

Avon Grove High School Freshman Academy



May 27, 2010

Middle School

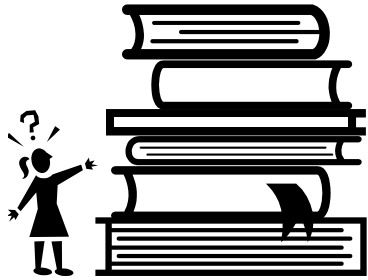
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High School

As students make the transition into high school, many experience a larger, more impersonal, more competitive, and grade oriented environment than they experienced in middle school.

(Eccles, Midgley, & Adler, 1984)





Transition to Ninth Grade

- The transition into ninth grade is a critical phase in student's lives and academic careers.
- The move to a larger environment, the reduction in personal support, and the greater academic challenge posed by high school courses is often problematic for rising ninth grade students.

(www.betterhighschools.org)

Difficult Transitions into High School...

Can result in...

- poor academic performance
- increased drop out rate
- reduced on-time graduation



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What is Freshman Academy?



- Teams of teachers & students
 - 4 teams of approximately 125 students
- Interdisciplinary team
 - English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies
 - Guidance Counselor
 - Class Activity Advisor
 - Administrator

Freshman Academy = Success

Ease transition between 8th & 9th grade to increase *student success* in high school

- 1 Allow students the typical 9th grade experience
- 2 Core classes scheduled on a team yet located throughout the building
- 3 Elective courses, physical education, and lunch are not part of the team structure

Freshman Academy = Success

Teacher teams meet regularly to support *student achievement* & *social development*

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Personalized team approach to student needs

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Early detection of possible problems and quick intervention

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Increased communication between home and school

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Coordination of resources and expertise to support students

Benefits of Freshman Academy to Students

- Increased academic achievement
- Increased student attendance, attitudes, and behavior
- Promotion of positive feelings about self and others
- Increased number of students going on to 10th grade
- Increased extracurricular participation rate
- Stronger student-teacher relationships



Who will be part of the Freshman Academy?

Assistant Principal

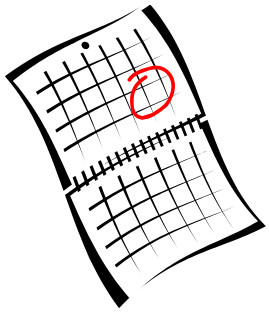
– Mr. Gary Benasutti

Guidance Counselor

– Ms. Jennifer Meyers



Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D
(Eng)	(Eng)	(Eng)	(Eng)
(M)	(M)	(M)	(M)
(Sc)	(Sc)	(Sc)	(Sc)
(SS)	(SS)	(SS)	(SS)



Dates to Remember...

- May 13 CAC Presentation
- May 24 Rising freshman visit HS during school day
- May 27 Board Presentation
- End of May Parent letter with course assignments for rising freshman for 2010-2011
- June 3-4 Freshman Academy Training/PD