) as well as access downloads and important links.

[Fairview High School Website](#)

[Fairview High School Official Instagram page](#)

Finally, relive your high school memories with the [Lance Yearbook](#). This timeless chronicle captures the spirit of our vibrant community, preserving a year's worth of unforgettable moments. Stay connected with Fairview through these informative avenues.

2.What is the best way to contact teachers and administrators?

The [staff directory](#) is located in the [about us](#) tab on the top left part of the website. You can also email your student's direct teachers through [Infinite Campus](#)

3.What is the Parent Portal?

The [Parent Portal](#) is located in Infinite Campus. It shows your student's class schedule, teachers' posting of homework and grades, student attendance, and much more. You will need to enter: your email address, phone number, student's name, and their student ID number to create an account. Accounts are activated normally within 30 minutes to an hour. If you have forgotten your username or password, this same site can be used to recover usernames and reset passwords.

4.What is the best way for me, as a parent/guardian, to communicate with teachers,counselors and administrators?

To contact teachers and counselors, email is the preferred method for easy topics. If the information is sensitive, it is recommended that parents contact the teacher and/or counselor to set up a time to meet face to face. Of course, you can always contact an administrator if you need additional support. To find teacher, counselor, or administrator contact information, please refer to the [Staff Directory](#) on the FHS website.

5.Why am I not receiving the school newsletter or emails?

If you're not receiving the school newsletter or emails, it's essential for both parents and students to update their communication preferences in SchoolMessenger. By doing so, you can ensure you stay informed about important school updates and events.

For more detailed instructions on how to update your communication preferences, please click on this link: [Communication Preferences Update Guide](#). This document provides step-by-step guidance, making it easy for you to stay connected with all the latest happenings at our school. **Don't miss out on important information; update your preferences today!**

Attendance and Health

1.What is Fairview's attendance policy?

Since it is the expectation at Fairview High School that each and every class period consists of high-quality instruction and effective best practice, any absence may negatively impact student learning and academic progress. As such, it is the

further expectation of Fairview High School that students are on-time and attend each and every class period. Please take time to familiarize yourself with the [attendance policy here](#).

2. Why can't I excuse a single-period absence for my student?

[Per School Board Policy, JH](#) attendance staff will not excuse single period absences without documentation (Doctor's note, Dentist note, or court appearance). This policy was enacted through the partnership of parents and educators who saw the overwhelming temptations of an open campus and the resulting truancy/failure rates. In addition, students have been known to ditch single classes for a variety of reasons, including classes that they have exams in and/or periods they have before exams in order to study.

3. Do I have to get a doctor's note to excuse my student every time they are ill?

No, students are allowed 10 full day absences a year per our attendance policy. After those 10 are complete, documentation is required if you want the absence excused. Also, prearranged absence forms can excuse any foreseeable family trips beyond the ten but only with administrative approval.

4. Why is my student saying he was in class, but marked absent?

Our attendance policy states that students who arrive within the first five minutes are tardy, but after five minutes will be marked absent. If the student does arrive after five minutes, the time of arrival is logged by the teacher.

Period	Code	Status	Excuse	Present Minutes	Comments
01	<input type="text"/>	Absent <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	8 min late

This allows for parents to be notified of excessive tardy behavior or as an early intervention for possible detrimental truant behaviors. When a student misses a chunk of instructional time, educational gaps are created. It is important that students understand that getting to class is the first order of importance. Our attendance goal is to steer students away from excessive tardiness and truancy.

5. When is a nurse/health room para allowed to excuse my student for illness?

The nurse can excuse students if they are showing obvious physical symptoms such as vomiting, diarrhea, rash, pink eye and/or fever over 100 degrees. If the Nurse /health room para does not witness any of the above symptoms, she cannot excuse, but parents can still choose to pick up their students. The absence in that circumstance can only be excused if the student is under their 10 days or a doctor's note is provided.

For more information please visit the [Attendance/Report and Absence page](#)

Safety and Security

1. How does Fairview High School address safety for its students?

Fairview High School collaborates closely with the district's safety protocols to ensure a secure environment for all. Boulder Valley School District is committed to the safety of our school communities and has implemented measures to protect our students and staff in case of threats. Our partnership prioritizes the well-being of our school community, supported by BVSD's 11 extensively trained school safety advocates. These advocates handle various incidents within our schools and actively contribute to students' personal and academic well-being. The role of school safety advocates was introduced in 2021 when BVSD removed School

Resource Officers, resulting from community input and vetting. Since then, these individuals have played a vital role in enhancing safety across BVSD schools.

2. What are the school's policies on dress code, behavior, and sports participation?

Dress Code Philosophy

The Boulder Valley School District believes all students have the right to an equitable education and should be able to dress, and style their hair, for school in a manner that expresses their individuality without fear of unnecessary discipline or body shaming. Enforcement of this universal dress code shall not create disparities, reinforce stereotypes or increase marginalization of any group, nor will it be more strictly enforced against students because of racial identity, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, gender nonconformity, sexual orientation, cultural identity, religious identity, household income or body type/size.

Dress Code

Behavior

Fairview's approach to discipline, attendance and suspension

Students are to maintain behavior that promotes safety and respect for all. The BVSD Policies [JD/JR](#), [JDC](#), [JDC-R](#), [JDD](#), [JDHB](#), [JDSE](#), [JFCH/JFCI](#), [JBB](#), [JDDA](#), [JBB](#), and [KE](#) list specific conduct that shall be maintained by students and activities that will result in disciplinary action.

For Spanish version, please see policies [JD/JR-SP](#), [JDC-SP](#), [JDC-R-SP](#), [JDD-SP](#), [JDHB-SP](#), and [JDSE-SP](#).

Copies of these policies may be obtained from a school administrator or on the BVSD Policy Website at

<https://www.bvsd.org/about/board-of-education/policies>.

Sports Participation

Code of Conduct

- ★ Remember that you are at a contest to support and cheer for your Fairview Knights and to enjoy the skill and competition; not to intimidate or ridicule the other team and its fans.
- ★ Remember that school athletics are learning experiences for students and they may make mistakes. Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes and as people as you would praise a student working in the classroom.
- ★ A ticket is a privilege to observe the contest, not a license to verbally assault others and be generally obnoxious.
- ★ Learn the rules of the game, so that you may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
- ★ Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups. Treat them as you would treat a guest in your own home.
- ★ Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the student/athlete, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.
- ★ Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
- ★ Refrain from the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, vape, drugs, etc.) before and during games, and afterwards on or near the site of the event (i.e., tailgating.)
- ★ Use only those cheers that support and uplift the teams involved.
- ★ Recognize and complement the efforts of school and league administrators for their efforts in emphasizing the benefits of educational athletics and the rule of GOOD SPORTING BEHAVIOR to that end.
- ★ Be a positive role model through your own actions and by censuring those around you at events whose behavior is unbecoming.

Just by attending an event in which Fairview High School students are involved you agree to adhere to the conduct guidelines as listed above. **Fans who violate the FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL FAN CODE OF CONDUCT listed above**, may be removed from the event and further discipline consequences might occur. The additional

consequences may include not being permitted to attend other extracurricular events for up to the remainder of the school year.

“WE CHEER FOR OUR TEAM, NOT AGAINST OUR OPPONENTS”

Academics and Curriculum

1.What are the school's academic programs and curriculum offerings?

Fairview High School offers motivated students the most comprehensive honors program available in the Boulder Valley School District. With an emphasis on flexibility, the Fairview Honors Program allows students to select among International Baccalaureate (IB), Advanced Placement (AP), and other advanced offerings to chart an individual path suited to their own goals and talents. The eight-period school day allows students to take more electives. This contributes to our strong academic reputation and one of the most comprehensive programs in the state.

We offer four world languages—Spanish, French, German, and American Sign Language—from levels 1 through 4 and Advanced Placement (year 5 for French and Spanish).

For more information, please visit the:

[Academics Page](#)

[Fairview Academics Programs: IB and AP](#)

[Course Offerings](#)

2.Are there any special support services for students with learning differences?

Fairview High School offers special support services through our dedicated special education department. Our compassionate and inclusive community is committed to embracing the unique needs of every student, including those with learning differences. Within this department, our team of educators and support staff works collaboratively to provide specialized support, personalized learning plans, and individualized instruction. We create a nurturing environment where students can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally, ensuring that all students have the opportunity to succeed in their educational journey. Our commitment to inclusivity empowers students to overcome challenges, unlock their potential, and achieve their goals.

[Click here for more information](#)

3. How do I access my child's grades and assignments online?

Accessing your child's grades and assignments online is easy through our Parent Portal in Infinite Campus. Here, you'll find comprehensive information, including your student's class schedule, grades, attendance records, and much more. Stay connected and informed about your child's academic progress effortlessly.

College and Career Planning

1.What resources are available for college and career planning?

The College/Career Center at Fairview High School is a versatile and valuable resource for all students. Located next to the Counseling Office, this center offers a wide range of resources and services for college and career planning. Students can use this space to research information about colleges, explore

potential career paths, and engage in high school activities that align with their goals. Additionally, the center hosts presentations by counselors and college/career representatives, providing students with valuable insights and guidance as they plan for their future education and careers.

Fairview High School recognizes that the path to success may take different routes, and we are here to support students in their journey. We offer information and guidance on various alternatives to college, such as **Gap Year, Military Enlistment, Vocational Training and Certificate Programs, and Employment options**. Our dedicated staff is more than happy to assist students in exploring these pathways and making informed decisions about their future.

[Click here for more information](#)

Extracurricular Activities

1.What extracurricular activities and clubs are available for students?

Fairview High School's vibrant campus offers over 65 student clubs as of 2023, catering to various interests like academics, arts, and community service. In addition to these clubs, Fairview hosts prestigious organizations such as The National Honor Society (NHS), recognizing excellence in Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character, and the Speech & Debate team, known for fostering leadership skills and achieving top rankings in state and national competitions. Join us in exploring these enriching opportunities and becoming an integral part of our thriving Fairview community, among other activities.

2.How can my child get involved in sports teams and activities?

Fairview High School takes pride in its outstanding athletics program, providing students with a platform to showcase their sportsmanship and athletic talents in various disciplines. Whether it's football, basketball, soccer, or track and field, our teams are known for their unwavering commitment, teamwork, and exemplary sportsmanship.

If your student is eager to get involved in our sports programs, the first step is to register online at: <https://fairview-ar.schooltoday.com/>

Join us in celebrating the spirit of competition and sportsmanship at Fairview!

3.How can I get involved in the school's parent-teacher organization or volunteer opportunities?

To get involved in the school's parent-teacher organization (Fairview Parent Organization or FPO) and explore volunteer opportunities, you can join their volunteer parent board. FPO is run by a volunteer parent board, and they hold quarterly meetings that are open to any interested parent. Joining these meetings and engaging with FPO's activities and initiatives is an excellent way to become an active part of the school's parent-teacher organization and to explore volunteer opportunities within the Fairview community.

[Click here for more information](#)

Volunteering at Fairview: Join our dedicated team of volunteers at Fairview High School and make a positive impact on our community. We have various opportunities, including roles with the Fairview Parent Organization (FPO), School Accountability Committee (SAC), Parent Advisory Committee (PAC), Families and Educators Together (FET), Booster Store, IB Store, and more. To get involved,

please [fill out our volunteering form](#) and be a part of our thriving Fairview community. ***Your support is greatly appreciated!***

General Information

1.What about Student Identification Cards?

Fairview High School issues every student an I.D. card at the beginning of the school year. The student must have the I.D. in their possession at all times that they are on our school campus. If a student loses their I.D., one free replacement will be provided by our security staff. It is \$5.00 after that for a replacement of the student I.D.

2.Where will I be parking?

Campus Parking: A Privilege to Cherish, Not a Right

- Any student who is eligible, may drive to school and park on city streets, while complying with City of Boulder parking and speed ordinances.
- Fairview High School is not liable for any damage that occurs on or off school property if a student chooses to drive to school.
- Students are not allowed to park in spaces designated for visitors or staff.
- Students must not park in, nor drive through, the parking lots of the neighboring condominium complexes or churches adjacent to the school.
- Please be respectful of the residents and their properties.
- Seniors may purchase a year-long permit for \$50. The permits are available in limited numbers and are available to purchase in August for the following

school year. Vehicles in the senior parking lot must display the senior parking permit. Visitors may not park in the senior lot; it is senior permit holders only.

3. What is FHS doing about the vape epidemic?

Fairview High School recognizes that vaping has become an epidemic for teenagers in not only our community but across the nation. Over the past few years we have seen a dramatic increase in its use by our teens, and this has prompted us to take action at our school. The administration has led multiple trainings with our entire staff about how to recognize vape paraphernalia and how to spot teenagers vaping on school grounds in an effort to find the students that are addicted and begin to get them support. All students that are caught with vape paraphernalia or actively vaping are enrolled in our Teen Intervene program with our school nurse. This program focuses on the student's personal struggle with addiction and use in a one on one confidential setting. It also educates the student about long term effects and ways to seek out treatment and support. Last year we also conducted a parent night centered solely around vaping. We invited nurses, doctors, our School Resource Officer and administration to serve as a panel for parents and students that attended. During our student class meetings vaping and addiction was addressed briefly with the students and they were invited to seek out support from any adult in the building if they are struggling with quitting. Our Campus Security Monitors are checking bathrooms and hallways throughout the entirety of every school day and our teachers are asked to be vigilant in their classrooms about noticing signs of vaping during class. We are currently looking at installing vape detectors in all bathrooms, locker rooms and common areas. In addition, our administration has been active in supporting anti-vaping campaigns and being vocal about our stance through Colorado and National Public Radio. This year we have a group of students that is starting an anti-vape club and they have many great ideas

about how peers can help to spread awareness and support one another through addiction.

For More Frequently Asked Questions

<https://www.bvsd.org/parents-students>