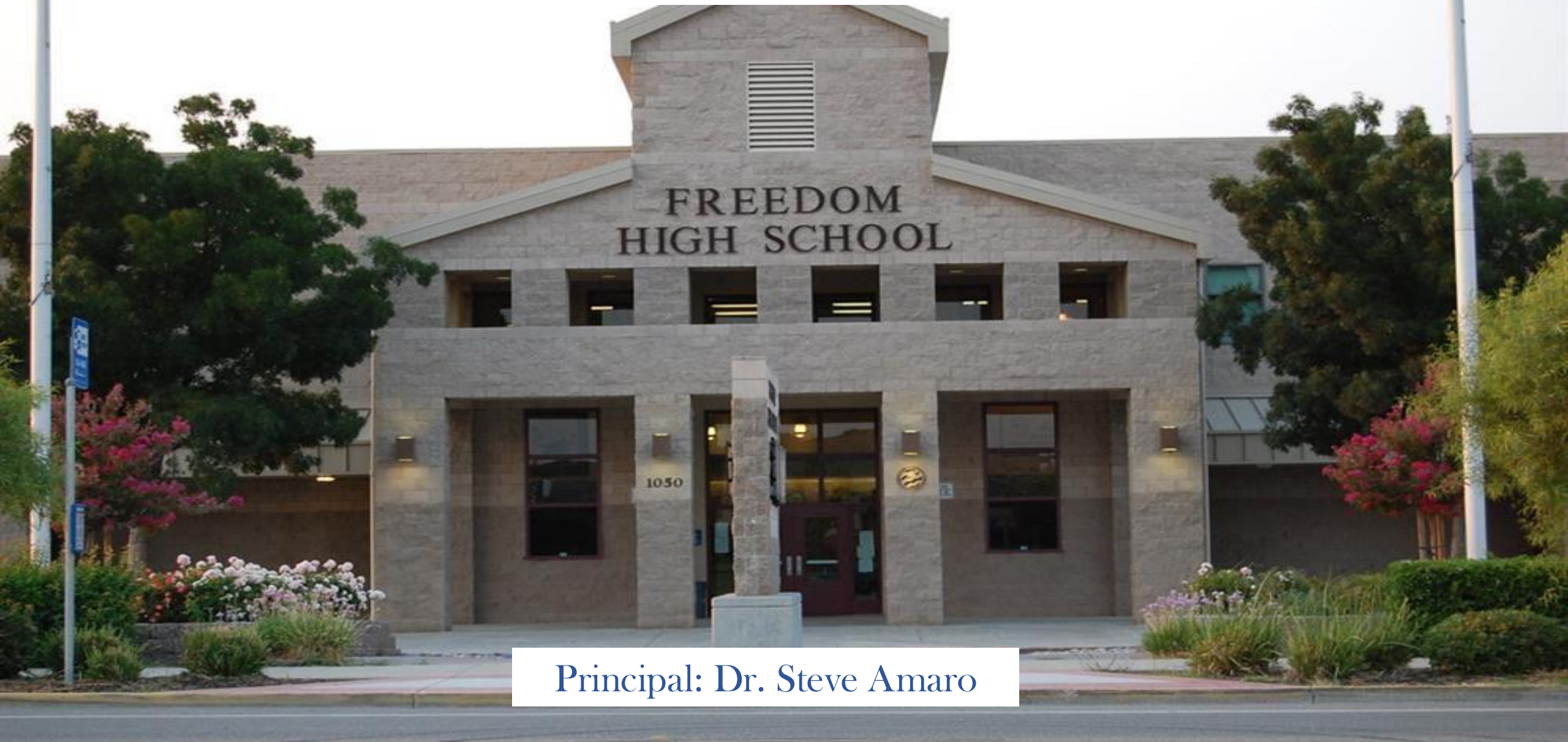
Welcome to Freedom High School's 8th Grade Parent Night

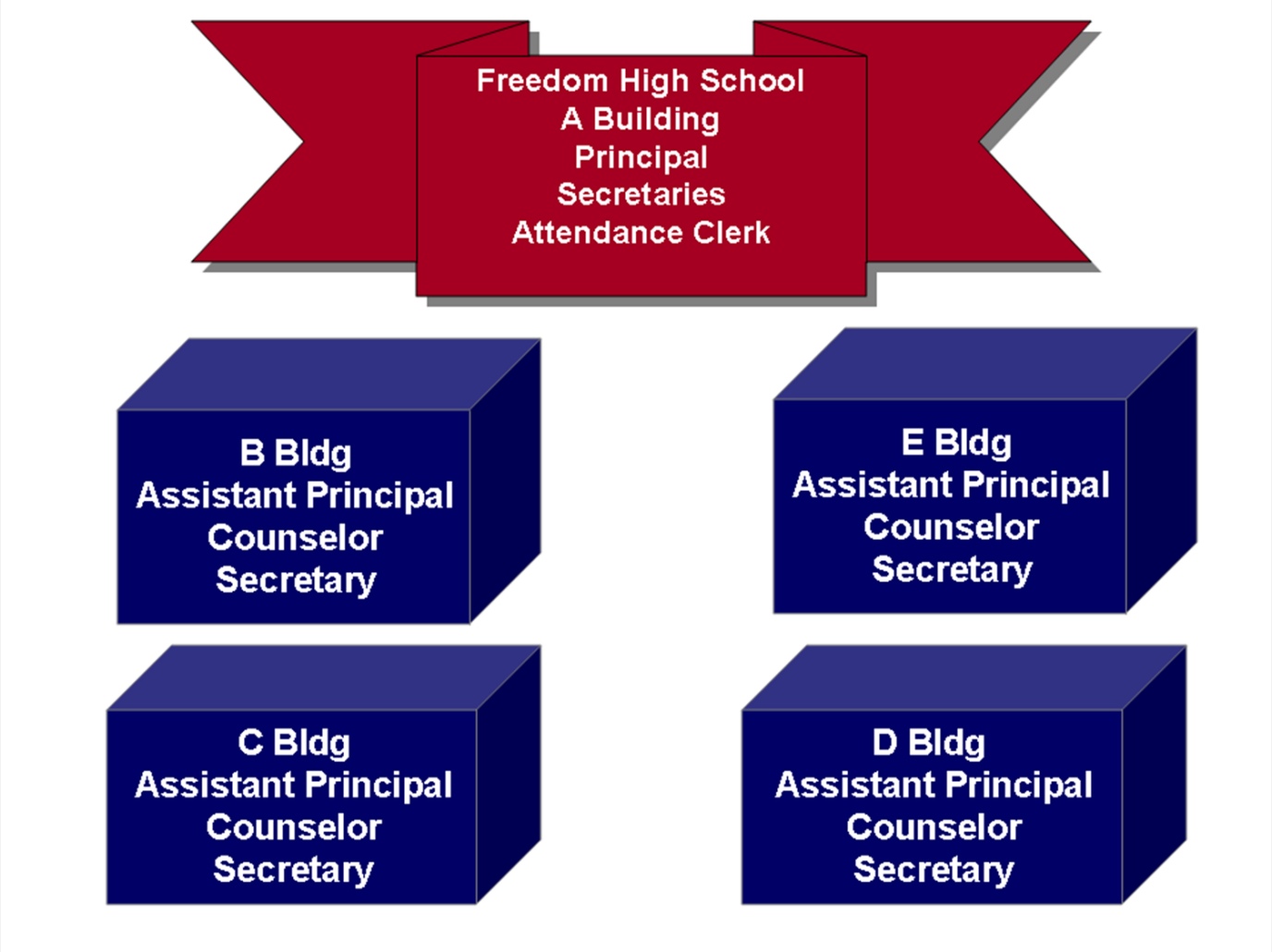


Principal: Dr. Steve Amaro

Our Mission: Freedom High School will provide a range of educational experiences for all students to acquire the key knowledge and skills to become critical and innovative thinkers who are college and career ready.

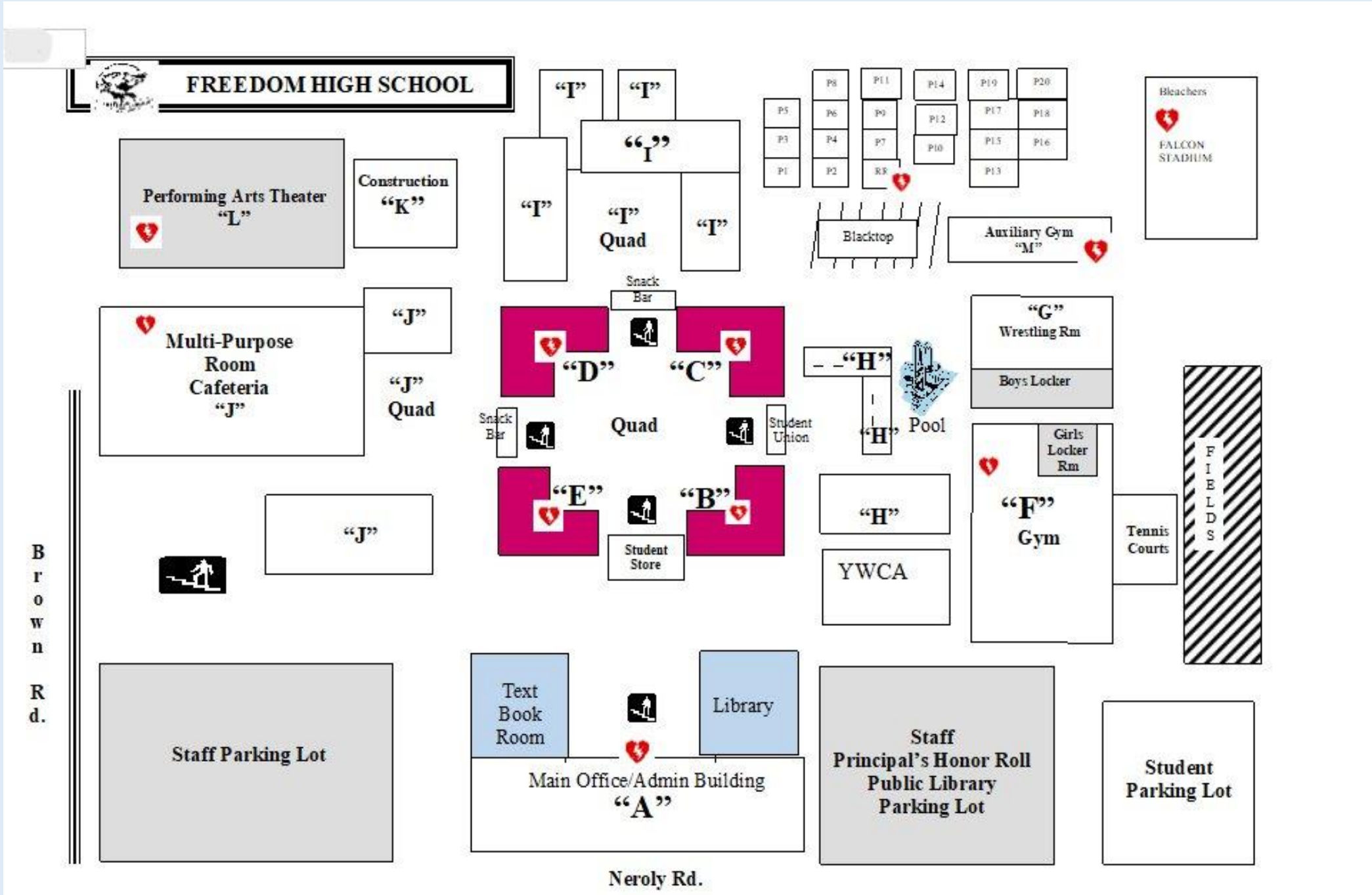
Our Vision:

1. Be a Professional Learning Community which fosters innovation and enables students and staff to reach their maximum potential.
2. Prepare all students for success after high school by offering challenging coursework with targeted student support.
3. Provide a safe and nurturing environment designed around student needs which promotes respect for all.
4. Provide multiple avenues for the community to participate in the education of our students.



Your student will randomly be placed in one of four core building communities.
B, C, D or E

Your student will experience a smaller, more personal educational community while attending FHS.


FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL
"I"
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"I"
Quad
"I"
P1
P2
P3
P4
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P20
RR
Bleachers
FALCON STADIUM
Performing Arts Theater
"L"
Construction
"K"
Blacktop
Auxiliary Gym
"M"
Snack Bar
Multi-Purpose Room
Cafeteria
"J"
"J"
"J" Quad
"D"
"C"
Quad
Snack Bar
Student Union
"H"
"H"
Pool
"G"
Wrestling Rm
Boys Locker
Girls Locker Rm
"F"
Gym
Tennis Courts
FIELDS
"J"
"E"
"B"
Student Store
"H"
YWCA
Brown Rd.
Staff Parking Lot
Text Book Room
Library
Main Office/Admin Building
"A"
Staff
Principal's Honor Roll
Public Library
Parking Lot
Student
Parking Lot
Neroly Rd.

Bell Schedule 2026-2027



- 2026-2027 Student start time is 8:30 am
- Regular Rotating A/B Day
- Professional Development Day
- Rally Schedule Day
- Minimum Day
- Finals Schedule Day
- Traditional Day

Example

Regular Rotating Day		
Time	A-Day	B-Day
8:30 - 9:59	1	5
10:06 - 11:38	2	6
11:38 - 12:08	Lunch	Lunch
12:15 - 1:44	3	7
1:51 - 3:20	4	8

PDD Late Start		
Time	A-Day	B-Day
8:30 - 9:30	PDD	PDD
9:30 - 10:44	1	5
10:51 - 12:08	2	6
12:08 - 12:38	Lunch	Lunch
12:45 – 1:59	3	7
2:06 - 3:20	4	8

Graduation Requirements



Course Requirements (10 Credits = 1 year)		
Course		**Credits**
English:	Students must pass 9th , 10th, 11th and 12th grade levels	40
Social Studies:	a. One year of World History (10th) b. One year of U.S. History (11th) c. One semester of American Government (12th) d. One semester of Economics (12th)	30
Mathematics:	Students must pass three years of mathematics with completion of Algebra through Geometry.	30
Science:	a. One year of Life Science (Biology or The Living Earth) b. One year of Physical Science (Environmental Science, Chemistry in the Earth Systems or Physics in the Universe)	20
Fine Arts **or** World Language:	One year	10
Physical Education:	a. One year of 9th grade P.E. b. One year of 10th grade P.E.	20
Health:	Students must take one semester of health education	5
Electives:		115
Total number of credits required for graduation		270

What is a credit?

- For each semester course your student passes they will earn 5.0 credits. Credits can also be referred to as units. Study Hall does not earn credit.
- To pass a class your student must earn a D or better. If you receive an F, you will fail the class, and earn 0.0 credits.
- Your student needs to earn 270 credits in specific subject areas to earn a Freedom High School diploma.



How can my student be successful?

- Attend classes every day and be on time.
- Complete all class work and homework.
- Ask their teachers and family for help/attend after school Homework HELP in B119.
- Check in with their Counselor for Social-Emotional, Academic or College/Career Support
- Stay informed.
- Use their daily planner.
- Develop healthy habits.

CSU/UC Admission Requirements

- A-G are the college eligibility requirements, they are different from High School graduation requirements.
- Refer to these courses if your student is planning on attending a 4-Year college after high school.
- Students must earn C's or better in these courses
- UC's are designed to accept top 12% of students academically and CSU's top 33%





The CA State Seal of Biliteracy

- All students must complete 4 years of English and get a 3.0 or above overall GPA in those classes.

OR

- **Option 1:** State Assessment: Pass the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) for English with "standard met" achievement level in 11th grade.
- **Option 2:** Advanced Placement (AP) Assessment: Pass an English AP examination with a score of 3 or higher (AP English Language and Composition, AP English Literature or Composition, or AP Seminar).
- **Option 3:** International Baccalaureate (IB) Assessment: Pass an English IB examination with a score of 4 or higher.
- **Option 4:** SAT: Achieve a score of 480 or above on the Evidence-Based Reading and Writing section



The CA State Seal of Biliteracy for English Learner Students

- **English Proficiency Requirement for English Learners Only:**
  - Must attain an oral language composite score of level 4 on the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC)

AND

In addition to the requirements mentioned in the previous slide, all students must:

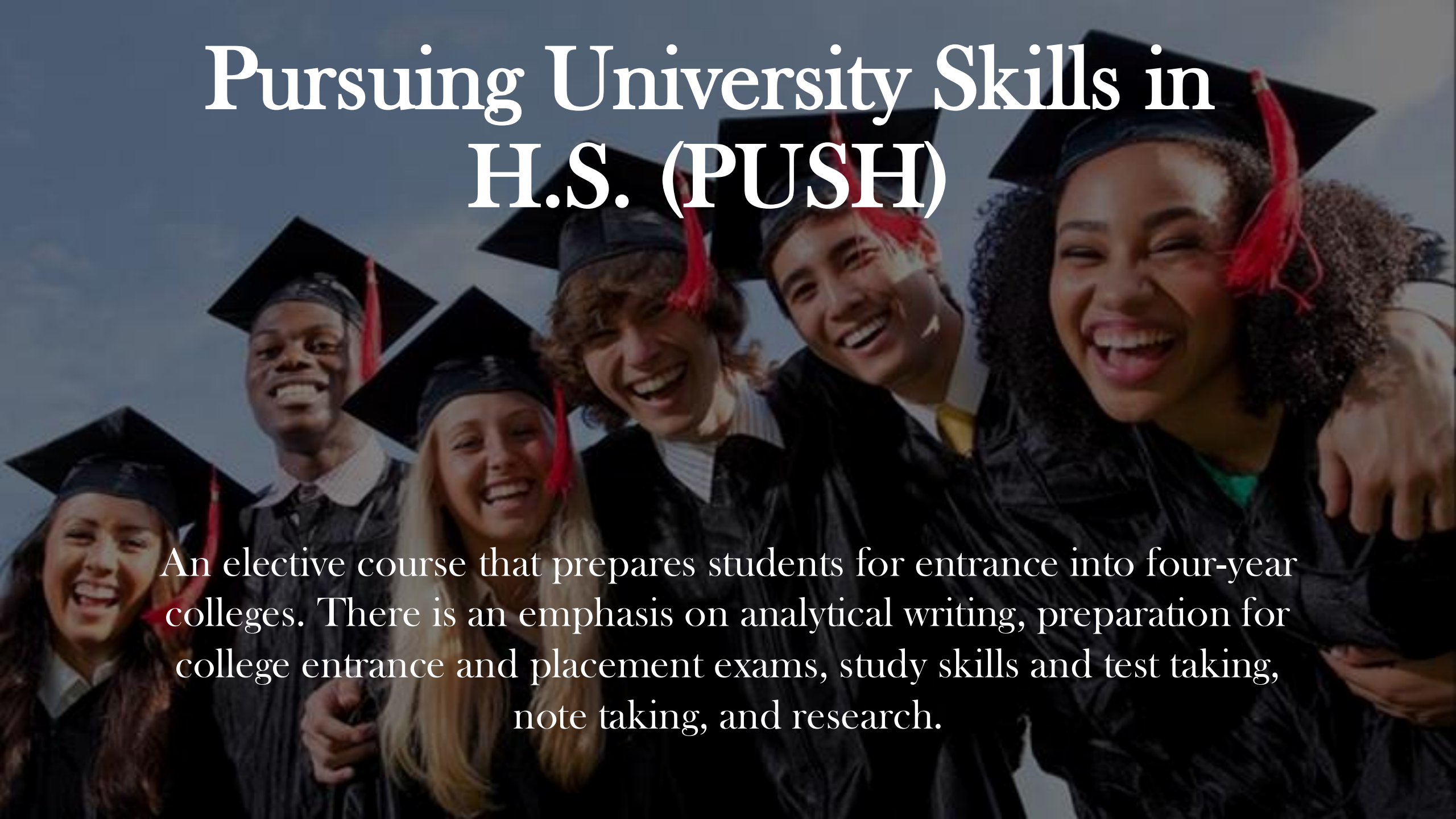
- Demonstrate proficiency in one or more languages, other than English, through ONE of the following methods:

  - Complete a four-course study in a world language at the high school or higher level, attaining an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher in that course study, and demonstrate oral proficiency in the language comparable to that required to pass an AP or IB examination

OR

- **Option 1:** Pass a world language AP exam with a score of 3 or higher
- **Option 2:** Pass an IB exam with a score of 4 or higher
- **Option 3:** Pass an ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) and Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) with scores of intermediate mid or higher
- **Option 4: District Approved Assessment:** Pass a school district language exam that assesses speaking, reading, writing in a language other than English at the proficient level or higher

Pursuing University Skills in H.S. (PUSH)



An elective course that prepares students for entrance into four-year colleges. There is an emphasis on analytical writing, preparation for college entrance and placement exams, study skills and test taking, note taking, and research.

AP Human Geography

- For students who want to take a challenging course, an Advanced Placement course called AP Human Geography is a **college level course** that is available to freshmen. This is in place of World Cultures.
- Students may take the AP Exam in May at the end of the course.
- Expect to spend 1-2 hours of homework per night for each AP class.

CollegeBoard

AP



Freedom Athletics

8th Grade Parent Night



Fall (Aug-Nov)	Winter (Nov-Feb)	Spring (Feb-May)
Cross Country	Boys Basketball	Baseball
Football	Girls Basketball	Softball
Girls Flag Football	Boys Soccer	Boys Golf
Girls Golf	Girls Soccer	Stunt
Girls Tennis	Wrestling	Swimming and Dive
Girls Volleyball	Cheerleading	Boys Tennis
Girls Water Polo	Rugby	Boys Volleyball
Boys Water Polo	Co-ed Unified Bowling	Track and Field
Unified Soccer		Esports
Esports		Co-ed Unified Basketball
Cheerleading		
Sideline Cheer		
Sideline Dance		

Athletic Opportunities by Season

Athletic Clearance

- Athletic physicals should be completed after June 1, 2026 AND require a physician or chiropractor clearance signature dated after **June 1, 2026**
- **Physical may be uploaded to** www.athleticclearance.com after June 1, 2026
- **Parent signed CONFIRMATION SHEET from www.athleticclearance.com and upload to your registration.**
- All physical physician clearance forms must be on file to participate in tryouts.
- Parent Driver & Student Rider Forms – turned in to coach.
- Volunteers – Coach Approval, TB Test, DOJ/FBI Fingerprints, NFHS Coaching Course, Concussion Course, Sudden Cardiac Arrest ,Heat Acclimation Course, CPR and First Aid, Mandatory Reporting Training, Sexual Harassment Training.
- Handbooks for Parents, Athletes, & Coaches are online at school and district website.

Clubs and Advisors

- There are many ways your student can get involved!
- Encourage them to take the time to investigate our club offerings and meet the club advisors.
- Research shows a positive correlation between campus involvement and academic achievement.









College and Career Coordinator

Mrs. Cartwright

- Career Exploration
- College Applications
- College Entrance Tests (SAT/ACT)
- Practice exams (PSAT/PreACT)
- Scholarships
- Work Permits
- Financial Aid Information



The Wellnest

- Center on campus to destress for 15 minutes
- Practice coping skills (zen gardens, coloring, etc.)
- Relax
- Chat with the counselor about social/emotional and/or mental health related items

Middle School Registration Visits (During School Day)

Freedom Counselors will meet with 8th grade students and pass out Course Request Forms. They will review all materials and answer questions to help with the course request process.

Counselor Visit Dates:

- **Monday 1/26/26:** O'Hara
- **Thursday1/29/26:** Knightsen, Old River and Edna Hill
- **Friday 1/30/26:** Delta Vista
- **Forms will be dropped off at Bristow and Adams**

COURSE REQUEST FORM

Required Courses:		**Total credits required for high school graduation: 270**
	Course #	Course Name
1	3030	P- English 9
2	5750	PE 9
3	5020	P- The Living Earth
4	4630 4670 _____	___ P- Algebra 1 ___ P- Geometry ___ Other _____ **Selection will be confirmed by teacher recommendation and math placement data.**
Electives:		
5	5255 5260	____ P-World Cultures ____ AP Human Geography
6		___ P-Spanish 1 ___ P-Spanish for Spanish Speakers ___P-Spanish 2 ___ P-French
7		___ P-Visual or Performing Art **See course offering list for options**
8		Study Hall or another elective
Alternates: Write in 4 in order of preference. If 4 alternates are not listed, you will be placed in classes where room is available		
1		
2		
3		
4		

APPROVAL: By signing below you agree to remain enrolled in the above requests for the duration of the course. You have read course descriptions available in the course catalog found on Liberty's webpage.

_____ _____ ___/___/_____

Student Signature Parent Signature Date

- Help your student(s) fill out the bottom portion of the course request form.
- Several of the classes are prefilled because they are requirements.
- Return the course request forms to your middle school.
- **These are due February 6th.**

How to Read a Course Catalog

Beginning Art

Course #1506

- Level: 9-12
- Length: Year-Long (10 credits)
- Prerequisite: None
- Graduation: Fine Arts requirement or elective credit
- College Prep: VAPA (f) requirement
- No previous art experience is necessary for this beginning level art class. All projects are based on learning the elements of art (line, shape, form, value, color, space, texture) using a variety of art media. The principles of design are also introduced.

LUHSD 26-27 Registration for ALL INCOMING 9th FROM FEEDER DISTRICTS

TIMELINE AT-A-GLANCE

January-February

- 8th Grade Family Night at High School
- 8th Grade Presentations at Middle Schools
- LUHSD Course Request Cards Submitted to Middle School

March

- Registration opens for incoming feeder district students
- Aeries account will be sent to parent's email address - CHANGE PASSWORD

April

In-person Residency Verification at High School for ALL 9th students at their assigned high school

July

Data Confirmation Notification sent to parent email address with *"Walk-Thru Ticket"*

July

Attend assigned walk-thru

Receive class schedule and textbooks

Feeder Districts

Brentwood	Oakley	Bryon	Knightsen
Adams Middle School	**Delta Vista Middle School**	**Excelsior Middle School**	**Knightsen School**
Edna Hill Middle School	**O'hara Park Middle School**	**Byron Institute**	**Old River Middle School**
William Bristow Middle School			
Harvest Grove Virtual School			

If your school is NOT listed then you MUST complete the 26-27 *New Student Enrollment*

LUHSD 26-27 Registration for
ALL INCOMING 9th FROM
NON FEEDER DISTRICTS

TIMELINE AT-A-GLANCE

January-February

8th Grade Family Night at High School

Complete "NEW STUDENT" Enrollment

February - March

IF NEEDED:

Complete Inter-district Transfer (Student outside of our district boundaries)

OR

Complete Intra-district Transfer (*Student within our district wanting to go to a different school- example: assigned to Heritage wanting to go to Freedom)*

April

In-person Residency Verification at High School for ALL 9th students at their assigned high school

July

Data Confirmation Notification sent to parent email address with "Walk-Thru Ticket"

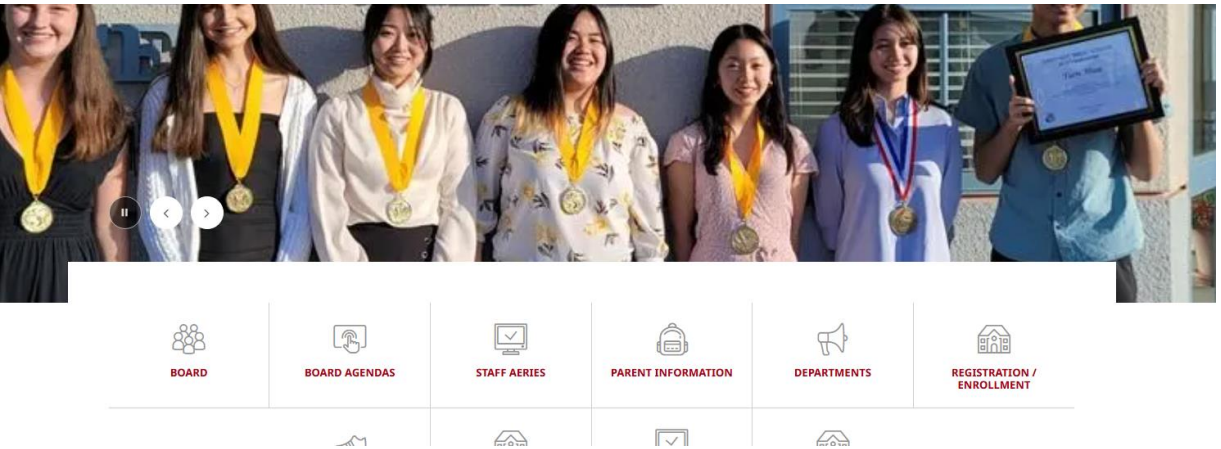
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NON - Feeder Districts

Antioch USD	Antioch	Brentwood	Bryon	Online School
Antioch Middle School	Antioch Charter	Golden Hills Christian	Vista Oaks Charter	California Virtual Academy
Park Middle School	Holy Rosary	Discovery Christian		
Dallas Ranch Middle	Cornerstone Christian			
Black Diamond Middle School	Hilltop Christian			
Orchard Park	Heritage Baptist			



QR code that will lead families to the updated LUHSD Registration/Enrollment page.

The front page of luhsd.net will still have a button leading to Registration/Enrollment (Feeder pattern 8th graders) or New Enrollment (brand new students)

Freshman Walk Thru

- Over the summer, Freedom will notify you of your Walk Thru date (usually late July).
- It is important that you clear your calendar to be able to attend one of the Walk Thru dates.
- What happens at Walk Thru?
  - You'll get acquainted with our campus
  - You'll receive a preliminary schedule
  - Purchase PE clothes
  - Get your Student ID Card

QR CODES

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Registration/ Enrollment

Residency Requiremnts

English & Spanish

INTRA Transfer

INTER Transfer

Student Housing Questionnaire

English & Spanishl

Declaration of Residency

English & Spanish

Caregiver Affidavit

Transportation

English

Spanish

Free & Reduce Lunch


Freedom High School 8th Grade
Parent Night 2026



Thank You for Attending & Investing In Your Student's Education!

Visit the Counseling Tab on the FHS Website for tonight's presentation and other Counseling Information