

# Middle School to High School Readiness

## Are you and your student ready for high school?

Starting high school can feel overwhelming...new teachers, new school, new classmates, more responsibility. Prepare for high school by knowing what to expect and practicing good study habits for success.



### ADVICE FOR PARENTS — FROM STUDENTS

"All high school kids make mistakes. Try to help your kids learn from their mistakes." - DeAndre

"Encourage your kids to get involved in sports, clubs, or something. They'll like school a lot more." - Makayla

"Trust your children to make their own decisions, but let them know you're there to help." - Justin

"Listen, ask questions, and let your children know they can talk to you." - Sydney

## Frequently Asked Q & A

Q: What happens if a student fails a class in high school?

A: Sometimes, the student may be required to complete credit recovery if it is a required graduation course. School counselors will have these conversations individually and as needed.

Q: Do 9th grade classes and grades really count towards graduation?

A: YES! Everything counts: credits, grade point average, and which courses (level of difficulty) all become part of your permanent high school record.

## HS 101: What to expect

Starting high school comes with new teachers and classmates and new classes. Each course you take earns credits towards graduation requirements. You will have opportunities to participate in athletics, clubs, and other social activities. Time management and organization become necessary skills to balance your time between activities and homework.

Later in high school, you may consider studying at a career center, taking college coursework, or begin thinking about having a job and earning your own paycheck. All of these things will build upon each other to help you achieve your post-graduation goals!

## Tips for Success

High school students are learning to be more independent, but still need adult support to provide guidance and set limits on certain activities. Parents/Guardians can be involved:

- **Communicate** with your student and the school about academic goals, courses, school activities, and other questions or concerns
- Access district and school portals to check grades and attendance
- Show your **support** by attending performances and games for any sports/activities that your student chooses to be involved
- **Encourage** your student to be at school every day and to be on time to their classes/activities
- **Be available** for your student to assist and listen to any concerns they may have. Don't hesitate to include the teachers/school if you need additional supports

If you have questions about transition services, contact your student's Transition Coordinator.

CCS Office of Accelerated and Extended Learning: [ccsoh.us/domain/186](https://ccsoh.us/domain/186)  
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