



Freshmen Open House
"Hot Points" of Discussion

It's A Great Day To Be A Hornet!

Important Information

It is **IMPERATIVE** that **ALL students and parents** become familiar with the **ChHS Student-Parent Handbook** and **Shelby County Schools Code of Conduct.**

All students will be issued these **two documents** during the first week of school.

Please look for them!!!

Meet Your Assistant Principal

Mr. Matt Stephens

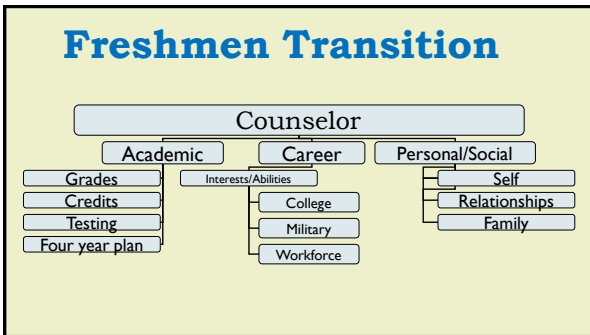
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Meet Your Counselor

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Registrar: Wanda Ingram



Personal Confidentiality with Counselors:

- What students say with me, stays with me
- Reasons required to break it:
 - > Hurting self
 - > Someone's hurting them
 - > They're hurting someone
- Non-confidential areas:
 - > Academics
 - > Attendance
 - > Discipline

Academic Assistance

- ⦿ Tutoring
 - Some teachers offer before/after school
 - Peer tutoring: list available in Student Services after the 2nd week of school
 - Private tutoring: list available in Student Services after the 2nd week of school(\$\$\$)
- ⦿ Guided Practice Skills (GPS), 7th pd: class for students to work on assignments and to receive help from teachers when needed

Academic Assistance

- ⦿ Weekly assignments can be seen on the teacher's Edmodo page (format varies from teacher to teacher)
- ⦿ If your child is absent, please have them check their Edmodo for missing assignments before they return to school
- ⦿ If it is a planned absence, the student should coordinate with their teacher about their assignments ahead of time

Information Now (INOW) Parent Portal

- Free Service that can be accessed on the internet and smartphones
- ⦿ It allows you to view:
 - Attendance by period and all check-ins and outs
 - Progress reports, report card grades, class averages, individual activities and unofficial transcripts
 - Student schedule by term
 - School calendar and announcements
- ⦿ Available after the 2nd or 3rd week of school

Teacher Questions

- ⦿ If you have a question about your child's progress, please refer to the INOW grading portal and/or contact the teacher via email
- ⦿ Conferences are also available:
 - Parent conferences at 7:15 (end at 7:45)
 - Your child's teachers can meet with you about the concerns you may have
 - You must set up an appointment with the teacher or if you need to see multiple teachers, please make it through me

Progress Reports and Report Cards

- ⦿ Progress reports are sent home with the student every 4 weeks; given out during 4th period.
- ⦿ Report cards are sent home with the student at the end of the 9 week grading period (**Exception: the last report is mailed home)
 - October 16, 2015
 - January 8, 2016
 - March 18, 2016
 - **May 26, 2016

Grade Point Average: GPA

Grade Scale	Quality Points Earned		
	Regular	Honors	AP
A (90-100)	4	4.5	5
B (80-89)	3	3.5	4
C (70-79)	2	2.5	3
D (60-69)	1	1.5	2
F (59 & below)	0	0	0

High School Transcript

- ⊙ A credit is a point assigned to a class.
- ⊙ In high school, credits are issued after each semester.
- ⊙ Each ½ year (semester) class counts as ½ credit.
- ⊙ Each full year class counts as 1 credit.
- ⊙ Needs grade of **60** or higher at the end of each semester in each class in order to earn a credit.

How does your student get promoted?

- ▶ He/she must earn credits.
- ▶ Can earn up to 7 credits per year because we have 7 classes each day (GPS study hall is a non-credit class).
- ▶ At end of year, promotion is determined by credits:
 - ▶ **Freshman (9th grader)** **0-5 credits**
 - ▶ **Sophomore (10th grader)** **6-11 credits**
 - ▶ **Junior (11th grader)** **12-17 credits**
 - ▶ **Senior (12th grader)** **18+ credits**
 - ▶ **To Graduate** **24 credits**

Credit Requirements

Alabama Diploma

- ⊙ 4 English
- ⊙ 4 History
- ⊙ 4 Math
- ⊙ 4 Science
- ⊙ 1 Physical Education
- ⊙ ½ Health
- ⊙ 1 Career Preparedness (Computer)
- ⊙ 3 CTA Electives (Career Technology, Fine Arts, or Foreign Language)
- ⊙ 2 ½ Additional Credits = 24 credits

ACT Aspire (10th)/ACT (11th)/ACT WorkKeys (12th): Required for everyone.

PSAT is an optional test & it is recommended that students taking Honors courses in the 10th & 11th grades sign up for it.

AP World History

- ▶ AP Exams will be held May 2nd-12th. AP World History is 12th.
- ▶ Any student taking an AP class must take the AP exam.
- ▶ AP class fees and AP exam fees need to be paid to the student's AP teacher by the end of October. The exam fee is **\$91** and there is a separate teacher supply cost of \$16-\$25.

College and Career Center

- ▶ Most programs are designed as two-year programs.
- ▶ Students will attend the CCC for 2 hours a day with the potential to earn 2 credits per year. They will take their 4 academic classes at their high school.
- ▶ Students should have the required core credits AND elective credits needed for graduation (PE Life—1 year/Band—2 years, Career Preparedness, & Health) to attend CCC.

Extracurricular activities

- ⊙ We have a variety of extracurricular activities for your child to be involved in!
- ⊙ If they are interested in learning more about their opportunities, please remind them to look out for announcements:
 1. On the Chelsea Buzz and on Twitter
 2. Given on the speaker system in the morning
 3. Signs posted throughout the school

Volunteer Service: Give Me 5 Program

- ⊙ Required to complete 5 hours of community service by May and this has to be turned in to the history teachers; forms are available on the school website
- ⊙ Why volunteer?
 1. **Do some good**
 2. **Test-drive career options**
 3. **Polish job-readiness skills** (being dependable, on time, and responsible)
 4. **Hone leadership skills**
 5. **Upgrade college portfolio** (strong evidence of character, commitment, and motivation)

Other important information

- **Homecoming (vs. Helena High School)**
 - **Week of September 25-29**
 - **Activities, class competitions**

Thank you for coming!

