

Welcome Back Fairfax



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Counselor Introduction



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!



All Absences Count!

Virginia Department of Education defines chronic absenteeism as missing ten percent or more of the academic year for any reason, including excused absences, unexcused absences, and suspensions. Based on a 180-day school year, that means approximately 18 days per year or 2 to 3 days per month

Attendance Updates

FCPS is updating the attendance reporting process beginning at the start of the 2024-2025 school year. Parents and caregivers will have the option to report absences directly through ParentVUE starting the first day of school, August 19, 2024.

This new feature aims to streamline the attendance reporting process and enhance communication between parents and schools. This change will make it more convenient for parents and schools to manage students' attendance while ensuring the highest level of security.

Together, we can achieve great things. Roar for perfect attendance and let's make this year the best one yet!

Upcoming Events

August 19	First Day of School
September 6	Unite and Excite (4:30-6:30pm)
September 13	Homecoming Game [7:00]
September 14	Homecoming Dance [8:00-11:00 pm]
September 18	Back to School Night [6:30-9:00 pm]
October 9	PSAT/SAT Day [No School for Freshmen]



Fairfax High School
OPEN HOUSE JAM
Thursday, August 15
2:00-5:00 PM

TICKET

2:00-4:00 PM

- VISIT CLASSROOMS
- MEET YOUR TEACHERS

2:00-5:00 PM

- WALK THE BUILDING AND FIND CLASSROOMS
- MEET THE ADMINISTRATION & SUPPORT TEAM
- MEET THE PTSA
- LISTEN TO MUSIC
- ENTER THE RAFFLE FOR PRIZES
- LEARN ABOUT CLUBS
- PURCHASE FAIRFAX SWAG
- PURCHASE A YEARBOOK
- PICK UP YOUR PARKING PASS
- CHECK THE FHS WEBSITE FOR PURCHASING INFORMATION
- PICK UP YOUR LAPTOP
- ENJOY THE FOOD TRUCKS (BRING \$)
- SEE YOUR FRIENDS



FEAR THE ROAR



Fairfax High School
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
SEPT 18 TH 6:30-9PM

COME OUT AND ROAR WITH US!


Back to School Night! We will be hosting families on Wednesday, September 18th, 2024, to connect with our community and showcase our teachers and curriculum. Save the date!

Events Starting at 5:30 pm

- SENIOR PARENT NIGHT
- FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION (FLE) PRESENTATION
- AVID (ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION) SIGNING
- SPECIAL EDUCATION COFFEE
- MLL (MULTI-LANGUAGE LEARNERS) COFFEE

ALL THINGS FAIRFAX — CLUBS, TEAMS, AND INFORMATION IN THE COMMONS

3501 Lion Run, Fairfax VA 22030



Welcome to School-Door Entry- DOOR 1

All students must use Door 1 to enter the building

All guests must check into our security desk upon arrival.



DoorDash, Uber Eats, Closed Campus

All outside food deliveries are strictly prohibited. Food deliveries will be confiscated and held until the end of the day.

Fairfax High School is a closed campus. For safety reasons, students are prohibited from leaving the campus during the day. Any student found off campus will be searched upon return.



Grading Updates



Grade Reporting and Feedback

FCPS Grading Scale

New Grading Design

-70% Summative

-30% Formative

Reassessment up to 100%

Quarterly Gradebook

Grading scale

A	93-100%	C	73-76%
A-	90-92%	C-	70-72%
B+	87-89%	D+	67-69%
B	83-86%	D	63-66%
B-	80-82%	D-	60-62%
C+	77-79%	F	50-59%

Technology



Students can pick up laptops at:

- ★ **Open House Jam [Aug 15]**
- ★ **Freshman/New Student Orientation [Aug 15]**

Remaining students will receive laptops the first week of school

Opt Outs

Please see review the [Annual Notice for Opt Outs](#).

Opt-Out Booklets

High School (grades 9-12).

Parents may also request a paper copy from the principal's office at their child's school. If you wish to opt your child out of any of the activities mentioned above, you must complete and return the appropriate forms to your child's school or online through the [Parent Digital Consent system](#).

Student Supports



- **Lion Time Advisory**
- **Late Bus Days [WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, 3:00-4:45], Begins September 4**
- **Learning Lounge [WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, 3:00-4:45], Begins September 4**
- **Coach Class**
- **Saturday School**
- **Varsity Tutoring**
- **Clubs and Activities**

EHALL (Securly) PASS

Fairfax High School will be using a Secure Digital Hall Pass System this year for all restrooms and pass requests.

Students will use Secure Pass to check into school, check in at tardy stations, request Lion Time passes, use the restroom, make teacher appointments, and schedule appointments with counselors.

FCPS Cell Phone Policy

DAILY PROCESS

- 1) As a student enters each classroom, they will silence their cell phones (or place in airplane mode). Smartwatches also need to be placed in silent or airplane mode. If a student brings airpods to school, these must be stored in the student's backpack during class.
- 2) As the student enters each classroom, they will place their phones in the cell phone hotel storage unit located in the front of the classroom OR in their bookbags
- 3) When class ends, students will retrieve their phones from the storage hotel before proceeding to their next class.
- 4) For the first few weeks of the pilot, we will have a daily schoolwide announcement first thing in the morning to remind students to place phones in the storage units or in their book bags as they enter each of their classrooms.
- 5) Students may still use their phones during passing time and at lunch (but not in restrooms except in emergencies), in accordance with the SRR.
- 6) Students with IEPs who have an accommodation allowing access to their phones or students with a documented medical need requiring access to their phones will be allowed to have access to their phones.



GET INVOLVED ~ IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!
FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL



Buy your LIONS PASS today!

Effective with the start of the 2024-25 school year all FCPS schools will have consistent regular season, district, and region tournament entry fees for general admission to athletic events. Adults (18 and over) will be \$7. FCPS students will be \$5. Schools will continue to offer free admission to senior citizens and children under 6.

To avoid long lines and save some money, we strongly suggest you buy your LIONS PASS today. The cost for a LIONS PASS is \$50 for adults and students, and the LIONS PASS is for all 2024-25 regular season HOME games.

Use the link below to buy your pass today. It's the best deal in town!

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/64925633/20242025-lions-pass-full-season-pass-fairfax-fairfax-high-school-athletics>

FAIRFAX

Academy

Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts

Where we help students discover their “why”

World Languages: American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese Korean

CTE: Fashion Careers, Game Design, Professional Photography, Social Media Marketing, TV & Media Production

Arts: Dance, Music Computer Technology, Musical Theatre & Actor’s Studio

Experiences: Guest teaching artists, internships, student leadership experiences, work-based learning, industry connections



SRR - Considerations

Creating a fair, equitable and supportive school environment

FCPS Cell Phone Policy

Phones and phone accessories must be silenced and put away during all instructional periods. Classrooms will have cell phone hotels to host phones or they can be placed in the backpack. This is a VDOE and FCPS expectation.

See Something/Say Something

Positive Behavior [PAWS]

Be on the lookout for the PAWS Patrol



Schedules

OFFICIAL schedules will only be available in SIS (StudentVue and ParentVue) as of 6am on Thursday, August 15.

As a reminder, schedule change requests will only be honored for the following reasons:

- Too few or too many classes
- Absence of a required course for graduation
- Error in placement
- Schedule says “See Counselor”

Any questions, please reach out to your counselor.