Things to Know

01 BELL SCHEDULE

School Starts at 7:50am

Full Day Bell Schedule

Time	Class Period
7:55 a.m. - 8:37 a.m.	1
8:41 a.m. - 9:29 a.m.	2/Announcements
9:33 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	3
10:19 a.m. – 11:01 a.m.	4
11:05 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	5 (Lunch)
11:54 a.m. – 12:39 p.m.	6 (Lunch)
12:43 p.m. – 1:28 p.m.	7 (Lunch)
1:32 p.m. – 2:14 p.m.	8
2:18 p.m. - 3:02 p.m.	9

02 Important Rules

- Swipe ID daily for attendance (ID must be worn)
- Phones go in Yondr pouches at start of day
- 4 tardies = 1 detention
- 2 T20s = 1 detention
- 1 unexcused absence = 1 detention
- 5+ unexcused absences = Saturday detention
- Zero tolerance for fighting

03 Allowed Verified Absences

18 absences = Full year CLass

9 Absences-= Semester CLass

6 absences = Quarter Class

MED do not count against attendance

FRESHMAN SURVIVAL TIPS

- ✅ Stay organized with a planner
- ✅ Don't be afraid to ask questions
- ✅ Learn how to read your schedule
- ✅ Use passing time wisely
- ✅ Get involved in clubs & activities
- ✅ Always check your school email

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Columbia High School Freshman Academy

~CLASS OF 2029~

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What is Freshman Academy

The Freshman Academy is designed to support **YOU** as you make the transition from middle school to high school. Our dedicated team of teachers, counselors, and administrators is here to help you succeed academically, socially, and emotionally.

Meet Your Team

Principal: Frank Sanchez

Assistant Principal: Abiodun Banner

Freshman Counselor(s): Yolande Fleming
Kelly Murphy

Your *teachers depend on your house assignment*

Important Dates

First Day of School: September 2nd, 2025
Picture Day: September 11 and 12th
Midterms: ~week of January 26th 2026
Finals: ~ Week ofJune 8th 2025
Last Day of School: June 18th, 2026

Academic Support Resources

- **Conference Periods:** M, W, TH
- **Achieve Tutoring** (registration required)
- **SLAM Lab** (during lunch Period)
- **Guidance counselor**

Emotional Support Resources

- **Request a Social Work Intern**
- **Go see the nurse**
- **Schedule a meeting with your Guidance Counselor**
- **Schedule a meeting Vice Principal**

"You belong here."



CHS ADMINISTRATION

Philip McCormick-AP Class of 2026
Sjocquelyn Winstead - Athletic Director
Lamech Obwoge- AP Class of 2027
Abiodun Banner- Freshman Academy
Tracie Morrison- Class of 2028
Frank Sanchez- Principal of CHS

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