

# Welcome Parents

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**Junior Class Update**

# Meeting Agenda Items

- **Junior Class Meetings and Updates**
- **General Information**
  - Attendance Reminder
  - Academic Advising
  - Family Liaison Supports
  - SAT Prep Course
  - CTE Completers, ASVAB, DE/AP
- **Events on the Horizon**
  - Prom
  - Senior Events



# Attendance Policies & Procedures



## Responsibilities

**Students:** to attend school regularly, on time, and follow assigned schedules

**Parents or Legal Guardians:** to communicate specific details regarding absences, late arrivals and early releases with the school and ensure students follow policies & procedures

**School:** to correctly document student time and attendance and ensure county regulations and laws of the Commonwealth are followed.

## Types of Absences Requiring Notification from Parent or Legal Guardian

**Full Day/All Day:** student attends no classes

**Late Arrival:** student misses part, or all, of one or more classes in the morning

**Early Release:** student misses part, or all, of one or more classes in the afternoon.

## Absence Notification



Parents, Legal Guardians must notify the school with specific details regarding the reason a student is absent.

Notification may be made by:

- Calling the Attendance Line 703-219-2211
- Completing the Online Attendance Form (<https://fairfaxhs.fcps.edu/about/attendance-form>)
- Sending a Check-Out Note or Check-In Note to school with the student
- Sending a note to school with the student
  - ◆ Students are to drop off notes in the Attendance Office before school begins.

## Excused Absences (EXC)

Examples of excusable reasons are:

- Illness (list of symptoms given)
- Injury
- Medical & dental appointments
- Legal or military obligations
- Religious holidays
- Family emergencies
- Funerals
- Other situations excused by the administration (college visits, approved pre-arranged, etc.)

Parents or Legal Guardians have 3 days to submit a valid reason for their child's absence.

## Unexcused Locally Absences (UNL)

When the school is notified with no specific reason for the absence, or with a reason that is unexcused, the student will be marked UNL.

Examples that are unexcused are:

- Missing the bus
- Oversleeping
- Car trouble
- Traffic
- Power outage
- Running late
- Finishing a project or studying

## Unverified Absences (UNV)

These absences  
are unexcused

When the school receives no notification from the parent or legal guardian the absence is marked UNV (unverified). Parents have 3 days after the absence to submit a valid reason for the absence for it to be changed to excused.

When a student is marked UNV for only one period they should speak directly with the teacher to discuss the matter.

## Late Arrival - Check-In Procedure

Students who arrive unexcused tardy before 8:20, report to the tardy station in the Commons to sign in and wait to be escorted to class.

After 8:20, students report to the Attendance desk in the Main Office, to obtain a blue tardy pass. Students will be assigned an Excused Late Arrival (EXT) or an Unexcused Late Arrival (UNT).

To be excused students must:

- Parents must come in to sign the student in
- Send a note from parent/legal guardian, or a note from a medical or dental appointment.



## Early Release - Check-Out Procedure

1. The parent provides a written request in advance which includes the date and time of dismissal. Depending on the volume of activity it can take up to 2 hours for requests to be processed and passes delivered.
2. The Attendance Office verifies the request is from the parent and issues the pass.
3. The student must check out of school by signing the log at the Attendance desk in the Main Office.
4. Students returning to school must check-in at the Attendance desk in the Main Office.



Attendance every day matters!!

# Family Liaisons

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# FHS COUNSELING STAFF



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# Academic Advising

- Support and engage
- Review courses with students to help prepare for advising meetings (Jan 21 to Feb 3)
- Have students come prepared with questions
- Consider post secondary plans
- Fairfax focus is finding passion push classes that will challenge all students- AP, DE, CTE Completion!
- Junior Checklist

# CTE Completers, ASVAB/Career Readiness, DE/AP Completers

## Employment

- **1 point:** CTE completer earning a state-approved industry recognized credential in a **high-demand, high wage** field as defined by VOEE
- **0.75 point:** CTE completer who also earns a state-approved industry recognized credential in a [high-demand](#) field as defined by VOEE
- **0.5 point:** CTE completer earning a state-approved industry recognized credential

## Enlistment

- 1 point: AFQT (ASVAB) score of **65 or higher**
- 0.75 point: AFQT (ASVAB) **score of 50-64**
- 0.5 point: Meeting the minimum **Military Entrance Score (AFQT/ASVAB) of 31**

*These scores are equivalent to the careers in employment component.*

## Enrollment

- **1.25 point:** Earning an associate's degree
- **1 point:** Earning 3+ credit-bearing, college ready\* scores on exams, 3+ dual credit courses with a "B" grade, or an Early College Scholar certificate
- **0.75 point:** Earning 1-2 credit-bearing, college-ready\* scores on AP, IB, Cambridge A/AS, or CLEP exam or passing 1-2 dual credit courses (3 credits) with a "B" grade
- **0.5 point:** Completing an AP, IB, Cambridge A/AS, or CLEP exam or dual credit course (3 credits) with a "C" grade



# **Free SAT Prep at Fairfax High School**

**Where: Fairfax High School**

**What: 4-8 Sessions of SAT PREP**

**When: Starting February 2025  
Saturday mornings (9-12)**

**There are 60 spots to help students prepare for the Spring SAT test. This will happen during our Saturday School (9-12). This is a Kaplan inspired program provided by FHS teachers using an official SAT Prep curriculum courtesy of Chantilly High School.**

# **Free SAT Prep at Fairfax High School**

**Priority will be given to juniors, however, the expectation is that students attend ALL sessions to prepare for the test.**

**This is not a drop-in offering, they will be given an agreement.**

# **X2VOL Submissions**

**As student finish service hours remind them to submit to *X2VOL* for processings. Hours must be submitted to qualify for a black service cord at graduation**



**Events in the  
Not Too Distant &  
The Distant Horizon**

# PROM 2025

**When: May 17 (Saturday)**

**Where: The River View @  
Occoquan (Lorton)**

**Time: 8:00 pm**

**9751 Ox Rd, Lorton VA 22079**



# Fairfax High School On Site AVID College and Career Planning Fair

Fairfax will host it's Spring College Fair here in the commons, during the school day this April

This fair hosts over 40 colleges and universities, trade centers, and branches of military service.

This year we will have onsite admissions opportunities for eligible students.

# George Mason Admissions Partnership •



# Senior Signing Day 2026

Fairfax will host a Senior Signing Day to celebrate post secondary choices. We will celebrate colleges, careers choices, and military advancements. This day will coincide with National Signing Day.





# Meeting Updates & Future Communication

<b>2025</b>	<b>June</b>	Preview the Senior Year <i>Summer Steps, College App Overview, FAFSA.....</i>
	<b>September</b>	Back to School Night Parent Meeting
<b>2026</b>	<b>January</b>	Graduation Updates
	<b>April-May</b>	Graduation Reminders



# Senior Trip

**In the fall we will poll seniors regarding options for a senior trip for May 2026.**

# Senior Trip!

**When:** Wednesday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

**Cost:** \$180 in two payments-\$80 non-refundable to reserve spot (Due by January 15<sup>th</sup>)

Trip is currently reserved for 150 students.

**Payments:** Directions to pay in [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) are attached. Trip can be found in the school store.

**What's Included:** Leave on bus from FHS and arrive in NYC to take boat ride around Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, Dinner at Hard Rock, Bus from NYC back to FHS. Time for additional activities will be available, more information will be available after we know how many students are going- early February.

A large crowd of graduates in blue caps and gowns is gathered on a field, celebrating. Many blue caps are flying through the air. In the background, a stadium scoreboard is visible with the word 'FALCON' at the top and 'LIONS' on either side. The scoreboard also displays 'DOWN 10 GO BALLON QTR' and 'T.O.L.' on both sides. The scene is set outdoors with trees and stadium lights in the background.

# **Graduation is Coming June 2026**

# Questions?

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