



# FREEPORT AREA HIGH SCHOOL

*National Blue Ribbon School -1998 and 2020*

625 South Pike Road  
Sarver, Pennsylvania 16055  
Phone: (724) 295-5143  
Fax: (724)295-2390

Timothy Walters  
Principal  
Extension 1259

Chaz Shipman  
Assistant Principal  
Extension 1258

Renee Bogan  
Assistant Principal  
Extension 2103

Nina Fulton  
School Counselor A-K  
Extension 1257

Edward Hanna  
School Counselor L-Z  
Extension 1247

July 8, 2024

Dear Freeport Area High School Families,

We are excited to have the opportunity to work with you and your family during the 2024-2025 school year. This letter is to notify you of a few handbook or procedural changes that will be occurring at the high school this upcoming school year.

## **Student Procedural Information**

On the following pages, please review the student procedures information provided, including:

- The tardy bell for all HS entrances is 7:25am. Students must be in their assigned homeroom classrooms by 7:30am.
- Please note the new attendance policies for *unexcused absences*.

## **Locker Assignments, by Request Only**

All students are not assigned lockers or combination locks without request. Only students who request a locker will receive one and a combination lock. Students not requesting a locker or combination lock are not permitted to utilize a locker or utilize another student's locker. Office staff will accept locker requests via electronic form before the start of the school year. The office will send out an online request form to all students/families in the future.

## **Save the Dates!**

*Parking Passes for Upperclassmen*  
*Senior Parking Spot Painting*  
*9th Grade/New Student Orientation*  
*Secondary Open House*


Information to be sent via Connect in early August  
Tuesday, August 13th *or* Wednesday, August 14th  
Tuesday, August 13th (7pm, more info TBA)  
Wednesday, August 28th (5-7pm, followed by Spirit Night)

Please get in touch with the High School Office if you have any questions or concerns at 724-295-5143. We look forward to working with your students very soon. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,  
*Your FAHS Principals*



# **F.A.H.S. STUDENT PROCEDURES**

<i>Freeport Area High School</i> <b><u>Regular Bell Schedule</u></b>		<b>2024-2025</b> 
Security Checks (Doors 1 & 11)	7:11-7:25	
Late Arrival Bell (Door 1 & 11) & Dismissal to Homeroom	7:25	
Tardy Bell (in Homeroom class)	7:30	
Homeroom/Period 1	7:30 - 8:18	
Period 2	8:22 - 9:03	
Period 3	9:07 - 9:48	
Period 4	9:52 - 10:33	
<i><b>If you eat Pd. 5 Lunch:</b></i> <i>Pd. 5 Lunch – 10:37-11:07</i> <i>then</i> <i>Pd. 6 Class – 11:11-11:52</i>	<i><b>If you eat Pd. 6 Lunch:</b></i> <i>Pd. 5 Class – 10:37-11:18</i> <i>then</i> <i>Pd. 6 Lunch – 11:22-11:52</i>	
WIN	11:56-12:22	
Period 7	12:26 - 1:07	
Period 8	1:11 - 1:52	
Period 9	1:56 - 2:37	
Van Dismissal & P.M. Announcements (in Pd. 9)	2:37-2:41	
Student Dismissal	2:41	

- ***The tardy bell for all HS entrances is 7:25am.***
- ***Student drop off and/or pickup occurs in the Front Circle (until 2:20pm), then Door 9 (after 2:20pm)***
- ***Students cannot be picked up in the front of the building between 2:20-2:55pm. All pickups between those times occur at HS Door 9.***

# ATTENDANCE

Please use [fhsattendance@freeport.k12.pa.us](mailto:fhsattendance@freeport.k12.pa.us) to report all absences, excuses, and medical excuses.

## Excused Absences

- **10 Non-Medical Excuses Maximum, with excuse provided to office within 3 school days of student's return**
- **5 days, Non-Medical:** 5 Day Warning Email Notification
- **10 days, Non-Medical:** 10 Day Warning Letter

## Unexcused Absences

- **No excuse provided to office within 3 school days of student's return OR over 10 non-medical excuses**
- **3 Days, Unexcused:** School Attendance Improvement Plan & contact parent/guardian
- **6 Days, Unexcused:** Truancy Intervention Program/class, contact parent/guardian, & Final Letter sent home to parent/guardian
- **9+ Days, Unexcused:** citation and/or CYS referral\*

*\*For any student 18 years of age or older, there are no citations or CYS referrals. Upon reaching 9 or more unexcused days, students will automatically receive zeros placed in the gradebook for missing assignments and coursework on the illegal/unexcused school days moving forward.*

## Unexcused Tardies & Unexcused Early Releases

- **Up to 10 Tardies & 10 Early Releases with non-medical excuses provided on that given day (parental excuses will not be accepted after that given day)**
- **1st offense (5 unexcused):** formal warning and email notification
- **2nd offense (10 unexcused):** formal letter and 1 detention
- **3 or more offenses (11+ unexcused):** formal letter, loss of privileges for extracurricular activities, ISS and/or detentions moving forward at administrative discretion
- Student drivers will lose parking privileges after 10 unexcused tardies/early releases (see Parking Pass Application stipulations)

# CONDUCT

## Nicotine Products and/or Vapes

### (Distribution/Possession/Usage)

- **Offense #1:** Smokeless Saturday, 1 ISS (scheduled with Keystone Wellness vaping class), & 1 OSS
- **Offense #2:** 3-10 days OSS & citation
- **Offense #3 and beyond:** may result in alternative placement & citation

## Controlled Substances

### (Distribution/Possession/Usage)

The possession, distribution, acquisition, use or being under the influence of a controlled substance while attending school or any school-sponsored activity will result in a recommendation for expulsion for a minimum of 45 days subject to a stipulated adjudication approved by or a formal hearing before the Board of School Directors.

## Study Hall & WIN Policy

- *Students must report to their assigned location (with a supervising teacher) on time.*
- *Students cannot report to another location without checking in with the supervising teacher and showing a pre-approved SmartPass from the Office or faculty member.*
- *Students must make and get pre-approved SmartPasses before study hall or WIN begins.*
- ***Study halls and WIN areas are silent work areas unless you are participating in another location for a meeting or club activity. If a student needs help, the supervising faculty member can assist (or the Academic Support teacher assigned to the study hall period). Just ask!***
- ***Cell phone usage is not permitted during study halls or WIN. Personal electronic device violation procedures will occur.***

## **Personal Electronic Devices (Cell Phones/Earbuds/Watches)**

The only acceptable electronic device for all students while in classrooms, study halls, and W.I.N. is school-issued Chromebooks. Usage in the hallways, restrooms, study halls, WIN, and classrooms is prohibited. Students may utilize their devices during their scheduled lunch times and during entry/dismissal times only. ***Students are always welcome to come to the office to call home and should not be using their devices during the school day (except during lunch time).***

*If a student is utilizing their cell phone to contact their parent/guardian to go home, and the student leaves early with or without the parent, the absence will be counted towards the parental absence total of 10 (or unexcused/illegal if 10-absences have been totaled). In addition, the student's cell phone will be confiscated on the next school day for inappropriate use.*

- ***Offenses #1 to 4***
  - ***Before lunch period: provide the device to the office staff for retrieval at the school dismissal bell; formal letter sent home***
  - ***After lunch period: provide the device to the office for the remainder of that school day and until the next school day's lunch period, then retrieve device from office; formal letter sent home***
- ***Offense #5 and beyond***
  - ***Extended confiscations and/or additional consequences will be applied at the discretion of Administration.***

## **Dress Code**

***Students must wear clothing to cover the back, chest, midriff, buttocks, and undergarments while sitting and standing.*** Hats, hoods, visors, and other headgear such as bandanas, kerchiefs, scarves, etc., are not to be worn during school hours without administrative approval. Obscene, profane language, sexual innuendo, references to alcohol or illegal substances (including pictures and words), provocative pictures on clothing or jewelry, and clothing with ridiculing or double-meaning phrases are prohibited. ***Any insubordination to comply with changing clothes will result in ISS.***

- *Shorts and skirts must be visible beyond a top/tshirt.*
- *Dog collars, spikes, or industrial chains (not jewelry) are not permitted to be worn around the neck.*
- *Pants/Shorts must cover all undergarments. Pockets covering a hole near/over undergarments is not appropriate covering.*
- *Form fitting shorts that are typically worn in athletic activities (i.e. volleyball, track, gymnastics) are not permitted during school hours.*
- *Steel-toed footwear is not permitted at any time.*
- ***Offenses #1 to 4: Formal Letter, Student changes and returns to class***
- ***Offense #5: Formal Letter & 1 Detention***
- ***Offense #6 and beyond (or any insubordination): Formal Letter and ISS***





# FREEPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024-2025



August 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

8

September 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

20

October 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

23

November 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

18

December 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

15

January 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

19

February 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

20

March 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	30	24	31	25	26	27
				28	29	

21

April 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

17

May 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

21

June 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

0

Legend						
<span style="color: green;">■</span>	First and Last Days of School					
<span style="color: blue;">○</span>	In-Service Days—No School					
<span style="color: red;">■</span>	Vacation Days					
<span style="color: orange;">■</span>	Early Dismissal Days					
<span style="color: brown;">■</span>	Conferences—No School					
<span style="color: purple;">■</span>	Snow Make-up Days					
<span style="color: yellow;">■</span>	PSSA Exams (see dates below)					
<span style="color: magenta;">■</span>	Keystone Exams (see dates below)					
<span style="color: pink;">■</span>	End of 9-Weeks Period					
<span style="color: cyan;">★</span>	Tentative Graduation					

August 16  
Aug 19-20  
August 21  
September 2  
September 20  
October 11  
October 14  
October 23  
November 25-26  
November 27-29  
Dec 23 - Jan 2  
January 3  
January 6-17  
January 13

Teacher Clerical Day  
Teacher In-Service Days  
First Day for Students  
Labor Day—NO SCHOOL  
Early Dismissal Day  
Early Dismissal Day  
Teacher In-Service—NO SCHOOL  
End of First 9-Weeks  
Parent/Teacher Conferences—NO SCHOOL  
Thanksgiving Break—NO SCHOOL  
Winter Break—NO SCHOOL  
Teacher In-Service Day—NO SCHOOL  
Keystone Exams  
End of Second 9-Weeks

January 20  
February 14  
February 17  
March 14  
March 18  
April 14  
April 15  
April 16  
April 17  
April 18  
April 21-25  
April 28 - May 2  
May 12-23  
May 26  
May 30

Teacher In-Service—NO SCHOOL  
Early Dismissal Day  
Teacher In-Service—NO SCHOOL  
Early Dismissal Day  
End of Third 9-Weeks  
Snow Make-Up Day #1  
Snow Make-Up Day #2  
Snow Make-Up Day #3  
Snow Make-Up Day #4  
Spring Break—NO SCHOOL  
Grades 3-8 PSSA English Language Arts  
Grades 3-8 PSSA Mathematics/Science/Makeup  
Keystone Exams  
Memorial Day  
Last Day of School/Early Dismissal/Tentative Graduation

182 Days, including four (4) Act 80 days: 10/14, 11/25, 11/26, and 2/17

APPROVED  
2/14/2024