



Ferguson Hall Freshman School

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Dear Ferguson Hall Families,

Welcome to Ferguson Hall Freshman School! We will be working hard this summer to make sure Ferguson Hall is ready for an exciting new school year. We have included some important dates and information for you to consider as you plan your summer activities. Please do not hesitate to call the office with any questions. We look forward to working with you next year!

Office Staff

Principal	Jaimie Sweet
Assistant Principal	Jonathan Webb
Administrative Assistants	Sherrie Pepera and Brenda Spears
Counselor	Lindsay Danver
Special Education	Todd Bandow
Nurse	Jennifer Dimeff

Breakfast/Lunch

Breakfast is available each morning in the Ferguson Hall cafeteria. Lunch will cost \$3.00 with many options a la carte. To access your meal account please visit <https://www.spsezpay.com/BCmeals/login.aspx>.

Important Dates

- 6/10/19** - Ferguson Hall office closes for the summer
- 7/14/19** - Ferguson Hall office reopens
- 8/7/19** - Freshman Orientation (7:50 AM - 12:00 AM) - BHS Gymnasium
Freshman will participate in a half day orientation where upperclassmen (Creek Crew) will lead fun activities, help explore the building, and provide a support for the upcoming year.
- 8/7/19** - Parent Orientation (8:00 AM - 10:30 AM) - BHS Auditorium
We will share what you can expect this year at Ferguson Hall, discuss social media, explore Snapchat and Instagram, suggest how you can help your child make positive choices online, and answer any questions you have about 9th grade. We will have student volunteers to watch and play with younger children while we meet.
- 8/13/19** - Open House (5:00 PM - 7:00 PM)
- 8/14/19** - First Day of School
- 10/18/19** - End of 1st Quarter (early dismissal)
- 11/1/19** - Challenge Day
- 12/20/19** - End of 2nd Quarter (early dismissal)
- 3/13/20** - End of 3rd Quarter (early dismissal)
- 5/22/20** - End of 4th Quarter (early dismissal/last day of school)

Please see the reverse side for a copy of our dress code and summer reading information.

Ferguson Hall's Dress for Success Norms

Education is about more than learning academic content. At Ferguson Hall, we pride ourselves on nurturing civic-minded, globally competent, compassionate and creative problem solvers who can navigate real world challenges. Part of navigating the real world is understanding the importance of context. Choosing the right attire for different contexts is an important life skill. Ferguson Hall's Dress for Success Norms encourage students to keep their focus on learning, maintain age-appropriate expectations, and provide an environment that allows students to feel comfortable and express their individuality appropriately. Ferguson Hall staff have taken great strides to ensure that these Dress for Success Norms are gender-neutral. We strive to enforce these rules respectfully and without judgment. With these interests in mind, Ferguson Hall has derived its Dress for Success Norms.

1. Clothing must completely cover students from mid-thigh to top of chest in non-see-through materials.
2. The front and back of a shirt (or top of any kind) must be connected over both shoulders.
3. Clothing must cover all undergarments.
4. Hats, hoods, and head coverings (except for those worn for religious purposes) are not allowed (including sunglasses, masks, and makeup that covers the face.)
5. Clothing must be free of obscene, violent, or inappropriate words and/or logos.
6. Clothing that could be used as a weapon (wallet chains, spikes, belt chains) is not permitted.

When a student's outfit does not meet the Dress for Success Norms, he or she will be asked politely to address the issue. This can be done in whatever way the student feels works best for him/her. Options include:

- Adjusting the fit of the clothing (if possible to do so and still meet the guidelines).
- Putting on something that is already at school (e.g. PE clothes, a jacket, etc.)
- Calling home and requesting a change of clothes.

Ferguson staff will address non-compliance with the Dress for Success Norms in a respectful and professional manner; our intent is not to shame students for their wardrobe choices. We would expect that no student should need to be asked more than twice, in one school year, to adjust their attire to meet the norms. Having to ask more than twice becomes an issue of disrespect rather than an issue about dress. We appreciate parent and student cooperation in our efforts to make our Dress for Success Norms and their enforcement fair, balanced, and gender-neutral.

Summer Reading Information

The following list is a suggested reading list for incoming freshman. This list is not required for general and scholarship level classes, but it will prepare students for the academic rigor of the high school reading.

- *Deadline* by Chris Crutcher
- *Eleanor & Park* by Rainbow Rowell
- *The Tension of Opposites* by Kristina McBride
- *Gilt Hollow* by Lorie Langdon
- *Laughing at My Nightmare* by Shane Burcaw
- *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart
- *Med Head* by James Patterson
- *The Junction Boys* by Jim Dent
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon
- *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier

For Honors English 9, there are additional summer reading requirements listed on Ferguson Hall's website under the "students" tab.