



Rising 9th Grade Family Night

March 14, 2019

Welcome

A word from our Jordan High School Principal,
Ms. Taylor.





Save the Date!

- **Freshman Orientation**

August 22nd, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

- **Freshman Academy Parent Night**

August 22nd, 6:30 p.m.



The JHS Freshman Academy

- ❑ The Freshman Academy is a comprehensive freshman transition program for all first-time 9th graders.
- ❑ Each freshman is assigned to a Freshman Academy “team,” consisting of a counselor and four teachers, subjects including: English, Honors Biology OR Earth Science, World History, and Health & Physical Education.



Schedules

- ❑ Jordan High School operates on an A/B schedule; students take 8 classes throughout the year. School hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- ❑ Classes taken outside of the Freshman Academy include math and electives (Career and Technical Education, Arts Education, and World Languages).



Freshman Academy Support Mechanisms

- ❑ Student Planner and Progress Reports
- ❑ Study Hall and Homework Policy
- ❑ Parent/Teacher Conferences



Academic Planner

All ninth-grade students are provided with an academic planner. Families, teachers, and counselors can assist students by encouraging them to use their planners to record information, including:

- ❑ homework and project due dates for all classes
- ❑ quiz, test, exam, and presentation dates
- ❑ beginnings and ends of marking periods
- ❑ changes from Health class to P.E. class and vice versa
- ❑ dates of tryouts, auditions, athletic competitions, arts performances, etc.



Grading and Reporting

- ❑ The Freshman Academy keeps students and families informed of academic progress.
- ❑ Families should expect to receive progress reports roughly every three weeks from their Academy classes.



Study Hall

- ❑ Academy study hall sessions are offered before school and after school, Monday through Thursday.
- ❑ These sessions provide students with:
 - a quiet place to complete homework in a structured environment.
 - an opportunity to meet with Academy teachers to review concepts, prepare for upcoming assessments, and make up missed assignments for partial credit.



Homework Policy

- ❑ Academy students are responsible for turning in homework before 9:00 a.m. on the due date. Homework will be collected in a designated location for each team.
- ❑ If students are late to school on the due date due to a late bus or an excused tardy, the students will not be penalized.
- ❑ If students are late to school on the due date due to unexcused tardiness, students will need to attend study hall on the following day (or by arrangement with the teacher) in order to be eligible for partial credit.



Parent/Teacher Conferences

- ❑ Freshmen Academy Team teachers are available to meet with parents daily to discuss student progress. Interpreters are available.
- ❑ To schedule an appointment to discuss student concerns, please contact your student's counselor. Counselor assignments can be found on the Jordan High School website under Student Services.



Future Ready Core Graduation Plan

English (English I, English II, English III, English IV)

Mathematics (Math 1, Math 2, Math 3, and 4th Level Math)

Science (Earth/ Environmental, a Physical Science, Biology)

Social Studies (World History, American I/ II or AP US History and a Social Studies Elective, Civics)

1 Health and P.E.

Students must earn 2 credits of any combination of Arts, CTE, or World Languages (For college admission, world language credits must both be in the same language)

12 Electives

Students must earn 28 credits to graduate

Grade Point Average (GPA) and Weighting

Academic	Honors	Advanced Placement
A=4	A=4.5	A=5
B=3	B=3.5	B=4
C=2	C=2.5	C=3
D=1	D=1.5	D=2



Academic Rigor

- ❑ Take Appropriately Challenging Courses!
- ❑ What does that look like?
- ❑ Should I take AP classes?



Registration Timeline Reminders

❑ Agriscience Pathway Applications

- ❑ The pathway application window closed on January 31. Completed registration packets for approved students are due **April 5**.
- ❑ For more information, please contact Antoinette Daye, Career Development Coordinator, at antoinette.daye@dpsnc.org.

❑ Course Selection

- ❑ Jordan counselors presented registration information to 8th graders at Githens on January 16 and to Rogers-Herr students on February 18.
- ❑ Non-feeder schools picked up registration forms on **February 14**.
- ❑ All **registration forms** are due back to Jordan by Wednesday, **April 10**. Forms require a parent/guardian signature.
- ❑ Schedules will be made available to students mid-August.



Why Jordan?

- ❑ Jordan offers 4 languages – Spanish, French, Russian & ASL
- ❑ Comprehensive performing and visual arts program
- ❑ Agriscience Pathway Program
- ❑ Creative Writing Program
- ❑ Advanced Placement Capstone Program
- ❑ Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program
- ❑ Distinguished Speaker Series and Science Speaker Series
- ❑ Variety of Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities
- ❑ Competitive Athletic Program
- ❑ Community Support and Partnerships, and much more!

Question & Answer Session

