

FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

2015-2016 QUICK REFERENCE AND TIP SHEET

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

The first day of school is Monday, August 31. It is a regular school day.

SCHOOL HOURS

The first warning bell rings at 7:29 a.m. Period 1 begins at 7:32. School is dismissed at 2:23 p.m. Teachers are available after school for extra help.

Office Hours: 7:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS/WEBSITE

Farmington High School: 673-2514
Fax Number: 673-7284
School Counseling Office: 673-4393
Fax Number: 675-3271
FHS Website: www.fpsct.org

CALENDAR

Fri, Aug 28: Freshman & New Student Orientation
Mon, Aug 31: First Day of School
Mon, Sep 7: No School — Labor Day
Fri, Sep 11: Senior Convocation
Mon, Sep 14: No School — Rosh Hashanah
Thu, Sep 17: Open House
Wed, Sep 23: No School — Yom Kippur
Fri, Oct 9: No School — Teacher PD Day
Mon, Oct 12: No School — Columbus Day
Wed, Oct 14: Pre-College Testing

REPORT CARDS/STUDENT PROGRESS

Report cards are distributed four times a year, about one week after the marking period closes, and will be distributed during the weeks of **November 20, February 5, April 15**, and shortly after the last day of school.

During each quarter, the most updated grades will be available for students through PowerSchool. Login instructions will be mailed to students and parents in August.

HANDBOOK

Each student will be issued a school planner that includes the student handbook. This handbook explains the rules of our school and other important information. Information that is outlined here is discussed in more detail in the handbook. Students

who misplace these planners may buy a new one in the main office.

ATTENDANCE AND REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

Regular attendance at school is critical to students' success and is required by district policy and Connecticut law. The loss of classroom instructional time adversely impacts student learning and academic success. Students have a responsibility to attend classes and be on time. When a student must be absent, parents/guardians must notify the school and submit appropriate written documentation in order for the absence to be excused (see "Attendance" section in Handbook for specific details). Parents should call the attendance secretary, Dori Platosh, at **673-2514** by **10:00 a.m.** on the day of the student's absence.

TARDINESS TO SCHOOL

In cases where students must come in late to school, parents must provide a note for their child. Students must bring the note to the attendance secretary, Dori Platosh, and sign in to school.

EARLY DISMISSAL

If a student must be released from school before the end of the day, parents must provide a note. Students must bring the note to the attendance secretary before the start of the school day and get an early dismissal pass they can show to their teachers. Students must sign out before leaving.

PARENT/STUDENT TO DO LIST ...

- Read the Student/Parent Handbook, sign, and have student return completed form to homeroom teacher.
- Please be sure you have signed into your Infosnap account to update your demographic information. (You received an email early this summer with your ID and password.)
- Have physical and immunization records on file with the nurse. Supply nurse with all medications that you must take during school time (see directions under "Medical Information" in Handbook).
- Call the attendance clerk (Dori Platosh) at 860-673-2514 by 10:00 a.m. on any day that your child is absent.

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CELL PHONE/ELECTRONIC DEVICES POLICY PERSONAL PROPERTY

We believe that the use of cell phones and personal audio players should be limited during the school day in order to reduce distractions from academic work and from social interactions with peers and adults. Students may use cell phones and personal audio devices **in the cafeteria during lunch or study halls.** Students may also use these devices in hallways during passing times.

While classes are in session, cell phones and audio players **must be turned off and be out of sight** in all classroom areas (with the exception of the cafeteria) except when used for instructional purposes and with the permission of the teacher. Teachers may require students to place electronic devices in receptacles until the end of class.

Students who violate this policy will have their electronic device confiscated and turned in to the main office. After a **first offense**, students may retrieve their device in the office after the school day has concluded. For a subsequent offense, students **must** have their parent or guardian come to school to retrieve the device at the conclusion of the school day. If a parent or guardian is unable to come in to pick up the device, the device will be held in the main office for three (3) school days after which time it will be returned to the student. A student who continues to violate this policy will be subject to additional disciplinary consequences.

Without the express permission of a teacher or administrator, students may not establish a wireless unfiltered connection to the internet or take photographs or videos of any kind. Laser pens and pointers are prohibited in school. Students violating these restrictions will be subject to disciplinary action.

AFTER SCHOOL INFORMATION

There are two late buses that are provided to students so that they may take advantage of the many activities and extra help opportunities that are available after school.

Students who are staying after school for extra help with a teacher, for a teacher or office detention, or for a school activity may take the bus that leaves at **4:00 p.m.**

Students who stay after school to participate in interscholastic athletics may take the bus that leaves at **5:30 p.m.**

Many students who are not involved in any of the above activities often stay after school to “hang out” with friends. As a parent, you should know that there is no direct student supervision provided after school for students who are not involved in a club or an activity.

Students who behave inappropriately after school may be put on after school restriction for several weeks. You will be notified in such cases.

Students are asked not to bring personal property of substantial value to the school building or to bring large sums of money to school for any purpose.

Students are assigned a personal locker in school at the beginning of the school year. Students should only use the locker to which they are assigned and should not share lockers. They should not give out their locker numbers to anyone, even their closest friends.

Students are reminded to be especially careful with their personal property in the gym locker rooms. Students are asked to either lock up their belongings or bring their personal property with them to their Physical Education classes. Students who have personal property stolen should complete a “lost/stolen item” form in the main office. All such forms will be shared with the school resource officer.

WHOM TO CALL

Having an open and effective line of communication between school and home is important for a student’s best chances for success. If your child is experiencing academic difficulties in a particular class, please contact the student’s teacher by phone or email. You may leave a voice mail message at any time of the day. If you have further questions or concerns, you may call the department leader for advice or assistance.

You may also talk to your child’s school counselor if your child is experiencing any academic, social, or behavioral problems. The name of your child’s school counselor is printed on your child’s schedule.

Our two social workers, Chris Garrahan and Katie Cartnick, are also good resources available to you if your child is experiencing some particular difficulties that are impacting his or her well-being or functioning in school.

Additionally, please feel free to contact your child’s administrator with any additional questions/concerns you may have.

CLOSED CAMPUS

Farmington High School is a closed campus. Students are required to remain on campus all day, including the lunch periods and study halls. Students are not to go to their vehicles unless they get a pass. Students in violation of this policy may lose privileges such as parking privileges and will receive school consequences.