



When is the first day of school? How early can my student(s) arrive?

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 1st. The bell schedule for all FDHS students is 8:45 am to 3:45 pm. Our campus doors will open each day at 8:15 am and breakfast will be served until 8:45 am. Students who arrive after 8:45 must enter through the main front doors on both campus and check-in with the attendance clerk.

When is Open House (Meet & Greet) at FDHS?

Open House (Meet & Greet) will be hosted on Monday, July 31st at both the main campus (225 Hamilton E. Holmes Drive) and 9th Grade STEAM Academy (101 Hemphill School Road). Families will have the opportunity to engage with teachers, counselors, wrap around services, and various vendors and partners. PTSA and our Family Engagement team will be onsite as well to share information on how you can partner with the school throughout the school year. Finally, all transportation routes will be posted on both campuses.

What is the instructional delivery model this school year? Will students be able to learn on-line or virtually?

FDHS will continue to provide direct in-person instruction only except for credit recovery opportunities based on individual course needs. It is the expectation that all students report to school daily and adhere to their course schedule as assigned. Students will continue to utilize and access technology resources and platforms throughout the school day for the purpose of intervention, enrichment, and instructional organization.

Will my student continue to have access to technology devices and internet for home?

FDHS is prepared to provide one-to-one devices for student use during class instruction for all courses at the main and 9th Grade campus.

FDHS is no longer a recipient of the Verizon Innovation Learning grant which afforded students the opportunity to be assigned a computer device for use at school and home.

When will my student have access to their schedule for Semester 1?

Student schedules will be available for all fully registered students during Open House on Monday, July 31st from 11:00 to 1:00. Registered students and parents will also be able to access their schedules within the Student/Parent Portal. If you do not currently have access, please visit www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/48412. If you have difficulty gaining access or if you need your child's student ID number, please contact the school at 404-802-3100.

What specific school supplies do I need to purchase for my student(s)?

All students enrolled at FDHS will be required to maintain a clear/mesh bookbag throughout the school day. While some school supplies and resources will be provided by the school and at no cost, families are encouraged to obtain a general set of supplies for students to utilize at school and home. At the onset of the school year, teachers will provide specific items for students to purchase as part of their course syllabus. If you need additional support with securing a backpack, please contact our School Social Work team at 404-802-3100.

Will my student have access to additional academic support/tutoring, enrichment or clubs?

Every Wednesday, teachers will be available afterschool to provide tutoring for students in need of additional support or practice with their schoolwork. Additionally, teachers will be accessible on Wednesday afternoons to host parent-teacher conferences as needed or requested. Afterschool programs, enrichment, and clubs will be available for information and registration during Open House. Transportation will be available for students afterschool on Wednesday afternoons beginning August 23rd.

Is there a school dress code or uniform policy?

Students at FDHS are expected to uphold the legacy of excellence through appropriate dress and attire at all times. The following expectations for dress code and uniform guidance is as follows:

9th grade: Students at the FDHS 9th Grade STEAM Academy will adhere to a unified dress code. All students will have access to uniform shirts to be worn with khaki or black pants (preferably with a belt) to school each day. Parents may purchase uniform shirts at the 9th Grade Academy during Open House on Monday, July 31st from 11:00-1:00. The cost of each polo shirt is \$10.

10th – 12th grade: Students at the main campus are required to adhere to the FDHS Dress Code as follows:

- No head coverings other than for religious purposes are permitted (*hoods, hats, bandanas, head wraps, or bonnets*)
- Clothing, including spirit wear, must be modest and of appropriate length and fit.
- No exposed midriffs or excessively tight or short clothing.
- No visible underwear. Pants must sit at or above the waistline.
- No vulgar, profane, or offensive clothing or accessories (*No words or symbols that are drug/alcohol, gang-related, offensive, insulting, embarrassing, obscene, or promote illegal behavior*)
- No undershirts, tank-tops or spaghetti straps, sports or fashion bras should be worn as shirts.
- No holes or tears that expose excessive skin or body parts.
- Appropriate shoes that fit and allow for safe movement throughout the school must be worn at all times (*No slides, flip-flops, or slippers, backless shoes. Shoes need to have a back strap*).

**The administration will have final say on the appropriateness of a student's uniform. We will work to correct any issues in a positive and productive manner. Note: parents may be contacted to bring clothes, as needed, for uniform violations.*

**We reserve the right to adjust the dress code should concerns or issues arise throughout the school year. In such an event, parents and students will be notified in advance of the change(s).*

Will student drivers be permitted to park on their vehicles on the main campus?

Student parking on FDHS' campus is a privilege. Each student who drives a vehicle to school must register the vehicle by applying for a parking permit in the front office. Once approved, the parking permit (decal) must be visibly affixed to the front of the driver's side window. Unidentified vehicles without a valid decal may be towed at the vehicle owner's expense.

The administration and/or school officers have the right to search all vehicles on premises.

We look forward to a very positive and productive year together and are excited about seeing everyone soon!

In support,



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Principal