

Welcome to our Highland High Family Class of 2029!



We are very excited that your child will be attending Highland High School, and we look forward to meeting them on Orientation Day! As you may know, our school participates in the nationwide Link Crew Program. The organization's sole purpose is to help freshmen feel more comfortable as well as help them achieve success in their first year of high school.

The Link Crew freshman transition program is designed to both welcome and support freshmen by connecting sophomore, junior, or senior Link Leaders with our incoming freshman class. Our Link Leaders are hand selected from a large pool of applicants who have met specific qualifications. Our leaders are responsible, demonstrate positive leadership qualities, and ultimately are great role models for all students on campus.

The following are important dates for you and your student(s). Please make sure your freshman can attend the date assigned to their last name. We will have Link Leaders waiting to meet your student on the assigned day. If your student needs to change days or will not be able to attend on their day, please contact us at the emails below.

Freshman Orientation is located in the Main Gym: (drop-off in student lot on Hawk Drive):

Freshman Orientation Info: Thursday, July 17th or Friday, July 18th

The orientation will be split by last names beginning with:

A-L attend on July 17 8 am-11:30 am

***M-Z attend on July 18 8 am-11:30 am**

****Marching Band students will attend orientation on July 18th regardless of last name.***

***Orientation will start at 8:00 am PROMPT**

- 1) Please do NOT bring backpacks, purses, or other like items as the day is quite active.
- 2) Because the day is active, please make sure that your child wears comfortable clothing that does not restrict movement. We will be sitting on floors and moving around - mini skirts or short shorts are not advisable.

This is a **student-only function**, and we highly encourage you to allow your child to attend on his or her own. We are very sensitive to the fact that this transition is a big step for some parents. We strive to make sure your student has a positive experience and returns home happy!

If your student has special needs that may require support, please contact us (at the emails below) and inform us of the accommodations needed or suggestions to help your student have a successful day.

If necessary, student chromebooks will be available for pick-up in the Commons during/after orientation. In order to pick up Chromebooks, families must have returned their previous Chromebook, completed all technology release forms in Infinite Campus, and show an ID.

We look forward to meeting your child on orientation day! Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions, comments, or concerns. We are excited to have your student "Linked" into Highland. Welcome to the Hawk Fam!

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