



Foothill High School – New Student/Family FAQ's (Frequently Asked Questions)

Q: Can I schedule a campus tour?

A: We do not provide campus tours; however, you are welcome to walk around campus any school day after 4:00 PM or anytime on weekends.

Q: Where can I find the school calendar?

A: The calendar is found on the websites for FHS (foothillfalcons.org) and PUSD (pleasantonusd.net).

Q: What options do I have to get my student to school each day?

A: Pleasanton Unified School District does not have school buses to transport students to school (with the exception of students in SDC with transportation in their IEP).

Your options for transportation are parent drop off/pick up, carpool, walk, bicycle, or the city bus service called Wheels. Wheels is a pay-per-ride service with routes designated for students to be transported to/from the middle schools and high schools in Pleasanton. The link to Wheels is:

<http://www.wheelsbusw.com/school-routes/>.

Q: Where can I drop off and pick up my student?

A: Use the circle in the front of the school. Pull into the loading and unloading zones for student's safety. Click here for a link to [drop off/pick up zones and instructions](#). You can also park along Foothill Road, or along neighboring streets, and ask your student to walk to you to avoid traffic.

Q: What time is school lunch?

A: All students, regardless of grade level, eat lunch at the same time. The current schedule is: (M/T/Th/F 12:11-12:41 PM and W 12:27-12:57 PM). Students may purchase food items in the Student Café. Students can eat lunch outside at the tables in the quad. During inclement weather, the small gymnasium is made available for the lunch period.

Q: How can my student purchase food at Foothill?

A: Food items can be purchased at the Student Café using cash, or you can set up an account through the Pleasanton Unified School District. Instructions on how to set up an account can be found at www.pleasantonusd.net. Select Departments from the blue menu bar at the top of the page, select Child Nutrition Service from the drop down list, and My School Bucks, to set up your account and deposit funds. [Information and applications for free/reduced lunches](#) can be found at this link.

Q: What is in the Main Office?

A: There are five (6) main departments in the office: Administration, Attendance, Student Activities, Counseling, Career Center and the Health Office.

Administration - A breakdown of administration responsibilities is on the [Administration Responsibility chart](#) on the Foothill High School website (foothillfalcons.org).

Attendance handles all absences (including Pre-Approved Absences and Independent Study Contracts) and signing a student out during the school day or picking up a student.

Student Activities and Athletics sell dance and game tickets, ASB cards, yearbooks, and parking passes, and also processes all athletic packets, lost and found items, replacement student ID cards, and parent/volunteer clearances.

Counseling assists with schedules, grades, classes, transcripts, college and scholarship information, and student social/emotional wellness.

Career Center assists the counselors and students with college and career planning; is the liaison for Regional Occupation Programs (ROP).

Health Office maintains student immunization records, student medications, and is where your student would come if he/she is not feeling well.

Q: What is Walk-Through Registration?

A: Each Foothill family must register for school each academic year. Walk-Through Registration is an online and physical process. Registration documents are completed online, donations to various school organizations can also be made online. Each student (preferably with an adult family member) brings two proofs of residency to walk-through during a scheduled time slot, and has the opportunity to purchase spirit wear, be photographed for their student ID, and pick up their schedule among other beginning-of-school-year tasks. The schedule for walk-through registration is published on the Foothill website (foothillfalcons.org) during the summer, and in Talon Talk.

Q: How can Foothill assist with a family where English is a second language, is low income, or with a foster student?

A: Pleasanton Unified School district has a list of parent liaisons who can assist you. The attached link introduces you to the district [parent liaisons and services they offer](#).

Q: How do I excuse my student for an absence or tardy?

A: If a student needs to leave school early, come in late, or is not coming to school at all, **parents/guardians should call** the attendance line the night before the morning of absence or late arrival to school. **(We do not accept written notes for Absent or Late students)**

The phone number for Attendance is 925-461-6686. The following information is required to complete the call:

- 1) Student's name and ID# (spell the name carefully),
- 2) The date and reason for the absence – MEDICAL or PERSONAL,
- 3) If applicable, the time they are leaving and/or returning to campus, and
- 4) Your name, relationship to student, and phone number.

For students who need to leave school early, please call the attendance office **BEFORE** the student needs to leave campus. Students are responsible for picking up their pass in the Attendance office prior to leaving school. If your student is returning to school, the student needs to check in at the attendance office before returning to class.

Q: What should my student do if he/she is feeling sick during the day?

A: If a student is not feeling well, he/she should go to the Health Office located across from attendance. The Health Services Assistant will call parents and make arrangements for the student to leave school, if needed.

Q: May I drop off items for my student?

A: Students are expected to be responsible for bringing all needed items to school each day. There is a designated table inside the main office (Drop Zone) for parents/guardians to drop off items (labelled with the student's name) which students may retrieve during lunch only. Any items deposited at the table are left at your own risk. Items left on the table at the end of the week will be donated or thrown away. Due to safety concerns, outside vendors are prohibited from delivering items to campus.

Q: How do I get a Student ID Card/Yearbook photo?

A: School photos are taken at walk-through registration and are required for the student ID card and yearbook. The ID card (or a photo of the card) must be carried by students at all times. The purchase of school photos is optional. Replacement ID cards may be purchased at the activities desk.

Q: What is a Student Planner?

A: A planner (organizer) is a detailed notebook laid out as a calendar that allows your student to keep track of classroom assignments. The planner also has important information for students including important dates, the bell schedule, the campus map, dress code information, and discipline policies. Planners are provided to all students at registration, and to new students, when available, who join Foothill during the school year.

Q: What is an ASB sticker?

A: The Associated Student Body (ASB) sticker provides students with multiple benefits, including: a free ASB t-shirt, free admission to all on-campus sporting events, and discounts to school dances, Junior Prom, Senior Picnic, Senior Ball, and Mr. Foothill.

Q: What is the Foothill Athletic Booster Pass?

A: The athletic pass allows free admission to all home athletic events (except NCS playoff games). The Single pass is for 1 adult and any number of non-high school-age children. The Family Pass is for 2 adults and any number of non-high school-age children. The pass is recommended for parents of students participating in sports and band who wish to see their child compete/perform at each sports event. These passes are sold through Boosters, and will be available for sale online and in person during walk-through registration.

Q: Where do I pick up the class (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior) T-shirt I ordered?

A: Class t-shirts are picked up at the class tables in the Small Gym during walk-through registration, and purchased during check out. T-shirts not picked up at walk-through registration will be available for pick up in the Student Store. A receipt must be presented to pick up the shirt. Additional shirts can be purchased at the student store.

Q: Where can we purchase spirit wear and school items?

A: The Falcon Wing Student Store is open for purchase of spirit wear, snacks, and items that your student may need during the school day. Spirit wear can also be purchased at Falcon Fest, a community-wide event held at Foothill High School each fall.

Q: What clubs and activities are available for my student at Foothill High School?

A: View the link to see [current clubs and activities](#).

Q: My student plays a sport. What do I need to know?

A: Foothill High School is part of East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) and offers students a number of opportunities to participate in a sport. Please follow the link to [everything athletic](#) at Foothill.

Q: Where can I see my student's schedule?

A: Student schedules will be available on the student portal (Q) immediately before school starts in August.

Q: Is there a Back-to-School Night?

A: Since there are no parent-teacher conferences in high school, parents are encouraged to attend Back-to-School Night at the beginning of the school year to meet their student's teachers. Please consult the website for date and time.

Q: What about dances?

A: Students purchase tickets for school dances at the activities window in the main office. Students must present their student ID card and dance form when purchasing a ticket and to obtain admission to the dance. Most on-campus dances are from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Students may leave dances when they wish, and there is no re-entry once they leave.

Q: What can I do to support Foothill High School?

A: There are several parent groups that help to support our students and raise funds for school programs: The Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), Foothill *Athletics* Boosters (FAB), Foothill *Band* Boosters, Pleasanton Partners in Education (PPIE), and various departments. [Click here for groups that support Foothill High School](#). Donations may be made all year long through Future Fund: <https://foothill.futurefund.com/store>.

Q: What is PTSA?

A: The Foothill Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) works on behalf of the entire Foothill community to advocate for academic excellence and enrichment of the educational experience of our students. It is affiliated with the National PTA. At Foothill, we raise funds for purchases that raise the quality of academic instruction and relate to student learning, well-being and future-readiness. Students who are members may apply to serve as representatives on the PTSA board and are eligible for scholarships and grants. Meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of each month in room C-6 on the Foothill campus. Everyone is welcome, although only members may vote. Membership is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 per student per year. For more information, go to www.foothillptsa.org.

Q: What is Boosters?

A: Boosters is non-profit organization that supports and fundraises for all Foothill sports teams. Visit: Foothillathleticboosters.com for more information.

Q: What is Falcon Fest?

A: Falcon Fest is a Foothill High School community gathering held outside the football stadium before a selected home football game. This lively event includes a food and an opportunity for sports teams and clubs to host booths and sell spirit wear, food, and novelty items. All Foothill students and their families are welcome at Falcon Fest.

Q: Where can I find information on happenings at Foothill?

A: Foothill High School website: foothillfalcons.org; sign up for Talon Talk, a twice monthly newsletter (go to Foothill website and click on “Sign up for Communications and Volunteering”, lower right corner of front Page).