

Welcome Parents



Sophomore Class Update

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Meeting Agenda Items

- Attendance Reminder
- Family Liaison Supports
- Academic Advising
- CTE Completers, ASVAB, DE/AP
- Volunteer Hours
- College Night
- AVID/College/Career Planning
- Questions?



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://fairfaxva.sops.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

**Mrs. Hala
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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

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

The FHS Student Services Department and PTSA present...

Student/Parent College Planning Night

Class of 2027

Monday, March 10, 2025
6:30 pm
FHS Auditorium

College 101: An introduction to the college admissions process for sophomores & parents/guardians

This program includes a mock admissions exercise. Come learn how Admissions Officers make decisions!

Presented by: Dante Evans
UNC Greensboro
Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Note: This is an in-person event and will not be recorded.

If you have a conflict on March 10, you can attend the same program at Madison High School on March 11 @ 6:30 pm or Woodson High School on March 12 @ 7:00 pm



For questions, contact: Maureen Kim,
FHS College & Career Specialist, MHKim@fcps.edu

10th Grade Student/Parent College Planning Night



MONDAY, MARCH 10

6:30 PM

FHS AUDITORIUM

**All sophomores (and their parents/
guardians) should plan to attend!**

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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.

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.



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