



Student
Handbook
2017-2018

Walton County School District
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Freeport Middle School Student Handbook 2017-2018

Welcome to Freeport Middle School (FMS), home of the bulldogs! The FMS faculty and staff members are looking forward to a busy year of preparing each student to meet his or her full potential. All FMS students are valued as individuals and are very important to the success of the school. Therefore, to ensure each student receives an equal opportunity to learn in a safe environment and meet the high standards set for all FMS learners, students are expected to abide by the policies and procedures found in this handbook. Parental and/or guardian support of these same policies and procedures is also crucial to the overall success of FMS.

Freeport Middle School will follow the policies and procedures set forth by the Walton County Code of Conduct and Student Progression Plan in all matters at the school level.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Florida law requires the regular attendance of students during the 180-day school year. Students are expected to be present and to be punctual for all classes. FMS staff will be contacting first period absentee student's parents/guardians by phone each day. These phone calls are an attempt to verify student absences and maintain student safety. Students are to remain on the school campus during school hours and must receive permission from the office to leave campus.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

- Brief student illness/injury
- Medical/dental appointments
- Death of an immediate family member
- Religious holiday of the specific faith of the student (principal approved)
- Compelled absence (e.g., judicial)
- Natural/major disaster that would justify absence (principal approved)
- School-sponsored/related activity (principal approved)
- Financial or other insurmountable conditions (principal approved)
- Other advanced notice absences (principal approved)

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:

- Unverified absence (absences other than those defined above)
- Truancy
- Missing school bus/oversleeping
- Shopping/pleasure
- Excessive illness (without physician verification that medical condition justifies pattern)
- Failure to communicate the reason for absence(s)

READMITTANCE TO SCHOOL:

Students returning from an absence should report to the FMS Administrative office with a note from the parent/guardian the day the student returns to school. The office will provide the student with a re-admittance pass. Students are allowed up to three (3) days to present a note for an approved absence upon return to school after this time the absence will be unexcused.

TARDY POLICY:

- To ensure safety, all students who arrive on campus after 7:30 A.M. must have a parent/guardian walk them to the office and sign them in.
- Students reporting to school after 8:05 A.M., without an excuse allowed by the WCSD as described in the Code of Conduct, will be held in the cafeteria until the beginning of 2nd period.
- All tardiness is considered unexcused, unless a valid note/reason is presented.
- The school secretary will document tardiness for first period in FOCUS.
- Instructors will document tardiness for periods two through six in FOCUS and **detention** will be assigned upon the fourth tardy and for each accumulated tardy per nine weeks.
- This policy will take effect ten (10) days after the first day of school.

CLASSROOM TRANSFER PROCESS FOR TEACHER TEACHING OUT-OF-FIELD:

The school district will report out-of-field teachers on the district's website within 30 days before the beginning of each semester. A parent whose student is assigned an out-of-field teacher may request that his or her child be transferred to an in-field classroom teacher within the school and grade in which the student is currently enrolled. The school district must approve or deny the parent's request and transfer the student to a different classroom teacher within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed 2 weeks, if an in-field teacher for that course or grade level is employed by the school and the transfer does not violate maximum class size pursuant to F.S. 1003.03. If a request for transfer is denied, the school must notify the parent and specify the reasons for the denial. An explanation of the transfer process must be made available in the student handbook or a similar publication. This subsection does not provide a parent the right to choose a specific teacher.

COMMUNICATION**DISTRICT COMMUNICATION:**

To obtain information pertaining to the Walton County School District, visit the District's website at www.walton.k12.fl.us or the District's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Walton-County-School-District-111628765567605/>.

FACEBOOK:

Regular updates are made to the FMS Facebook page. Please like our page: <https://www.facebook.com/Freeport-Middle-School-615379225155055/> and check regularly for posts.

PLANNER:

Each student will be provided with a planner at the beginning of the school year. The planner will serve as a form of two-way communication between parents and teachers in regard to important due dates, student progress, and discipline issues.

REMIND 101:

Remind 101 is a text formatted system used to communicate with parents and students. Text "@fmsdogs" to 81010 to receive text messages concerning school wide announcements. Many teachers at FMS also utilize Remind 101 to communicate with parents and students concerning upcoming classroom events and assignments. Please check with your child's teacher to see if they utilize this system as a form of communication.

SCHOOL BUS INFORMATION:

Would you like to know when your student's bus is going to be late?

The Transportation Department of Walton County School District is using Bus Bulletin notification system to notify parents and students when there are bus delays and schedule changes.

If you would like to receive instant notifications when delays or incidents affect your student's bus, please register with Bus Bulletin.

- There is no cost for this service.
- Registration is simple and fast.
- You can choose to receive text messages, phone calls, and e-mails.
- Enter up to seven different phone numbers.
- All contact information is stored securely and will not be shared or sold - your privacy is protected.

For more information, or to sign-up and start receiving notifications, please visit:

<https://app.busbulletin.com/login.php>

WEBPAGE:

FMS has a webpage that can be found at: <http://fms.walton.k12.fl.us>. Our webpage is updated frequently with activities and information.

DRESS CODE

Only Freeport Middle School shirts/hoodies in the colors of orange, blue, or black are allowed for the 2017-2018 SY. Shirts altered to meet dress code requirements are not allowed.

- School approved shirts will be worn Monday-Thursday and **must** be visible at all times beginning the first day of school. FMS spirit/club shirts may be worn on **Fridays only**.
- Jackets worn in the school building must be unzipped/unbuttoned completely at all times so the FMS school shirt is visible. A long sleeve shirt may be worn under the FMS school shirt.
- The requirements for pants, slacks, shorts, layered clothing, and shoes will be the same as outlined in the WALTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2017-2018 STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT <http://www.walton.k12.fl.us/> under the parent tab.
- Students not meeting the Dress Code will be sent to the office. The parent/guardian will be contacted to bring in a change of clothing. If the parent/guardian is unable to

supply a change of clothing that meets Dress Code, the student will be provided a "Property of FMS" shirt and/or pants to wear for the remainder of the school day.

- Discipline consequences outlined in the WCSD Code of Conduct will be followed.

GUIDANCE

MTSS:

The Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) is in place at all Walton County schools. MTSS is designed to monitor student progress and to develop and implement interventions. Parents are a welcome part of this process. Parents can initiate MTSS meetings by request to the guidance department.

PARENT CONFERENCES:

If parents/guardians desire a conference, please notify the school by phone, email or note. Email addresses are available on the Walton County School District web site and they may be found at <http://fms.walton.k12.fl.us/>. The office will then inform the teacher(s) and they will contact you concerning an appointment. If for some reason you are unable to attend the conference, please contact the office at 850.892.1221.

WITHDRAWAL FROM SCHOOL:

Before a student transfers to another school, a parent/guardian must sign a withdrawal form in the guidance office. All school property is to be turned in to the appropriate teacher. Failure to follow this procedure will result in FMS notifying the receiving school that all withdrawal procedures were not followed upon exit from FMS

LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Breakfast:	Reduced - \$.30	Regular - \$1.85
Lunch:	Reduced - \$.40	Regular - \$2.85 (6th, 7th, 8th grades) \$2.60 (5 th Grade)
Adult:	Breakfast - \$2.00	Adult Lunch - \$4.00
Extra Milk: Half Pint - \$.50 Milk will be served only at meals. (Note: Students are not allowed to bring carbonated drinks.)		

Apply for Free & Reduced Priced Meals Online

Starting July 1, 2017, the Food & Nutrition Services of Walton County School District has allowed parents to apply for meal benefits online! Now, parents can fill out an application from the comfort of home without having to worry about giving it to their student(s) to take to school! Log onto the WCSD website at: www.walton.k12.fl.us and click on Food & Nutrition Services then click on Free and Reduced Meals which is located under the Student/Family Links section. A paper application will be made available upon request. Students who were on free/reduced breakfast/lunch the preceding year will be considered at the same status for the first 30 school days. By the 31st school day (September 21st), a new completed breakfast/lunch form must have been submitted/returned to the school for the free or reduced status to continue. If not, the student will have to pay full price for breakfast and lunch until the form is completed and returned.

Pay for Meals Online

The Walton County School District Food & Nutrition Department is offering an online service to help you manage your student(s)' school meal account. You now have the ability to check your student(s)' school meal account balance online, as well as make payments with your Visa or MasterCard. Contact your student(s)' school for the 10-digit Student ID Number.

Log onto the WCSD website at: www.walton.k12.fl.us and click on Food & Nutrition Services then click EZ Meal Payment. EZSchool Pay is also available on your app store!

We do not have the funds to allow students to charge lunches, but we are aware that unforeseen events may occur. If a student does not have lunch money, every effort will be made to contact the parent/guardian. Arrangements such as an alternative lunch (sandwich) will be made on an individual basis if the student's parent/guardian can't be reached. Parents/Guardians should take responsibility for monitoring their child's lunch account. If a parent/guardian email address is available, they will be notified by email of account charges and delinquencies, account balances, and account credits to student accounts.

If students choose to bring their lunch, they may do so. No food in advertised wrappers will be allowed (i.e., food in a Hardee's or other "named" wrapper).

Questions regarding student lunch/breakfast accounts should be directed to the school lunchroom manager, Mrs. Mary Jo Averell at (850) 892-1221, extension 3215.

MEDICAL SERVICES

The nurse is available throughout the school day. A pass from the teacher is required for a student to visit the nurse. Administering medication during school hours should occur only when medication schedules cannot be adjusted to permit administration of medication at home.

- Parents/Guardians MUST sign a "Request to Administer Medication" form available in the nurse's office.
- Medication MUST be brought to the school by the parent/guardian in the original container with the student's name, name of medication, and directions for dosage, time to be administered, physician's name, and date. The medication will be received, counted and verified by the nurse, her designee, or principal's designee. Any changes in the dosage or time must be accompanied by another form. Medication will be stored in a locked area. At no time should a student have possession of prescription or over-the-counter medication.
- The first dose of any new medication should be given at home in case of a reaction.
- Parents/Guardians MUST pick up any unused medication within one week of the expiration date. After one week the nurse will destroy the medication. Medication given throughout the school year will be destroyed if not picked up after the last day of school.

- If it is necessary for a student to carry an inhaler with him/her at all times, a "Permission to Carry an Inhaler on School Grounds" form MUST be signed by the parent/guardian and physician (form available in the nurse's office). A signed permission form also must accompany ingestible medications.

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS:

Every year students come to school after being in the hospital, having surgery or with cast or crutches. Parents/guardians are requested to notify the school nurse if this happens to your child. A physician's note may be required in some situations.

OFFICE ASSISTANCE

EMERGENCY CARDS:

Emergency cards are sent home at the beginning of the school year. The emergency card should be completed by the parent/guardian and returned to school promptly. These cards are kept in the office and are used as a reference in case of an emergency. Please notify the school in writing if there is a change in address or phone number during the school year. The name of any adult designated to check students out of school **must** be indicated on the emergency card or a student **will not** be allowed to check-out.

HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS:

Students, who have been out of school for two or more days with excused absences, may request homework through FMS office. Please call by 8:30 A.M. if possible to make arrangements to pick up the work between 2:00 and 3:00 P.M. As per the Student Progression Plan, students are expected to make up all work missed during an excused absence within a reasonable time after returning to school or other such time as determined by the teacher or the Principal, and credit will be granted for all work completed. At least 1 day shall be allowed for each day of missed work. Homework assignments will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes per night per subject area.

TELEPHONE USE:

Students may only use the office telephone with a pass from the teacher.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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All students are required to participate in athletic activities during Physical Education (PE) classes. Proper attire and active participation is expected during physical education classes. Students will be required to wear FMS/WCSB approved attire.

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

Freeport Middle School utilizes the PBS (Positive Behavior Support) system in regards to student behaviors. PBS is the application of evidence-based strategies and systems to assist schools to increase academic performance, increase safety, decrease problem behavior, and establish positive school cultures. On an individual level, PBS uses functional behavior assessments to understand the relationships between a student's behavior and characteristics of his or her environment. The functional behavior assessment identifies multiple strategies to effectively reduce problem behavior including changing systems, altering environments, teaching skills, and focusing on positive behaviors.

In order for Freeport Middle School to create a safe/learning environment, students will adhere to the following discipline plan for both the classroom, school sponsored events, and campus:

- Completing your class work on time.
- Raising your hand before speaking.
- Respecting school/other student's property.
- Moving through the building in an orderly manner.
- Following classroom, school, and cafeteria policies/procedures.
- Using appropriate language.
- Treating yourself, your peers, and faculty/staff with respect.
- Showing school pride in your behavior and attitude.

CONSEQUENCES FOR NOT MEETING SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS:

The following are disciplinary actions that may be taken by the Principal or his/her designee(s) for not meeting school expectations:

- Verbal Warning
- Parental Contacts
- Lunch Detention
- Behavior Contracts
- After-school detention
- In or Out of School Suspension
- Referral to Superintendent for Alternative Placement
- Recommendation for Expulsion

In the event of ZERO TOLERANCE offenses administration will follow the procedures in the 2017-2018 Walton County School District Student Code of Conduct.

Occasionally an action occurs that is not referenced in the FMS student handbook. In this case the FMS administration has the right and responsibility to address such actions in a manner consistent with School Board policies and procedures. Students are expected to act as responsible members of the student body at all times.

For Major and Minor infractions involving formal and informal consequences please refer to the Walton County School District 2017-2018 Student Code of Conduct at: <http://www.walton.k12.fl.us/> under the parent tab.

BOOK BAGS/BACKPACKS/PURSES:

Backpacks are allowed on campus. Backpacks can be defined as any bag or purse that could hold notebooks, books, planners, etc. Backpacks and purses are subject to search by FMS administration.

INTERNET ACCESS:

All students and parents are required to complete and sign the Walton County Internet Acceptable Use Policy, located in the Walton County Code of Conduct Handbook, which provides students the opportunity to have access to the internet.

CELL PHONES and ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

FMS will follow the guidelines set forth in the Walton County School District 2017-2018 Student Code of Conduct regarding electronic devices and internet access and restrictions. <http://www.walton.k12.fl.us/> under the parent tab.

SCHOOL ISSUED STUDENT MATERIALS

TEXTBOOKS:

All students will be given a set of school textbooks. Textbooks should be kept in good condition and handled carefully. Pursuant to Florida Statute 1006.28(3) (b), the school principal shall collect from each student or the student's parent/guardian, the purchase price of any instructional material the student has lost, destroyed, or unnecessarily damaged. The failure to collect such sum upon reasonable effort by the school principal may result in the suspension of the student from participation in extracurricular activities at the school site as determined by the school principal, pursuant to policies adopted by district school board rule.

WCSD and FMS HANDBOOKS:

WCSD Uniform Code of Student Conduct (COC) and FMS Student Handbook/Planner will be given out to each student. The Code of Conduct and FMS Student Handbook will be thoroughly explained to students by FMS staff members. Forms in the WCSD Code of Conduct and receipt of the FMS Student Handbook will need to be signed by the student and parent/guardian and returned to the school.

SCHOOL PRIDE

School pride is demonstrated not only by our actions and behavior, but also by our attitudes. Keeping our buildings clean and attractive and being courteous and polite are all expressions of school spirit and pride. School pride is modeled in the following ways:

ASSEMBLIES AND PUBLIC PERFORMANCES:

Please enter and exit quietly. Follow your teacher's instructions at all times. Applause is the **only** acceptable response in appreciation for a good performance or program.

CLASSROOMS, HALLS, RESTROOMS, and WALK WAYS:

Keep areas free from trash, litter, and graffiti. When entering and exiting school buildings, please enter and exit through the appropriate doors. Please walk on the right side of the hallway to and from all classes.

LUNCHROOM:

All lunches brought to school must be eaten in the lunchroom. Students are responsible for cleaning their eating area to include the floors. Students are to remain seated at assigned table unless a supervising adult excuses them. **All drinks from the machines must remain in the lunchroom for consumption and be disposed of prior to exiting the lunchroom. No carbonated drinks are allowed in the lunchroom.**

PEP RALLIES AND SPORTING EVENTS:

Support our FMS athletes by enthusiastically cheering them at appropriate times. Opponents are our guests and should be treated with respect at all times. Accept the decisions of the officials without complaints.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE:

Florida Statutes require public schools to encourage greater respect for the government of the United States and its national anthem and flag. Students will be provided the opportunity to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the day. However, a student has the right not to participate in reciting the pledge. Therefore, a student will be excused from reciting the pledge upon receipt of a written request by his or her parent or guardian.

STUDENT ATHLETICS

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The Florida High School Activities Association (FHSAA) determines eligibility requirements for the athletic program FMS. In accordance with these requirements, a student must have a 2.0 or higher GPA the semester prior to their participation and be enrolled at FMS in the 6th, 7th, or 8th grade. Tryouts determine the selection of students for all athletic teams. Students are required to have a physical examination signed by a doctor prior to trying out for any athletic activity and a copy of their birth certificate must be on file. Fifth (5th) grade students may not participate in middle school sports due to FMS's membership to the FHSAA.

No gym bags of any kind are allowed except a plastic bag to bring gym clothes and shoes to and from school.

Sports Bags: Your sports bag (for example – bat bags) when brought to school, must be placed in the locker room in the gym, carried to your 6th period teacher's classroom, or brought to the office. Students will not be allowed access to sports bags throughout the school day.

STUDENT SAFETY

Student safety is of primary importance at Freeport Middle School. With this in mind, the following policies are to be followed:

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Only students with scheduled, supervised activities are allowed on school property after the school day ends. **All other students should promptly leave campus at dismissal time**. Students staying for supervised activities may not leave school grounds unless accompanied by a parent/guardian or someone designated by the parent/guardian. This designation must come by way of a signed note to the administrative office. Transportation should be planned well in advance; however, a phone will be available for emergencies in the school office.

ASSIGNED STUDENT AREAS:

Students shall remain in assigned student areas at all times. During inclement weather, students will be moved to a secure area.

AUTHORITY OF FREEPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF:

All FMS employees have complete authority to maintain student safety and appropriate behavior.

BULLYING and HARASSMENT:

It is the policy of the Walton County School District that all of its students and school employees have an educational setting that is safe, secure and free from harassment and bullying. Walton County School District and Freeport Middle School will not tolerate bullying and harassment of any type. Bullying and harassment are prohibited during any education program or activity, during any school-related or school-sponsored program or activity, on a school bus or through the use of data or computer software that is accessed through a computer, computer system or computer network (cyber-bullying). <http://www.walton.k12.fl.us/> under the parent tab.

Bullying means repeated (systematic and chronic) infliction of physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees which includes, but may not be limited to: teasing; social exclusion; threats; intimidation; stalking; physical violence; theft; sexual, religious or racial harassment; public humiliation or destruction of property. Further details regarding this policy may be found in the Walton County Student Code of Conduct or in Chapter 5.301 of the Walton County School Board Policy Manual.

Incidents of bullying and harassment should be reported to the school administration using the form for that purpose provided in the Walton County Student Code of Conduct. If desired, the complainant's name will be kept confidential. A designated school employee will conduct an investigation, interview the parties involved and assist the Principal in determining if the events violate policy. The school administration will determine the severity of the incident, determine the appropriate response and notify the parties involved of the actions taken.

CAR RIDERS:

Students must exit their vehicles upon arrival on the east side of the school and at no time will be allowed back into a parked vehicle. There is only one (1) designated loading and unloading zone, and that is in front of the office in the parking area **closest to the road**.

CHECKING OUT/LEAVING SCHOOL GROUNDS:

If a student must leave school at any time during the day, the adult whose name appears on the office Emergency Card must sign the check-out roster located in the office before the student leaves campus. Please be prepared to present a form of photo identification before checking the student out. If a student plans on returning to school, the student must either bring a note from a medical/dental establishment that shows the same date /time of the appointment or have the responsible adult come into the office and sign the student back in. At no time should a student leave FMS campus without prior permission from office personnel. Failure to comply with this will result in disciplinary action.

CHECK-OUT OF STUDENTS DURING SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS:

During severe weather, the safety of our students and staff is of the utmost importance. When schools are directed by the District or school administration, in conjunction with the National Weather Service, to initiate the severe weather procedure drill, students will not be allowed to be checked out. When the threat of dangerous weather has passed, schools will resume normal check out conditions.

DANCES:

Only Freeport Middle School students may attend dances. All students must remain in the designated areas for the entire dance until a parent/guardian comes into the building and signs them out. A signed note from the parent/guardian is the only way a student may leave a dance with someone other than their parent/guardian. Students should be picked up promptly at the end of the dance. Please note, if a student is absent from school on the day of the dance, admission is NOT permitted.

EMERGENCY DRILLS and WEATHER CONDITIONS:

These will be conducted periodically throughout the year. Teachers will instruct students concerning the proper procedures for all emergency drills. The emergency exits/routes are posted in each classroom.

EXCESSIVE HORSEPLAY, PUSHING, CHASING, TRIPPING, SHOVING, ETC:

Excessive horseplay, pushing, chasing, tripping, shoving, etc., will not be tolerated and will result in disciplinary actions as outlined in the Walton County Student Code of Conduct.

MORNING ARRIVAL ON CAMPUS:

Students may not arrive on campus until 7:00 A. M. Students coming early must report to the lunchroom. Students who eat breakfast must do so in the cafeteria.

SAFE AND SECURE LOBBIES:

Your child's safety is the number one concern of the Walton County School District. As our student population has continued to grow, the District's safety protocols have also changed in order to meet the needs of our students and staff.

All Walton County schools are equipped with a double-locked entry through which each school visitor must be buzzed in by school personnel in order to gain entry. Late-arriving students will be checked in through this lobby. In order to check a student out, visitors will need to be buzzed in and will need to present appropriate identification then wait for school personnel to call the student to the office. Any items being dropped off for a student will be left with school personnel in the lobby until it can be delivered to the student.

SCHOOL BUS:

Riding a bus is a privilege and students must abide by all bus safety rules noted in the Walton County Student Code of Conduct. Any requested changes to bus transportation must be in the form of a written note from a parent/guardian and must be signed by a school official. Requests should be brought to the Administrative office before 1st period for approval.

VISITORS:

Parents/Guardians are always welcome at FMS. All visitors must check in at the safe and secure lobby for a visitor's badge.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL IS PROVIDED:

- during the time the student is being transported on a Walton County school bus to or from school;
 - during the time the student is attending school; and
 - during the time the student is on the school campus participating with authorization in a school-sponsored activity.
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STUDENT AWARDS/PROGRESS

STUDENT PROGRESS AWARDS:

Students at FMS are recognized for A Honor Roll and A/B Honor Roll at the end of each semester. To be listed on the Honor Roll, a student must have no grade lower than a "B" in any subject. Perfect attendance awards are also presented at each semester to those students who have not been absent, marked tardy for a class, checked out early, or checked in late to school.

REPORT CARDS/INTERIM REPORTS:

Report cards will be sent home every nine weeks. Interim reports will be sent home approximately mid-way through each 9 nine-week grading period.

GRADING SCALE:

A	90-100 Outstanding	D	60-69 Lowest Passing
B	80-89 Above Average	F	0-59 Failure
C	70-79 Average	I	Incomplete

*Incomplete-If a student has make-up work due to excused absences or extenuating circumstances and has not completed all assignments by the end of the grading period; an "I" is assigned for the grade. Unless assignments have been completed or special arrangements made with the Principal, the "I" automatically becomes an "F" ten (10) days after the end of the grading period.

PROMOTION AND RETENTION:

Required for Grades 6-8	
Language Arts	3 years
Mathematics	3 years
Science	3 years
Social Studies	3 years
Physical Education	½ semester for 3 years (or 1.5 years)

Required for Grade 5
Language Arts
Mathematics
Science
Social Studies
Physical Education
Elective

VOLUNTEERS

Parents/guardians are encouraged to volunteer at Freeport Middle School. We realize that parents are the first "teacher" that a child has and we value their contributions. Please contact, Ms. Smith at 892-1221 extension 3211 if you wish to volunteer.

2017-18 Bell Schedule

***** FMS Bell Schedule will be inserted here when finalized*****

**WALTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
2017-2018 School Calendar**

August 3-9, 2017	Pre-Planning Days (Professional Development - 15 hours and Teacher Work Days - 22.5 hours)
August 8, 2017	Instructional, Clinic, and Bilingual Aides Return
August 10, 2017	Classes Begin for Students
September 4, 2017	Labor Day (all personnel out)
October 6, 2017	End of 1 st Nine Weeks (41 days)
October 9, 2017	Early Release Day for Students/Professional Development for Staff Teacher Work Day (students out)
November 10, 2017	Veterans' Day (all personnel out)
November 20-24, 2017	Thanksgiving Holidays (all personnel out)
December 19, 2017	End of 2 nd Nine Weeks (45 days) End of 1 st Semester (86 days)
December 20, 2017-January 1, 2018	Christmas & New Year's Holidays (all personnel out)
January 2, 2018	Teacher Work Day (students out)
January 3, 2018	Professional Development Day for Teachers (students out)
January 4, 2018	Students Return
January 15, 2018	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (all personnel out)
February 19, 2018	Presidents' Day (all personnel out)
March 15, 2018	End of 3 rd Nine Weeks (49 days)
March 16, 2018	Teacher Work Day (students out)
March 19-23, 2018	Spring Break (all personnel out)
March 30, 2018	Early Release Day for Students
May 25, 2018	Last Day for Students End of 4 th Nine Weeks (45 days) End of 2 nd Semester (94 days)
May 28, 2018	Memorial Day
May 29, 2018	Teacher Work Day

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Graduation Dates

May 17, 2018 Freeport High School (7PM)

May 18, 2018 Paxton High School (7PM)

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