

Frequently Asked Questions for New Enrollees at Flower Mound High School

1. What is an Accelerated Block Schedule?

An accelerated block schedule is set up with a fall and a spring semester. Each semester allows a student to take up to four, 90 minute classes each day. The fall semester begins in August and ends in mid January. The spring semester begins in January and ends in June. A student can earn up to 8 credits each school year. Most classes last for the 18 week semester equaling 1 credit. Some classes last only 9 weeks equaling .5 credits. A few of the Academic Preparation classes may last 27 weeks for 1.5 credits.

2. Do you offer honors classes?

We offer some honors classes, known on our campus as Pre-Advanced Placement (PAP) classes.

3. What courses do you offer?

Please reference our district Course Description Guide online: (<http://fmhs.lisd.net/counseling/pdfs/20082009CourseDescriptionGuide.pdf>) for details about the courses offered at FMHS, graduation requirements and plans, and other information about what is offered in our district. Please remember that the Course Description Guide is a district guide and not all courses addressed are offered on all campuses. Our registrars will provide you with a specific course card for your grade level.

4. When does school start and end each day?

The regular school day starts at 8:45 am and ends at 4:05 pm. Students are required to be in their seats when the bell rings or they will be counted tardy.

5. What if I have been home schooled but wish to now attend public high school?

If you were home schooled under an accredited approved curriculum, your credits will be transferable. If you were not on an accredited program, you may be required to test to receive credit for your courses and credits. Please check with the registrars and counselors before enrolling.

6. What if I am a senior and want to graduate from Flower Mound High School, but will not move to the area until late spring?

If you plan to graduate from Flower Mound High School, you must be enrolled the first day of the last nine weeks of the year you plan to graduate.

7. When do grades start to count toward class rank and GPA?

The first day of your freshman year starts the process of grades being considered for GPA and class rank. FMHS has a weighted GPA on a 120.0 scale. The only courses that are calculated into the GPA are English, Math, Science, Social Studies and Foreign Languages. PAP and AP classes are weighted. Please read about the GPA in the Course Description Guide.

8. If a student fails a class and retakes the class to receive credit, is the failed grade replaced with the passing grade on the transcript?

When a student fails a course, the course can be repeated for credit. However, the failed grade is always on the transcript. When the student passes the course, the passing grade will also show up on the transcript with the credit applied. The failing grade **does** affect the GPA.

9. Do any courses require a summer project?

Yes, English PAP and AP courses require a summer reading project. You can review the required project on the FMHS website under the English Department.

10. What clubs are offered at FMHS and how do I find out about joining them?

FMHS has many clubs and organizations. There is probably one just for you. Please visit the website to review all the individual club sites to learn about specific information and requirements. Many clubs have welcoming meetings at the beginning of the year for new members to learn about their specific activities.

11. Can I request a specific teacher, semester, lunch, etc?

Specific request can not be accommodated due to the number of students and limit on class size.

12. How much time do students have between classes?

Students will have ample time to get to each class. The time between classes ranges from 7 to 10 mins. Our halls do get crowded at times, but we have back hallways that help with student traffic flow.

13. Can I ride a bus to school?

The requirement for riding a bus to school is that you live at least 2 miles from the school. However, you can contact Durham Transportation to check and see if your new address allows for bus transportation. Durham transportation has a link on the FMHS web site, or call Durham at 972-221-4557.

14. Where do I get a parking permit to park on campus?

You will have a chance to purchase a parking permit (\$5.00 for the entire 08-09 school year). These will be available through your attendance clerk. They can also be purchased at early schedule pickup on August 21 or 22.

15. Can I participate in athletics at FMHS? How do I go about joining a team?

Yes it is possible for you to participate in an athletic activity. Athletics at FMHS are very competitive! If you have never played the sport before this is not the place to start. Get some experience and then talk with the coach about tryouts. You will need to make contact with the specific coach for your sport before school starts. Many of our sports begin tryouts and practice before school actually starts. Please check the specific sport link on the website for each sport. Cody Vanderford is our Athletic Director and can direct you to the correct contact coach for your sport. You can email Cody at vanderfordc@lisd.net or go to <http://fmhs.lisd.net/athletics.htm>.

16. Do I need to do anything to prepare for being an athlete?

Yes, you must complete a required physical and return the form to our Athletic Trainer Jeff Brown for review. You will need to schedule a meeting with Coach Brown to review your information and for him to complete the necessary paperwork before you can tryout for a team. Email Coach Brown at brownj@lisd.net. The registrar will provide you with paperwork for your physical when you enroll at FMHS.

New Student Orientation August 14th

A –J 8:00 –9:45

K –0 10:00 –11:45

P –S 12:30 –2:15

T –Z 2:30 –4:15

Please plan to attend to learn more information about FMHS!

Please plan to attend the New Student Social on August 20 at 2:30 in the Rm. 1345.