

**WELCOME FSD
EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

Playground Party

Wednesday, July 23 5:00 - 6:30 pm

(Our building will not be open at this event but the public is invited to check out our playground!)

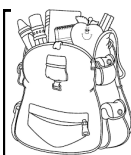
Grand Opening Community & Family Celebration

Wednesday, August 13 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Meet the Teacher

Wednesday, August 20

(Time TBD)



School Supply lists are available on the district website at www.fsd145.org and at local retail stores. Supplies vary by grade level.

Please note that for the 2025-2026 school year parents/guardians are responsible for purchasing school supplies.

School Improvement Days will be full days for staff *students will not attend school* on the following SID dates:

- 09/24/25
- 11/25/25
- 01/16/26
- 05/22/26



BACK TO SCHOOL!

2025-2026

Interested in being an employee of Freeport School District?

Visit our website at www.fsd145.org to view current openings or contact our Central Office at 815-232-0300.

FSD Summer Hours- through August 8th:
Monday to Thursday 7 AM to 5 PM

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION MESSAGE:

If you have not already done so, please officially register your child (including all returning students) online at www.fsd145.org immediately. Contact the Enrollment & Transportation office at 815-232-0580 with questions.

Do you have a child entering Kindergarten in August? Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before September 1st, 2025.

Proof of residency in Freeport School District is required for new students.



UPCOMING DATES

FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL

SCHEDULE PICKUP DAY:

August 6th & 11th
8:00 AM-6:00 PM

Please enter at the Moseley St. entrance. School fees can be paid and required forms can be turned in, including: sports physicals, 9th grade physicals, and 12th grade immunization forms

FRESHMAN /NEW STUDENT OPEN HOUSE:

August 19th
6:00 -7:30 PM

Walk Your Schedule, Activity Fair—Library
Freshman Parent Meeting 6:30—Cafeteria

MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT:

September 3rd
6:00-7:30 PM

FREEPORT ALT. HIGH SCHOOL

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
August 13
10:00-11:00 AM *or* 1:00 -2 :00 PM

FREEPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Student Orientation
(schedule pickup, walk-thru)

August 12th—6th Grade
5:00 - 6:00 PM
August 13th—7th Grade
5:00 - 6:00 PM
August 14th—6th Grade
5:00 - 6:00 PM

Family Meet the Teacher Night
September 3rd / 5:30—7:00 PM

JONES-FARRAR, IB (K-7)

Meet the Teacher Night
August 19th
5:00—6:30 PM

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

CENTER & LINCOLN DOUGLAS

August 19th
5:00—6:30 PM

EMPIRE
August 20th
5:00—6:30 PM

BLACKHAWK SCHOOL will not host a meet the teacher night due to construction. The school will provide parents with additional information.



School Begins Thursday, August 21st for Grades K-12

(Preschool Begins Friday, August 22nd)

DAILY SCHOOL SCHEDULES

Freeport High School & Freeport Middle School	07:30 AM—02:30 PM
Jones-Farrar, an IB World School (K-5)	09:05 AM—03:40 PM
Jones-Farrar 6th & 7th Grade	07:45 PM—02:45 PM
Blackhawk School	08:55 AM—03:30 PM
Center School	09:05 AM—03:40 PM
Empire & Lincoln-Douglas Schools	09:20 AM—03:55 PM
Early Childhood Center (Full Day Preschool)	08:40 AM - 03:20 PM
AM Preschool	08:40 AM - 11:10 AM
PM Preschool	12:50 PM - 03:20 PM



***PLEASE NOTE:** The ESSER III Grant coverage of student school registration fees has ended. This means that parents/guardians are responsible for registration fees for their students. Fee waivers will be available in late July and will be accepted until September 30th for the 2025-2026 school year. Students who enroll after September 30th are still eligible for a fee waiver. Please contact the Enrollment and Transportation Center.

For your convenience, school fees may be paid online by credit card via Illinois E-Pay at www.fsd145.org, or by cash, check, or credit card at the FHS Business Office, or by cash or check only at the FSD Enrollment & Transportation Center or other school offices.

Credit card payments will include a service fee of 2.25% or \$1.00 minimum.

STUDENT FEE INFORMATION

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FEES:

Grades K-5 \$50.00

JONES-FARRAR SCHOOL FEES:

Grades K-5 \$50.00
Grades 6-7 \$75.00

FREEPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL FEES:

Grades 6-8 \$75.00
Advanced Art (8th) \$25.00
Industrial Tech II \$40.00
P.E. Shirt / Skating Fee \$25.00

Chromebook Insurance is available for the coverage of student Chromebook for the 2025-26 school year. The cost is \$25, per student.

HIGH SCHOOL FEES:

Grades 9-12 \$100.00

ELECTIVES:

Accounting Workbook I or II	\$30.00
AP Classes	No Fee
Art: Ceramics, Sculpture Jewelry	\$30.00
CATS I (<i>Careers in Auto Tech & Serv</i>)	\$40.00
CATS II (<i>Careers in Auto Tech & Serv</i>)	\$40.00
CIB (<i>Careers in Business</i>)	\$25.00
Construction Trades I, II (ea.)	\$50.00
Culinary Arts I	\$75.00
Culinary Arts II	No Fee
Digital Design & Animation II	\$ 30.00
Drivers Education	\$270.00
<i>(\$250 course fee + \$20 permit fee)</i>	
HOYA I (Health Occupations)	\$203.00
HOYA II (Health Occupations)	\$196.00
Interactive Design & Animation I	\$ 30.00
Nutrition (Family & Consumer Science)	\$ 25.00
Spanish Workbook I, II, III	\$ 20.00
Yearbook	\$ 60.00

Please do not pay for elective courses until you have received your child's schedule.

Please take a look inside for more information about:

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- ◆ Physical & Immunization Requirements
- ◆ FHS Athletics

FREEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTACTS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Receptionist: 232-0300

Business & Finance: 232-0305

Curriculum: 232-0310

Enrollment & Transportation: 232-0580

Human Resources: 232-0306

Language & Culture: 232-0300

Nutrition & Dining Services: 232-0319

Pupil Personnel Services (Sp. Ed): 801-0139

Student & Family Engagement: 232-0321

Superintendent: 232-0308

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Blackhawk: 232-0490

Center: 232-0480

Empire: 232-0610

Lincoln-Douglas: 232-0370

FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL

Main Office: 232-0400

Attendance Office: 232-0415

FREEPORT ALTERNATIVE HS: 233-0796

S.I.T.E. @BBEC: 235-8027

FREEPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Main Office / Attendance: 232-0500

JONES-FARRAR, IB

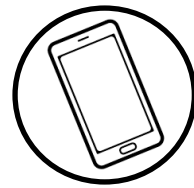
Main Office / Attendance: 232-0610

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Main Office / Attendance: 232-0340

All staff can be reached via email at:

firstname.lastname@fsd145.or



Tell us how to send you announcements & alerts! Use Family Access and set your own notification preferences. Register with your child's school to set up your Family Access Account today!

GENERAL INFORMATION

Freeport School District #145 (FSD) ensures that equal education opportunities are offered to students regardless of race, creed, color, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disabling conditions. FSD does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational program, activities, or employment policies as required by Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

FSD provides special education related services to all eligible children from age 3 through age 21. Call 815-801-0139 for more information. Please note the Illinois State Board of Education has extended the survey response window for completion of parent surveys, which are mailed to the parents of students of disabilities. We encourage all parents to complete this survey.

ENROLLING A STUDENT FOR THE FIRST TIME?

You must provide the school with the child's birth certificate and physical examination records. Children entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2025. Children entering 1st grade must be 6 years old by the same date. Register your child today at www.fsd145.org or contact the FSD Enrollment & Transportation Center at 2037 W. Galena Avenue or 815-232-0580 for more information.

! FIRST DAY EXCLUSION - REQUIRED PHYSICALS/IMMUNIZATIONS MUST BE ON FILE TO START SCHOOL

All students beginning preschool, Kindergarten, 6th and 9th grades in FSD145 are required to provide proof of a current State of Illinois physical examination and various required vaccinations by the first day of school in August 2025. Students in 12th grade must also provide proof of certain vaccinations. Students new to FSD from outside the state must also have a current physical, regardless of grade. **Please be advised that students will not be admitted on the first day of school if they don't have the required physical and immunizations on file.** Therefore, please arrange for any required physicals and immunizations for your student with a medical provider as soon as possible. For more information on requirements, contact the Pupil Personnel Department at 815-801-0139 or visit the district website at www.fsd145.org.

DENTAL & VISION EXAMS

The State of Illinois requires all students in Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grades to provide proof of a dental examination to the school by May 15, 2026. All Illinois children upon first entry into school, including all Kindergarten students, must also provide proof of an eye exam performed by an ophthalmologist or an optometrist by October 15, 2025.

STUDENT DRESS GUIDELINES : Approved by the Board of Education on June 6, 2023

Student's can choose clothing that makes them feel comfortable and safe, **as long as it complies with the following guidelines:**

Clothing must cover all appropriate areas at all times. Appropriate areas include stomach, chest, butt, back, and upper thigh areas. Pants need to be secured at the waist or hip level. Ripped jeans on the upper thighs must have leggings underneath.

Shirts must have sleeves. Sleeves are defined as material past the shoulder seam of a shirt. Underclothes/undergarments worn in an exposed manner are unacceptable (Includes, but not limited to bras, underwear, and boxers.)

Pajama wear including tops, pants and slippers are not acceptable attire to wear at school unless a day is set aside by the school for Pajama Day, ex. during Spirit Week.

Attire or accessories that directly, by innuendo, or look-alike promote alcohol, drugs, sex, pornography, profanity, violence, gangs, and weapons may not be worn at school.

Students cannot wear anything that includes hate speech, images, or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment for others, including any protected class or marginalized group. Hate speech includes any form of expression through which speakers vilify, humiliate, or incite hatred against a group or a class of persons on the basis of race, religion, skin color, sexual identity, gender identity, ethnicity, disability, immigrant status, or national origin (adapted from the American Library Association).

Head coverings are not to be worn in the building. Exceptions may be made for religious or medical reasons. Outerwear (coats, blankets, etc) are not permitted to be worn during the school day.

ENROLLMENT & TRANSPORTATION



All eligible students will begin receiving bus service starting the first day of school, Thursday, August 21st, for grades K–12 and Friday, August 22nd, for preschool. Families will receive automated calls with transportation details on July 30th, August 6th, 17th, and 20th. Make sure to write bus times down. Please note that any transportation changes must be submitted by August 7th. Changes received after that date will take effect starting Tuesday, September 2, 2025.

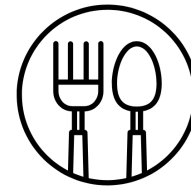
Bus passes will be distributed to students during your school's "Meet the Teacher" event, or on the first day of school. Students will NOT need a pass in order to ride the bus on the first day of school. We kindly ask for your patience during the first week of school as buses may run slightly behind schedule as students become familiar with their stops and routines.

Enrollment Reminders:

Children who will turn five on or before September 1st are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten. Please contact the Enrollment & Transportation Center for more information.

Returning families - don't forget to complete your online enrollment forms to help avoid any scheduling delays. Proof of residency is required for all new students and for any returning students with a change of address.

SCHOOL MEALS



All Freeport School District students have the opportunity to eat breakfast and lunch at school at no cost. The district is a participant in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), a program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture that is available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

This program enables our schools to provide one reimbursable breakfast and one reimbursable lunch each day for ALL students enrolled in FSD145 at no charge. Students who would like to purchase an additional a la carte item may continue to do so using funds on their student lunch account or payment at the time of purchase.

Parents do NOT need to complete an application prior to the school year for their student to receive free meals.

Questions? Contact the Nutrition & Dining Services Dept. at 815-801-0105.

FHS Athletic Schedules, Participation Requirements, and General Info.

www.fsd145.org (Select *Freeport High School*, Select *Activities* tab,

Select *Athletics* from the drop down menu.)

Student Attendance at High School Athletic Events

- All Pre-K through 8th grade students who wish to attend high school home athletic events must be with their own parent/guardian in order to enter and must remain with them throughout the event.
- All 6th–8th grade students must present their school ID in order to enter the event.

Spectator Information

- The NIC-10 Conference ticket prices for this year: Adult, \$6.00, Students & Sr. Citizens, \$3.00. Ticket sales to home athletic events are sold online. For more information, please visit the athletic website.
- Our home and away volleyball, basketball, wrestling, football, and soccer events are broadcast NFHS Network and on HudlTV (varsity only) when available.
- To subscribe visit www.NFHSnetwork.com. Search for Freeport, subscribe and Follow. The annual pass is \$69 or the monthly pass is \$10.99/month.
- To watch on HudlTV, visit <https://fan.hudl.com/>. Search Freeport High School. There is no annual subscription fee to watch

Athletic Booster Membership

- Become an athletic booster today by joining the Freeport Pretzel Fans Club. For details email: freeportpretzefansclub@gmail.com

Find Pretzel sports schedules & information at: <http://il.8to18.com/FreeportHS>



UPCOMING DATES

CODE OF CONDUCT MEETING:

Monday, August 19th at 7:00 PM
FHS Cafeteria—new athletes & parents

FHN SPORTS PHYSICALS:

July 29th / 4:00 PM—7:00 PM

No Appointment Needed—FHN Burchard Hills
Cost \$25

4:00 - Track, Cross Country, Golf

4:30 PM - Soccer, Dance, Bowling, Cheer

5:00 PM - Volleyball, Swim, tennis Basketball

5:30 - NJROTC, Softball, Baseball

6:00 PM - Phantoms, Wrestling, Football

6:30 - Open to any Sport

PRACTICES FOR ALL FALL SPORTS BEGIN:

Monday, August 11th

PRETZEL FANS CLUB

KICK-OFF EVENT:

Friday, August 23rd starting at 4:30 PM

FIRST HOME FOOTBALL GAME

VS. BELVIDERE NORTH:

Friday, September 5th

FHS HOMECOMING PARADE:

Wednesday, October 1st at 5:00 PM

Interested in student accident coverage? Contact your child's school or the FHS Athletic Department for more information.