



Freshman Academy Support Mechanisms

The Freshman Academy is a bridge from the eighth grade to the tenth grade. The support mechanisms are the core of the Academy. Through these, students are given concrete ways to make the transition from middle school to the academic and behavioral expectations at Jordan, and their parents and guardians are given the opportunity to remain involved in their children's education.

◆ Freshman Academy Teams:

Each Freshman Academy team consists of an English, World History, Science, and Healthful Living teacher. These teachers meet during their planning periods to discuss the success of each student on their team.

◆ The Student Planner

All ninth-grade students are provided with an academic planner to support them in organizing vital information. By allowing a few minutes a week for students to enter and read information in their planners, teachers and parents can help students create good work habits that will benefit them their entire lives. Parents, guardians, teachers, and counselors can assist students by encouraging them to use their planners to record information, including the following:

- Homework and project due dates for all classes.
- Quiz, test, exam, and presentation dates.
- Beginnings and ends of marking periods.
- Changes from health to P.E.
- Dates of tryouts, auditions, athletic competitions, and arts performances.

◆ The Homework Policy

Homework collection: Academy students are responsible for turning in written homework before 9:00 AM on the due date. Students should place their homework into the appropriate homework box- collection boxes will be clearly labeled with the instructor's name. Students are advised to deliver their own work to the box to ensure its delivery! Each student will have two academy classes per day.

Late homework: Late homework is defined as homework not completed and submitted by the 9:00AM deadline on the due date! If a student misses this deadline, they may earn partial credit (60%) by attending study hall that day during lunch or the following day (or as arranged with the teacher). Homework that is turned in later than the deadline for earning partial credit or without study hall attendance is not eligible for any credit.

◆ Study Hall

Study halls are scheduled to meet Mondays through Thursdays. These study halls will provide students with a quiet place to complete their homework in a structured environment, an opportunity to meet with Academy teachers to review concepts covered in class, prepare for upcoming assessments, and make up missed assignments for partial credit.

*Students making up work for partial credit in study hall will be required to stay in study hall for a minimum of 30 minutes, and will then be released to their class or for parent pick-up. Students are responsible for making arrangements to attend study hall.

◆ Progress Reports

The Freshman Academy strives to keep students and parents frequently informed of academic progress in core classes. Families should expect to receive progress reports roughly every three weeks from their core classes.

◆ Parent Teacher Conferences

Another major benefit of the teaming inherent in the Academy model is that we can schedule meetings with parents and guardians (with or without the students, depending on what is appropriate) for a time during which all Academy teachers and the team's counselor are available. Non-academy teachers are also invited. To request a meeting call or email your student's school counselor.