

Fremont City Schools



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Building Hope, Trust and Respect with our Community

Welcome Back from Dr. McCaudy

Dear Fremont Community,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year! I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. This year the District will continue its focus on improving student achievement, providing a safe and positive learning environment for our students and strengthening our relationship with the Fremont community. In order to meet these goals the District will implement the strategies and action steps outlined in year one of the District's newly developed Strategic Plan 2015-2018. The Strategic Plan 2015-2018 is located on the District's web site. We plan to present status reports to the Board of Education on a quarterly basis and those status reports will be posted to the web site as well. Fremont City Schools will continue its commitment to excellence through the 2015-2016 academic year and the District sincerely appreciates the Fremont community's support of that commitment.

Sincerely,

Traci McCaudy

Superintendent



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Mission Statement

The mission of Fremont City Schools is to develop well-educated, life-long learners prepared to be responsible, productive and respectful members of their communities.

District Goals

1. Increase student achievement
2. Close socio-economic, ethnic and disability gaps in student achievement
3. Build hope, trust and respect with our community

Belief Statements

- We believe in the personal worth of every child and assure that each student will develop a meaningful relationship with his/her school.
- We believe in the special worth of a diverse, multi-cultural community of learners and make a full commitment to institutionalizing an action plan to eliminate any achievement gap that may exist between/among groups of learners.

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Strong Academics + Strong Character = Strong Community

Mission Statement, District Goals, Belief Statements Continued

Belief Statements Cont.

- We believe in the importance of parent in both the school lives of their children and in the role they must play in the achievement of our vision.
- We believe that Fremont City Schools must provide and that students will respond to clear, consistent and reasonable expectations for academic performance and personal behavior.
- We believe that a comprehensive student-support structure must be accessible to students who need individualized interventions and who will benefit from student-centered counseling, guidance and advisement.
- We believe in and promote the importance of physical, mental and emotional wellness as essential components of successful learning and achievement.
- We believe in compelling, inspiring, instructional delivery that will actively engage students in a multi-faceted learning process and instill in them an appreciation in the value of continuously seeking knowledge.
- We believe in a quality learning/achievement process that deeply aligns the written, taught and tested curriculum and is predicated upon the belief that all children can learn/achieve to required standards.
- We believe in assuring that each child's learning needs are informed by analysis of performance data and addressed by designing and delivering a rich array of instructional strategies.
- We believe in the value of progressive, continuous, capacity building through a comprehensive professional development action plan for all staff members in the district.
- We believe in the importance of a relationship between our schools and the varied community groups that inform our mission, goals and vision for the future.
- We believe in efficiency and effectiveness in the operation of our district and its budgetary process; as a result Fremont City Schools guarantees consistency in application of policies, clarity of communications and coordination of services.
- We believe in providing clean, safe and well-equipped facilities that reflect our district's commitment to excellence.

Tyler's Pass

Fremont City Schools is proud to introduce Tyler's Travel Pass to eligible residents in the district. Tyler's Travel Pass will grant free admission to home athletic events and performances to community members who are developmentally disabled. Fremont City Schools is honored to lead Sandusky County in partnering with the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities to present these passes to eligible residents. Tyler's Travel Pass is named in honor of Mr. Tyler Wiley, a proud graduate of Rogers High School in Toledo Public Schools. Living on a fixed income, Tyler had a strong desire to remain active in his local school events. Tyler presented this desire to the TPS Board of Education and the first pass, named Tyler's Travel Pass, was granted to him on January 22, 2015. The Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities will issue passes and certify that individuals meet the criteria. Tyler's Travel Passes will be available after August 1, 2015. Please call Lisa Celek at the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities, 419-332-9296, for further information or visit her at 1001 Castalia Street in Fremont to obtain your pass.

From Athletics

Ticket Prices for 2015-2016 - Ticket prices for the 2015-2016 school year will remain unchanged. Ticket prices for all varsity level contests will remain \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. The only exception will be football where all general admission tickets are \$7.00. The TRAC will once again encourage the selling of presale tickets by offering fans the opportunity to purchase general admission tickets at a reduced rate - \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. It is important to note that general admission presale tickets are for seats on east side of the stadium only - closest to Stamm School. Presale tickets will be available for sale in the athletic office each week from Monday until Friday at noon. All tickets purchased at the gate will be \$7.00.

Parking for Football Contests - Please be advised that the City of Fremont recently eliminated parking on Haynes Street. This will be enforced during all home football games; thus limiting parking in and around Don Paul Stadium. Please be mindful of this as you plan your trip to Don Paul Stadium to cheer on OUR Little Giants Football team.



Senior Pass

Fremont Board of Education policy allows all residents of the Fremont City School District who are sixty-five (65) years of age or older a complimentary pass to school plays, musicals performances and athletic events, including general admission seating at home football games. This is our way of expressing appreciation for your past and present support of Fremont City Schools. In order to obtain your Senior Pass you will need to complete the required forms and provide proof of residency. Forms are available in either the Ross Athletic Office or the District Office located at 500 W. State Street, Suite A.

2015-2016 School Year Info

School Calendar:

- Please check the District web site, www.fremontschools.net, for the 2015-2016 school calendar.
- The first day of school for The Vanguard Tech Center students is August 24th.
- The first day of school for students in grades 1-12 is September 1st.
- Parents of pre-school and kindergarten students will receive opening school day information via postal mail.
 - o The first full day of kindergarten is September 3rd.
 - o The first full day for pre-school is September 8th.

School Day Times:

Elementary Schools	9:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Fremont Middle School	7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (<i>Note: Changed from last year</i>)
Ross High School	7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

School Supply Lists:

Elementary and FMS school supply lists for the 2015-2016 school year are available on the District web site, at the District Office and in the school buildings.

Student Dress Code:

There are no changes to the Student Dress Code Policy for the upcoming school year. The policy is available at the District Office and in the school buildings.

Transportation:

Bus routes will be submitted to The News-Messenger during the first ten days of August and will be published within two weeks of submission date. Please contact the Transportation Office at 419-332-7351 or visit the District's web site for bus route information.

Food Service:

Full priced lunches for the 2015-2016 school year:

Elementary	\$2.00
Fremont Middle School	\$2.25
Ross High School	\$2.50

Parents can view student meal accounts and pre-pay on-line at www.sendmoneytoschool.com. Parents can apply on-line for free/reduced lunches at www.lunchapp.com after July 1, 2015 for the 2015-2016 school year.

Immunization:

The 2015-2016 immunization information can be found on our web site by selecting the "Parent Information" tab on the left side of the home page and then selecting either of the "2015/2016 Immunization" tabs.

Student Identification Badges:

Students in grades 9-12 must show their student identification badges in order to attend home football games and school dances. Additionally, students eligible for drug testing must have their identification badges prior to testing. Students will receive their ID badges during their summer building orientations. High school students new to FCS may get their ID photos taken at Ross High School during their individual appointment with their counselor.

ELEMENTARY PARENTS -

PLEASE READ!!!

Please plan to attend a brief parent meeting with your child's principal during Elementary Open House on Monday, August 31st. You may attend either of the 15-minute meetings at 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. in your school's cafeteria/gymnasium.

Open House/Orientation/ Student Schedules:

Elementary Schools Open House
August 31st 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Fremont Middle School Orientations

Grade 6:

August 18th 4:00 p.m./5:30 p.m./7:00 p.m.*

Grades 7 & 8:

August 19th 4:00 p.m./5:30 p.m./7:00 p.m.*

****Parents of students in Grades 6, 7 & 8 will receive orientation time information via postal mail.****

Ross High School Schedule

Pick-up:

Grades 11 & 12

August 21st 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Grade 10

August 24th 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Grade 9

August 25th 4:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Ross High School Open House and
Freshman Orientation

August 25th @ 5:30 p.m.

Counselors at Ross High School will be available daily beginning on August 17th.

State Testing

Ohio law mandates that students participate in statewide testing each school year. One area that will experience some changes for the 2015-16 school year is the academic testing for students beginning in grade 3. All academic tests will now be written by the American Institutes for Research (AIR). We are familiar with the technology and question format as AIR produced the science and social studies tests during the 2014-15 school year. In addition to the science and social studies tests, AIR will also produce the math and English language arts assessments. All of these tests will align to Ohio's standards which we have been teaching.

Additional updates include:

- Tests administered once per year in a single testing window;
- Tests provided to students during the second half of the school year;
- Tests are to be shorter in length than what was provided during the 2014-15 school year.

It is our hope that assessment results for the 2015-16 school year will be provided prior to June 30, 2016. We will continue to share updates with you as we move throughout the school year.

Child Find: Title VI-B

Every child in this country is entitled to a free, public education. The law applies to handicapped children as well, regardless of their handicap or the severity of the handicap.

Because of their handicaps, these children may be out of the community mainstream. Sometimes, especially in the preschool years, the child's problems or disability may not be clearly evident. If you suspect your child has a handicap, please call the Director of Student Services at (419) 334-3871.

We can help, but we must first find the child. Fremont City Schools works collaboratively with the Help Me Grow program, which assists families with early identification and services for children under the age of three. We also have a collaborative agreement with the Sandusky County Board of Developmental Disabilities (Board of DD) for early childhood and school-age programs provided through the School of Hope. Together, we will work to find the right services for each child.

Title VI-B funds are Federal allocations for the exclusive benefit of children with disabilities. Input as to how best to utilize these funds for Fremont City Schools is welcome. For more information or to share ideas, please call the Director of Student Services at (419) 334-3871.

New Instructional Materials

Some Fremont City School students will enjoy new instructional materials in the 2015-16 school year. At the elementary level, students will see new math materials in K-5. Although the name is the same, enVision, the materials are updated and will appear in a new format. At FMS, staff and students will also have new math materials from McGraw-Hill. Ross High School will encourage science learning with new materials in physical science and anatomy and physiology. AP students in chemistry and English language arts will also be receiving new instructional materials that will assist their teachers in preparing students for the final AP exam and possible college credit. As a graduation requirement, all students must take government. To fulfill that requirement, students at Ross will also have new financial literacy materials to be used within the government course.

Cafeteria Extreme Make-over



Last spring students and parents completed a cafeteria meal survey and based on those results, many changes will take place in our cafeterias this year. Some of those changes include:

- Healthy snacks will be provided to students in grades K-5 on a daily basis.
- A fruit and vegetable station will be available for students in grades 3-5.
- There will be more food options for all K-12 students.

We will continue to use our local businesses such as Root's Poultry, Hasselbach Meats and Eshleman Fruit Farms. We will continue to prepare more homemade meals in our kitchens so that food is tastier and healthier for our students.

The Ross High School cafeteria has been renovated so that we can offer students healthier meal options. Every day, students will be able to choose foods from the following specialty bars:

- Pasta Bar, Tex-Mex Bar, Pizza Bar and Burger Bar.
- Frozen yogurt with healthy toppings will also be available for Ross High School students.
- After school healthy snack packs will be available for students to purchase at FMS and Ross High School.
- This summer we grew more produce in our school gardens so that the vegetables can be used in our cafeterias.

Please visit our Child Nutrition web page at www.fremontschools.net for a complete menu and a description and nutritional value of each food item. You can also download a free app and sign up to receive a menu each month.

Register Now!

Students K-12

Extended Hours on
August 17, 18, & 19
8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Call 419-334-5436

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