

Fenton High School



Future Freshmen

A Guide for Incoming Freshmen of the Class of 2028



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Welcome from Fenton High School

Dear Freshmen and Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to Fenton!

The staff at Fenton High School is happy to know you will be joining us for the next four years. This booklet has all the information you need to assist you in making a smooth transition to high school. It is full of information to keep you abreast of what you should be doing and when you should be doing it. The answers to many of your questions can be found in this booklet.

To begin the transition process, it is imperative that you read through this booklet to learn about all of the important events scheduled to occur. We encourage you to mark your calendars with all of these important dates.

Fenton High School offers many opportunities educationally, athletically and socially. Many of the events to get you started are listed in this booklet. We are hopeful that you will take advantage of all that we have to offer, and we look forward to working with you in the coming months.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Bentsen".

Dr. Sam Bentsen
Principal, Fenton High School

Online Registration Process

Fenton High School utilizes an online registration process. The registration portal will be available 24 hours a day online starting Monday, July 1 and will remain open until August 2. All families are required to register online by August 2. We will have assistance with registration, online payments, and PowerSchool available to parents and students during the registration period. Fenton will mail additional information to families before the registration portal opens.

The mission of Fenton High School is to cultivate successful, passionate, empowered learners through rigor, relevance and relationships

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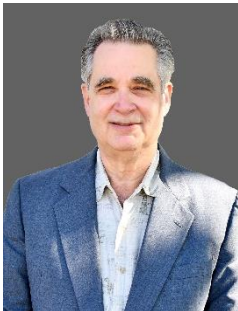
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Calendar of Events

Date	Event
January 18	8th Grade Orientation
January 19-27	Optional weekend/evening meetings with Fenton counselors, both in-person and virtual
January 22	Course selection with Fenton counselors for Blackhawk Middle School
January 26	Course selection with Fenton counselors for Wood Dale Junior High
April (date TBA)	Summer school sign-up becomes available on Fenton website
TBA	Summer School
July 1 – August 2	Mandatory online registration for all students

Student Course Selection

Each 8th grade student will meet with counselors at their current school to select their courses for their freshman year. Please consult the Calendar of Events (page 3) for more information.

Additionally, parents and students are invited to make an appointment to meet in person, or virtually with a counselor on one of the following dates:

- Saturday, January 20, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
- Monday, January 22, 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, January 23, 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, January 24, 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Thursday, January 25, 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Saturday, January 27, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

These meetings are not mandatory, but they are a chance for you and your student to discuss class placement, course selections, and electives, as well as to ask any questions about his or her course schedule and the high school transition. To schedule an

appointment, please scan the QR Code below to find a time that works for the parent and the student. Meetings will be held using Google Meet or in-person. If you need scheduling assistance, please contact Chris Bohnen at 630-860-8624 or bohnens@fenton100.org.



Freshman Course Placement

Eighth-grade students from feeder schools will receive placements in English, Math and Science classes based on available standardized test scores and 8th grade teacher feedback. If you have questions about your student's placement in a particular subject, please contact the Division Leader of the subject area (Division Leaders are listed on the contacts page at the end of this booklet).

Required Courses and Electives for Freshmen

A typical freshman course load consists of the following courses:

- English 1 or Accelerated English 1
- Math (course to be determined by placement)
- Biology or Accelerated Biology
- Introduction to the Social Sciences
- Health (1 semester) and Physical Education (1 semester)
- Electives

Based on course placement, some students may also be recommended for Academic Literacy. This full-year course provides students with support in reading, writing, and literacy skills and will take the place of an elective course.

Course descriptions for required and elective courses, as well as Fenton graduation requirements, can be found in the *Fenton High School Course and Program Description Catalog*, which is accessible from the "Course Offerings" button on the home page of the Fenton website, www.fenton100.org

Elective Courses Available to Freshmen

Career & Technical Education (CTE)

Computer & Information Technology

AP Computer Science Principles (1 semester)

Finance & Business Services

Business Orientation (1 semester)

MET: Manufacturing, Engineering, Trades

Project Lead the Way: Intro to Engineering

Design & Robotics (1 semester)

Small Engines (1 semester)

Skills in Building Trades (1 semester)

Multimedia Communication

Graphics Communication & Production
(1 semester)



Family & Consumer Sciences

Child Development and Parenting (1 semester)

Culinary 1 (1 semester)

Culinary 2 (1 semester)

Music

Chorale (2 semesters)

Concert Band (2 semesters)



Guitar 1 (1 or 2 semesters)

Music Production (1 semester)

Piano 1 (1 or 2 semesters)

Symphonic Wind Ensemble (2 Semesters)

Treble Choir (2 semesters)

Performing Arts

Acting (1 semester)

Theatre (1 semester)

Visual Arts

2D Art 1 (1 semester)

2D Art 2 (1 semester)

3D Art 1 (1 semester)

3D Art 2 (1 semester)

Photography 1 (1 semester)

Photography 2 (1 semester)

World Languages

French 1 (Full Year)

German 1 (Full Year)

Spanish 1 (Full Year)

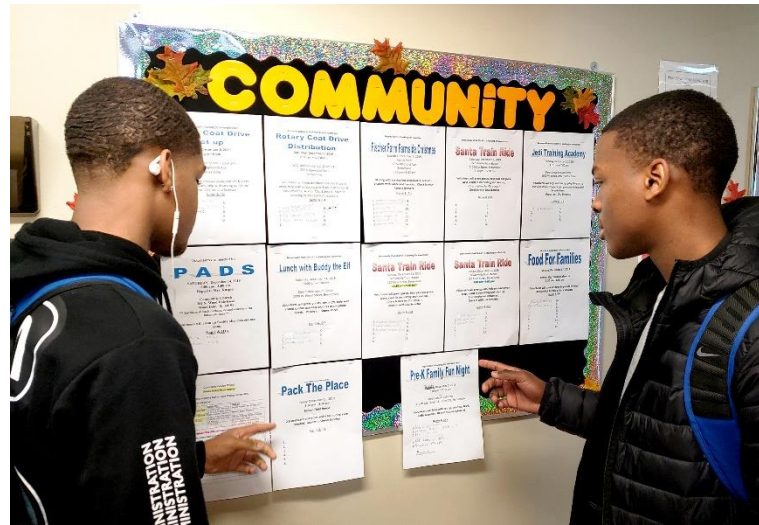
Spanish 1 for Heritage Speakers (Full Year)

Community Service Graduation Requirement

Fenton students are required to complete 25 hours of community service to be eligible for graduation.

Guidelines

- Students may begin earning community service hours in the summer.
- Students have one year from the date of the community service activity to submit time logs to receive credit.
- The service cannot benefit a business or a for-profit organization.
- The service cannot result in the payment of money, school/varsity letter or be related to a class or grade with the exception of Introduction to Social Sciences class.
- The service cannot be related to the student's employment or the employment of a relative.
- The service cannot be performed for relatives or friends.
- Providing childcare (babysitting will only be accepted when arranged through the Fenton Community Service Office.)
- Assisting the elderly must be pre-approved.
- Community Service hours completed for court ordered hours or any other requirement will not count toward Fenton's community service requirement.



After completing a Community Service activity, students are required to complete a time log signed by the supervising adult and return it to Mrs. Bohnen in the main office. Forms are available on the Fenton website at www.fenton100.org, and outside the main office by the Community Service bulletin board.

The Community Service bulletin board is located outside of the main office where volunteer opportunities are posted for sign up. Signing up to volunteer at an event is a commitment to attend. It is the student's responsibility to write down the date, time and location. We will not send reminder cards. Students should take a Community Service log with them to be signed when they volunteer.

If a student has any question whether something counts towards the Fenton volunteer requirement, they should see Mrs. Bohnen, Community Service Coordinator, in the main office or contact her at 630-860-8624 or bohnens@fenton100.org.

Please note: babysitting for relatives, neighbors or daycare centers or working at a for-profit (restaurant, retail store, salon) without pay is NOT considered a volunteer opportunity and will not be counted toward the Fenton Community Service Requirement.

Activities & Athletics

All future freshmen and their families are invited to meet and talk with sport coaches, club sponsors, and current Fenton students involved in more than 50 different co-curricular activities. Take advantage of this opportunity to discover all that Fenton offers.

Co-Curricular Activities List



- Students on Stage
- Students United (STUNT)
- Swimming
- Swing Choir
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Tri-M Music Honor Society
- Volleyball
- Wrestling

- Academic Team
- Autos Club
- Badminton
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Bison Buddies
- Bison Environmental Activists Team (BEAT)
- Bison Link Crew
- Bison Nation
- Black Student Union (BSU)
- Bowling
- BRAVE
- Cheerleading
- Chess Club
- Color Guard
- Contest Drama
- Cross Country
- Dance Force
- Dungeons & Dragons
- Fall Play
- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- Football
- Freshman Class Council
- Garden Club
- Golf
- Group Interpretation
- *Highlights* Yearbook Club
- Hiking Club
- *Kaleidoscope* Literary Magazine
- Marching Band
- Image Makers
- Interact
- Jazz Ensemble
- Jazz Lab Band
- Junior Class Council
- Math Team
- National Honor Society
- Pep Band
- Senior Class Council
- *The Signal* Newspaper
- Soccer
- Softball
- Sophomore Class Council
- Speech Team
- Spring Musical
- Stage Crew
- Student Council



Co-Curricular Opportunities: Athletics

Students may fill out sports registration forms starting in July. The forms can be found in paper copy in the Athletic Office or online (forms are available on Fenton's website under Activities/Athletics, then click on Athletic News & Forms). Each student-athlete must also complete Steroid & Concussions Forms. If you choose to register for sports online, these forms are included. Paper copies can be found in the Athletic Office, or online (forms are available on Fenton's website under Activities/Athletics, then click on Athletic News & Forms).

Freshmen require a full physical (physicals are good for 13 months). Freshman school physicals are acceptable for athletics. Physicals can be dropped off to the nurse or Athletic Department. Sophomore, juniors and seniors must have a sports physical annually.

All athletes must be cleared by August 12, 2024 for the fall season. Registration for winter and spring athletes is due five days before the season start dates.

Fenton has an Athletic Participation Fee, which is \$50.00 per sport (maximum \$100.00 each school year).

Athletics By Season

FALL

- Cheerleading (start August 12)
- Cross Country (start August 12)
- Dance (start August 12)
- Football (start August 12)
- Golf (start August 12)
- Soccer (boys; start August 12)
- Swimming & Diving (girls; start August 12)
- Tennis (girls; start August 12)
- Volleyball (girls; start August 12)

WINTER

- Basketball (boys start Nov. 11; girls start Nov. 4)
- Bowling (boys start Oct. 28, girls start Nov. 11)
- Competitive Cheer (start October 28)
- Competitive Dance (start October 28)
- Swimming & Diving (boys; start Nov. 25)
- Wrestling (boys; start November 11)

SPRING

- Badminton (girls; start March 3)
- Baseball (boys; start March 3)
- Soccer (girls; start March 3)
- Softball (girls; start March 3)
- Tennis (boys; start March 3)
- Track and Field (start January 20)
- Volleyball (boys; start March 10)

Student training opportunities also are available during all three seasons.



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Co-Curricular Opportunities: Fine Arts

FALL

- Fall Play
- Freshman Fall Play
- Students on Stage (SOS)
- Marching Band (must be enrolled in a band class to participate)
- Jazz Ensemble/Jazz Lab Band
- Color Guard (performs with marching band)
- Swing Choir
- Tri-M Music Honor Society

WINTER

- Pep Band (performs at basketball games)
- Jazz Ensemble/Jazz Lab Band
- Swing Choir
- Tri-M Music Honor Society
- Speech Team
- Contest Drama

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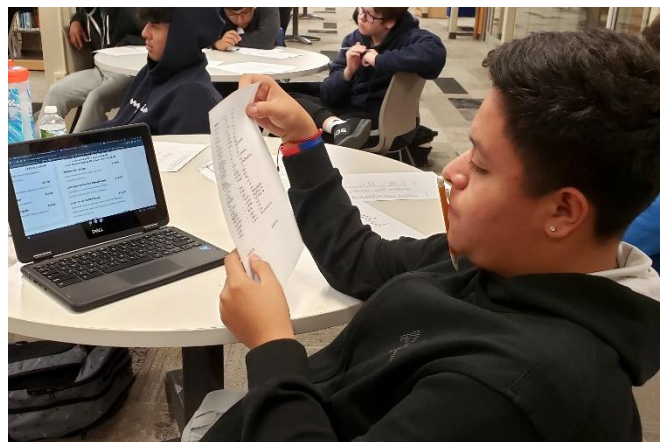
- Spring Musical
- Jazz Ensemble/Jazz Lab Band
- Pit Orchestra (accompanies Spring Musical)
- Swing Choir
- Tri-M Music Honor Society
- Group Interpretation



Chromebooks and Technology

How Freshmen Receive Their Chromebook

All incoming ninth grade students receive a new Chromebook from the school which they keep until their time at Fenton is finished. To pick up their Chromebook, freshmen will receive a Chromebook Agreement that must be read and signed by both the student and their parent/guardian. Chromebooks are delivered to the students when they come to pick up their textbooks in early August.



Student Access to Technology

Fenton students are provided access to many applications and technologies. Every student is provided with a Google G Suite for Education account which provides them with access to email and other productivity applications. In addition, every student and parent will receive login information for PowerSchool, Fenton's student information system, which provides access to information such as the student's class schedule information, attendance and grades.

The ChromeZone, located at the west end of the Cafeteria, is where students go if they need assistance with their Chromebook. During the school year, the ChromeZone is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

All technologies provided by Fenton High School are intended to serve instructional purposes. Students and their parents/guardians are reminded that use of District Technology is a privilege and not a right and that everything done on any District-owned device or network may be monitored by school authorities. Students must at all times comply with the District's Access to Electronic Networks Policy (6:235) and corresponding Student Technology Acceptable Use Policy (6:235 AP2). All login information (account names and passwords) should be kept private at all times.

If an incoming ninth grade student needs a Chromebook for use during summer school, a temporary Chromebook will be provided to the student once the Chromebook agreement is signed and returned.

Connect with the Link Crew!

Fenton's Link Crew is a club with returning students who are eager to help freshmen find their way around school and answer any questions.

Link Crew Freshman Orientation Coordinators:

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Required Health Forms

Illinois School Code requires that all children entering ninth grade, transferring in from out of state or out of the country have an Illinois State physical examination **within one year prior to entry into Fenton High School**. In addition, student's immunization records must be up to date and meet Illinois State requirements.

All physicals/immunizations must be completed on the *Certificate of Child Health Examination** form or it cannot be accepted. Please be sure the following information is provided before it is returned to Fenton High School:

- Your child's name and information should be entered on both sides of the form.
- Documentation of your child's immunization history with the healthcare provider's signature is required. If you need a copy of your child's immunization record, please contact the health office at the school your child currently attends.
- Completed health history with parent/guardian signature and date.
- Sports/IHSA physicals do not qualify as an Illinois State physical and cannot be accepted.
- If your family has a religious objection to physical/immunizations an *Illinois Certificate of Religious Exemption** form must be completed as required by law.

If your child will require medication while at school a *Medication Authorization form** must be completed in order to receive over-the-counter or prescription medication(s). One form must be completed for EACH medication.

Illinois School Code also requires that all incoming Freshman present proof of having a dental exam by a dentist no later than May 15th of the school year. All dental exams must be completed on the *Proof of School Dental Examination Form**. If a student has an undue burden or does not have access to a dentist parent/guardians may complete a *Dental Examination Waiver Form** and provide it to the school.

*All forms mentioned above can be found on Fenton's website at www.fenton100.org under the Parents/Students tab, then click on Health Office. Physicals and immunizations are due to Fenton High School no later than October 15th of each school year or your child will be excluded from school as required by law. Dental forms are due no later than May 15th of the school year. Please drop off all forms to the main office or mail/email to Jill Wisnewski, District 100 Nurse.

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Ida Claytor, Health Assistant (se habla espanol)

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Frequently Asked Questions

How can I access course information and learn more about what is taught in each course?

To access the *Fenton High School Course and Program Description Catalog*, go to www.fenton100.org and click on the "Course Offerings" button on the home page.

Which courses should my student take for college?

All information pertaining to graduation requirements and college admissions requirements can be found in the *College and Career Program Guide* under "College Entrance Recommendations and Requirements." Many colleges require a world language and/or fine arts courses above and beyond the Fenton graduation requirements. Your counselor is a good resource for detailed information on college admissions requirements.

What is a normal class load?

The typical school day consists of eight 45-minute periods. Seven periods of the day are class time, and one period of the day is lunch. Freshmen are also assigned to a Bison Time class, which meets for 35 minutes every day except Monday.

What time does school start and end?

School begins at 8:00 am and ends at 3:15 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Mondays, students have a late start day in which school begins at 10:00 am and ends at 3:15 pm. Each period lasts 35 minutes on Mondays, and there is no Bison Time.

What is Bison Time?

All Fenton students are assigned to a Bison Time class that meets Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for 35 minutes between periods 2 and 3. Freshman Bison Time classes are supervised by Fenton teachers as well as Peer Mentors, who assist in the freshman transition to high school. Students utilize Bison Time for homework and academic support. Additionally, counselors regularly make visits to Bison Time to meet with their students regarding course selection and postsecondary planning.

What if my student is having difficulties in a class?

If a student is having a problem in a class, all remedies start with the student talking to the teacher. It is advised that a student should make an appointment to meet a teacher before school, after school, during lunch or during Bison Time. We also encourage students to meet with their counselors. Counselors will share resources and support available and assist students in developing plans to address their concerns.

Should my student take summer school courses?

Some students are recommended for summer bridge programming in the areas of mathematics or reading over the summer, and it is required that those students attend in order to receive necessary academic support. For students not recommended for bridge programming, it is not required that they attend summer school, but taking summer school allows a student to get familiar with the building, which will assist in their transition to high school. We also offer other courses to meet individual interests and needs. Each session of summer school lasts 3 weeks, and cost varies from free to \$150 per 3-week session, depending on the course.

When can my student take Driver Education?

This one-semester course is typically taken during sophomore year, as students are ineligible to take the course during freshman year. Some students will take the class during the summer after their freshman year, depending on their age. The student must have earned at least eight credits in the previous two semesters. Passing the classroom phase of Driver's Education is required for graduation.

How do we learn about co-curricular activities?

Students and parents are invited to attend the Activities & Athletics Fair on January 12, 2024 to meet coaches, sponsors and students involved in student activities. Students are also given information about activities and athletics during the school year by their Peer Mentors during Bison Time. In addition, students will receive a mailing over the summer from the Athletic Department regarding summer camps and sports practices, and club and sport meeting times are announced on the daily announcements during Bison Time.

Are there late-afternoon buses for students involved in sports and student activities?

Each day there are late buses that leave at 5:00 pm and 6:30 pm. The route each bus will take is determined by the destinations of the students riding.

How can my student see his/her counselor?

Counselors support students in various ways in the areas of academics, postsecondary planning, and social-emotional development. There are many ways students can arrange to meet with their counselor. Students can see the secretary in the counseling office to arrange a meeting. Additionally, students can email their counselor directly, or they can go to the Fenton website, click on "Resources," then "Counseling and Student Resources," then "Make an Appointment."

What school supplies do freshmen need?

Supplies will vary from class to class and each individual teacher will let students know what is necessary for successful organization and preparation in their course. As a part of registration fees, each freshman student will get 2 binders and 2 sets of tabs, as well as a PE uniform, locks for the hall locker and the gym locker, and a student planner.

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