









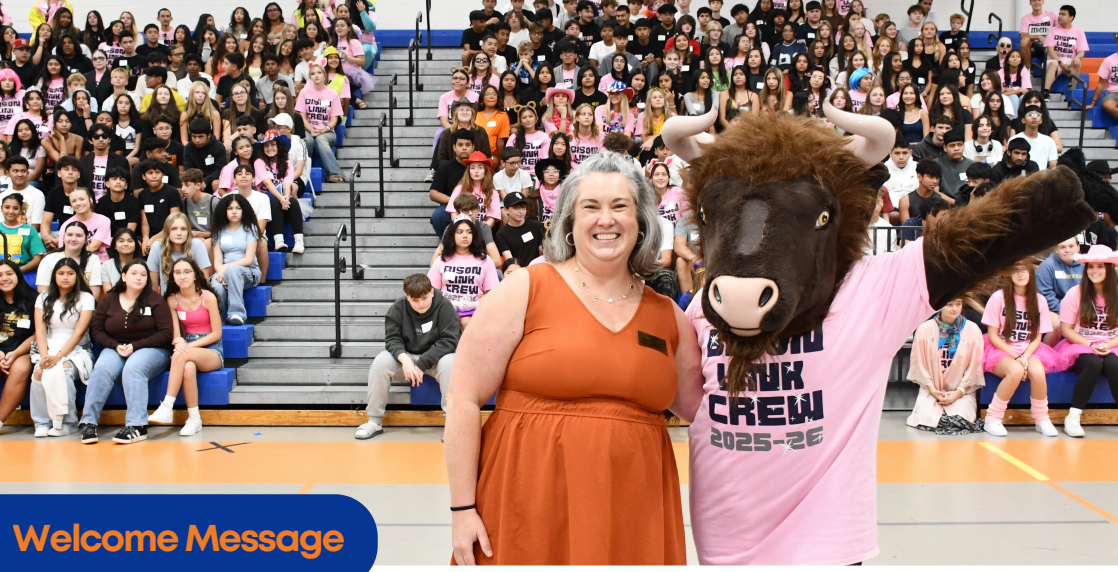


Future Freshmen

A Guide for Incoming Freshmen for the Class of 2030

Fenton High School

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Welcome Message

Welcome to Fenton!

As you and your student embark on this new chapter in education, you'll find that Fenton is a place where you can explore your passions, challenge yourself academically, and build lifelong friendships. Whether it's through engaging classes, extracurricular activities, or athletic programs, there's something here for everyone.

This booklet is designed to help you and your family navigate the transition to high school with ease. Inside, you'll find important information about course selection, school policies, extracurricular activities and athletics and much more. It's a valuable resource that we encourage you to keep handy as you prepare for this exciting new chapter.

Remember, you are not alone on this journey. Our dedicated teachers, counselors, and staff are here to support you every step of the way. Whether you have questions about academics, need guidance on choosing the right classes, or simply want advice on how to get involved, we're here to help.

We are so excited to welcome you to Fenton and look forward to seeing all the incredible contributions you will bring to our school. Let's make this a memorable and successful high school experience together!

With Bison Pride,

Kate Ward
Associate Superintendent
and Principal

Fenton High School Administrative Team



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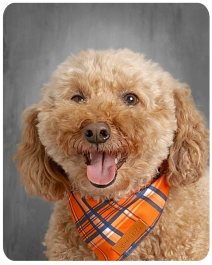
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Online Registration



Fenton High School utilizes an online registration process. The registration portal will be available 24 hours a day online starting Wednesday, July 1 and will remain open until Saturday, August 1. All families are required to register online by August 1. 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.

Calendar of Events

January 15	*Future Freshmen Night*
January 17-24	*Optional weekend/evening meetings with Fenton counselors (in-person and virtual)*
January 19	*Course selection with Fenton counselors at Wood Dale Jr. High*
January 23	*Course selection with Fenton counselors at Blackhawk Middle School*
April (date TBA)	*Summer school sign-up becomes available on Fenton website*
July 1 – August 1	*Mandatory online registration for all students*

More dates and information regarding the 2026-2027 school year will be available on the Fenton website after the calendar is approved by the Board of Education.



Student Course Selction



Each 8th-grade student will meet with counselors at their current school to select their courses for their freshman year. Please refer to the Calendar of Events (on the previous page) for more details.

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 17, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 20, 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, January 21, 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Thursday, January 22, 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- Saturday, January 24, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

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 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 Melissa Sabatino at 630-860-8624 or sabatino@fenton100.org.

Freshmen Course Placement

Eighth-grade students from feeder schools will receive placements in English, Math, and Science classes based on available standardized test scores and feedback from their 8th-grade teachers. 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 contact 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 Math Literacy. This full-year course provides students with support in math, 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

Business & Finance
- Business Orientation (1 semester)

Fine & Performing Arts
- Acting (1 semester)
- Theatre (1 semester)
- 2D Art 1 (1 semester)
- 2D Art 2 (1 semester)
- 3D Art 1 (1 semester)
- 3D Art 2 (1 semester)
- Digital Art 1 (1 semester)
- Photography 1 (1 semester)
- Photography 2 (1 semester)
- Music Appreciation (1 semester)
- Music Production (1 semester)
- Guitar 1 (1 or 2 semesters)
- Piano 1 (1 or 2 semesters)
- Beginning Mariachi (1 or 2 semesters)
- Concert Band (2 semesters)
- Chorale (1 or 2 semesters)
- Treble Choir (1 or 2 semesters)
- High Five Choir (1 or 2 semesters)

Health Sciences
- Health Occupations (1 semester)

Skilled Trades & Multimedia Production
- Graphics Communication & Production (1 semester)
- Woods 1 (1 semester)
- Small Engines (1 semester)

Human & Public Services
- Culinary 1 (1 semester)
- Child Development and Parenting (1 semester)

STEM
- Computer Science Discoveries (1 semester)
- Fundamentals of Coding (Full Year)
- Intro to Robotics & Engineering (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, a school/varsity letter, or be related to a class or grade, with the exception of the 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. Sabatino in the counseling 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 a question whether something counts towards the Fenton volunteer requirement, they should see Mrs. Sabatino, Community Service Coordinator, in the main office or contact her at 630-860-8624 or sabatino@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 and Athletics



Fenton offers over 48 different clubs and activities. An involvement fair will take place in August for students to learn more about each club and activity.

Co-Curricular Activities List

- Academic Team
- American Sign Language Club (ASL)
- Association of Latin American Students (ALAS)
- Autos Club
- Bison Banda (Mariachi Club)
- Bison Buddies
- Bison Environmental Activists Team (BEAT)
- Bison Link Crew
- Black Student Union (BSU)
- Book Club
- BRAVE
- BYTE Club (Robotics)
- Chess Team
- Color Guard
- Contest Play
- Cultural Club (MSA)
- Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA)
- Dungeons & Dragons (D&D)
- Fall Play



- Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)
- Film Club
- Freshmen Class Council
- Future Health Care Professionals Club
- Garden Club
- Group Interpretation
- *Highlights* Yearbook Club
- Hiking Club
- IGNITE
- Image Makers (Art Club)
- Interact (Service Club)
- International Club
- International Thespian Society
- Jazz Ensemble
- *Kaleidoscope* Literary Magazine
- Marching Band
- Math Team
- National Honor Society (NHS)
- Pep Band
- Polish Club
- Speech Team
- Spring Musical
- Stage Crew
- Student Council
- Students on Stage
- Students United (STUNT)
- Swing Choir
- *The Signal* Newspaper
- Tri-M Music Honor Society

Follow Bison Activities on Instagram @Fentonactivities

Activities and 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 at the nurse or the Athletic Department. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are required to have a sports physical annually.

All athletes must be cleared by August 5, 2026 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).

Fall Sports

- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Dance Force
- Flag Football
- Football
- Golf
- Boys soccer
- Girls swim and dive
- Girls tennis
- Girls volleyball

Winter Sports

- Basketball
- Bowling
- Competitive Cheer
- Competitive Dance
- Boys swim and dive
- Wrestling

Spring Sports

- Girls Badminton
- Baseball
- Girls soccer
- Softball
- Boys tennis
- Track and Field
- Boys volleyball



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 have access to various 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, attendance, and grades.

The Chrome Zone, located at the west end of the Cafeteria, is where students go if they need assistance with their Chromebook. During the school year, the Chrome Zone 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 Chromezone!

Fenton's IT team can help students and parents with Power School login information. Email our IT team at chromezone@fenton100.org.

Required Health Forms

The Illinois School Code requires that all children entering ninth grade, transferring in from out of state, or from another country, have an Illinois State physical examination within one year prior to entering 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, signed by the healthcare provider, 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 freshmen 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/guardian 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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Bison Link Crew is here to help!

Bison Link Crew is a club for juniors and seniors who are eager to help freshmen find their way around school and answer any questions. They coordinate Freshmen Orientation in August.

Link Crew Freshman Orientation Coordinators:

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Parent Organizations

Getting involved in our parent organizations is a meaningful way to support students, connect with other families, and strengthen our school community. Parent involvement helps amplify family voices, enrich school programs, and create positive experiences for all students. We invite you to join us, share your ideas, and partner with staff to make a lasting impact.

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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.

Frequently Asked Questions

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 15, 2026 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.

What time is the building open?
The school building opens at 6:30am for students. Students may enter through door 1 and use this time to get organized and prepare for the day.

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 administrative assistant 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. It is a good idea to wait to buy supplies until after you've met your teacher on the first day.

Does my student get a locker?
Each student is assigned their own locker to store books, supplies, and personal items during the school day. Locker numbers and combinations will be provided so students can practice using them and feel comfortable right from the start.

Get Ready for Day 1

Bell Schedule

Monday & Late Start Schedule	
Period	*Time*
0	No Zero hour
1	10:00-10:35
2	10:40-11:15
3	11:20-11:55
4	12:00-12:35
5	12:40-1:15
6	1:20-1:55
7	2:00-2:35
8	2:40-3:15

Tuesday - Friday Schedule	
Period	*Time*
0	7:00-7:50
1	8:00-8:45
2	8:50-9:35
Bison Time	9:40-10:15
3	10:20-11:05
4	11:10-11:55
5	12:00-12:45
6	12:50-1:35
7	1:40-2:25
8	2:30-3:15

Be on time and ready to go! Passing periods are 5 minutes long. There is plenty of time to get from one class to the next, but you need to level up and use your time wisely in the halls.

The first day of high school can feel exciting and a little overwhelming, but being prepared makes a big difference.

Schedules

Students will be able to pick up a printed copy of their schedule during Material Pick-Up day during the summer. Schedules are also available on PowerSchool.

Lunch

Fenton High School participates in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). This means that all Fenton students receive free breakfast and lunch.

Freshmen Orientation

Freshman Orientation helps students become familiar with the building, expectations, and daily routines before the school year begins. It also gives students a chance to ask questions, meet new friends and upperclassmen, and start high school feeling more confident and prepared. Information about Freshmen Orientation will be mailed out to students over the summer.

Bison Lingo



Every school has its own "lingo," or special words and phrases that students and staff use every day. Learning the Bison Lingo will help you understand directions, feel more comfortable in the building, and connect more easily with the school community. Think of it as a shortcut to feeling like you belong from day one.

ARC-Academic Resource Center. This is a fancy way to say the Library.

Bison Time-Every student is assigned a Bison Time. This is a 35 minute period where students can work on homework and get support in any class.

Link Crew Leaders-Junior and Senior students who help with all of the Freshmen events.

Commons-This is a gathering spot right in the front of the building. You'll know you're in the right place when you see the orange and blue tile.

Learning Stairs-The Learning Stairs is a large gathering space in the center of the STEM wing.

Front Gym-Gym 1 is also called the Front Gym.

Be REAL-Be REAL is our school-wide PBIS expectation. Students are expected to be Responsible, Engaged, Appropriate, Learners.

Late Start-Every Monday we have a late start. 1st period starts at 10am on Mondays.

Minga-Students can use a digital ID by downloading the Minga App. Students also use Minga to create hall passes.

HoCo-HoCo is a shortened way of saying Homecoming. Homecoming will take place in September 2026.

SRO-School Resource Officer. Officer Matt Nelson from the Wood Dale Police Department is with us every day to assist as needed.



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