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Welcome

Transitioning to High School
Pass out flyers, if you had not done so already.

This summer, each of you has the opportunity to earn some cash for your pockets by joining Bridge and participating in the summer youth program. There is a flyer for you to register for this event. The event goes from Tuesday, July 5th to July 28th. You come to this site on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday to engage in field trips, and activities, and revisit some academic classes to prepare you for freshmen success.
Okay let's do a quick group check in to see where everyone is at with regard to high school.
Let Us See What Everyone Is Feeling..

Click Here
Right now you may be having many thoughts and feelings about transitioning to high school.

Some of you may be scared, nervous and have many questions.

Some of you may be excited and happy.

Today, we welcome you to the high school experience.
Today's Agenda

- Incoming Freshmen Experience
- Academic programs
- Enrichment programs and activities
- Common Vocabulary You Need to Know
- Planning for college and career
  - Hartford Promise Scholarship- Secure your $20,000 for school

Today we are going to talk about high school and have the following agenda to help answer some initial questions you may have about high school. (Read Agenda)
Student Presenters
Incoming Freshmen Experience

If students are not presenting at this time, skip and come back when they arrive to your room.
Academic Programs
Why Academic Excellence Is So Important

1. Better job opportunities
2. Scholarship opportunities
3. Improved self esteem
4. Sense of accomplishment
5. Better educational opportunities
6. Development of skills in areas like reading, math, computer technology, research, etc.

In the end, prepare you for college and professional future.
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Core content are the courses that are required for a high school diploma.

Electives are courses that are outside of the required courses, that you can choose from.
The school that you attend will have a focus on either a magnet theme or career pathway. This means that you will take at least 1-2 class periods a year dedicated to the theme or career pathway. For instance, at Kinsella you will take multiple arts classes. At Weaver high school you may take multiple journalism courses or insurance courses aligned to the career pathway. When you graduate, you should have an in-depth experience with your theme that can be applied to college or career.
Today you will receive the list of courses that you will take at your high school.
Class Schedule (Sample)

Block scheduling:

**A Days & B Days**, each class is 83 minutes & meets every other day

- A & B days rotate
- Example: Monday- A, Tuesday- B, Wednesday- A, etc.

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The courses that you see on your course request will inform your schedule as a freshmen. (Explain the sample block scheduling)
Hartford Public Schools wants every student to be college and career ready by the time they graduate high school. In high school, teachers across all programs will utilize the Portrait of a Graduate rubrics to assess student mastery in each competency. A rubric is a tool for measuring your performance as a student. In most cases, teachers will find it useful to utilize pieces of multiple rubrics for different assessments or instructional tasks, rather than the entirety of just one rubric.
Student Led Conferences

At the end of each marking period, your teachers will:

- Discuss your performance with the Portrait of the Graduate Rubric
- Discuss your grades and attendance to school
- Create goals for your high school year
- Help find ways to improve your learning and high school experience
Check In for Understanding:

What do you notice as similarities to your school now?
What do you notice as differences to your school now?
What questions do you have about academics?
Enrichment Programs and Activities
Why Extracurricular Activities and Sports Are So Important

1. Provide an opportunity to take on leadership roles
2. Enhances your teamwork experiences
3. Develops time management skills
4. Make new friends with similar interests
5. Build confidence
6. Help improve concentration and focus

In the end, prepare you for college and professional future.
Clubs and Extracurricular Activities

Every high school has a list of clubs and extracurricular activities based on school. Please visit the school's website to find a list of clubs and activities. Some example clubs and activities include:

ConnCAP
Key Club
National Honor Society
Moot Court
Internships
Black Student Union
Chess Club
Model UN
Student Council
** Comprehensive only- Career Pathway Afterschool Activities

And more!
Bulkeley Bulldogs
Capital Prep Trail Blazers
Classical Magnet Gladiators
The HMTCA Phoenix
HPHS Owls
SMSA Tigers
University Hawks
Weaver Beavers

Dont see your school? It’s okay because you can still join a team!
## Athletics- Sports by Season

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NCAA

High school athletes who want to attend a Division 1 or Division 2 college after high school to play a sport, must meet with their high school counselor to discuss the NCAA.

Grades and attendance matters!

Student athletes can earn scholarships for college education.
Learn More About Athletics Here…

HPS Athletics

Find your school's athletics offerings below by school, season, and sport. Click on individual sports to see up-to-date CIAC schedules and scores.

Click Watch Live for a limited selection of live high school game webcasts on the NFHS Network. You can FOLLOW for free, then scroll down to see available webcasts. (There is a fee to SUBSCRIBE to the NFHS Network; FOLLOWing is free of charge)

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What questions do you have about extracurricular activities, athletics, and clubs?
Common Vocabulary

Terms you will hear and need to know
Let’s begin with a few!
# Overview of Terms

How many of these words do you already know?

- GPA
- Credits
- Cumulative
- Transcript
- Electives
- Promotion Criteria
- AP/ECE/DE/Honors
- Scholarship

There are many important words you need to know before you get to high school. Today we are going to learn about them, but hopefully many are already familiar!
GPA

Raise your Hands!
The GPA is the number that shows how well or how high you scored in your courses on average.

Usually there is a GPA scale between 1.0 and 4.0

It's meant to score you during your studies and shows whether your overall grades have been high or low.

Grades and attendance matters to improve your GPA!
Credits

Raise your Hands!
Credits

Credits are what you earn when you complete/pass a course.

You need to earn 6 credits by the end of your freshmen year to move into the next grade level. Credits are earned why you have a final grade for the year or semester of D or higher.
More Information on Credits

You can earn one credit for each full year course.
You can earn .5 of a credit for each half year course.
There are some exceptions (advisory, study hall, etc)
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Like mentioned before there are many electives that you can take at your high school. Many are based on the theme of the school or career pathway.
Promotion Criteria

Raise your Hands!
Promotion Criteria

Promotion Criteria is the classes you need to earn before you can be moved to the next grade each year.
Credit Requirements for Promotion

Hartford Public Schools requires high school students to successfully complete a minimum number of credits before they can graduate. This applies to students in the class of 2020 and later.

In order to be considered a Sophomore/10th grader:

Students must have successfully completed 6 credits.

Credits must include:

- 1 in Mathematics
- 1 in English.
A Few More Terms

Knowing what all of these are will help you to be better prepared for High School and college.
AP/ECE/DE Courses

AP - Advanced Placement
ECE - Early College Experience
DE - Dual Enrollment
All of these courses are rigorous and allow students to earn college credit while in high school.
Honors Courses

Raise your Hands!
Honors Courses

Honors courses go a step further than regular high school courses. These courses move at a faster pace and go more in-depth but you also earn more credit for them.
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Message from Dr. Daniels, Executive Director of PostSecondary Success

Click Here
What is one Scholarship that every Hartford student should know about?
Who Wouldn't Want a $20,000 Scholarship?!

It's as simple as 1, 2, 3, 4!

TO QUALIFY A STUDENT MUST:

1. Attend a Hartford Public High School continuously from 9th grade to graduation.
2. Be a Hartford resident throughout high school.
3. Have a 93% or better cumulative attendance record during high school.
4. Have a 3.0 or better cumulative GPA or better on a 4.0 scale in high school.
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