

Fort Hayes Opus

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The mission of Fort Hayes is to create expectations of excellence within students through challenging and collaborative learning by blending the arts, academic and career programs.



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10 School Organization Tips for Students

The average student spends about 17 hours a week preparing for classes, which involves completing homework, reading materials and studying for tests. This statistic doesn't even account for other events – like extracurriculars, athletics and family obligations – that also place time strains in your schedule.

Knowing how to organize your schoolwork is essential to gain as much as you can from your education. By learning different organization hacks for school now, you can help prevent things from piling up and becoming overwhelming. Plus, practicing tips for staying organized in school now will help you get ahead in your high school and future college education. Below, we've gathered 10 of the best school organization tips for students of all ages.

Get into a Routine: Creating a routine can help you stay consistent day-to-day and week-to-week. Write down your general weekly schedule on a whiteboard or calendar, then establish time blocks that you will spend doing your homework. This schedule can help focus your time and stay on task. Remember your routine may change if a last-minute obligation comes up. You can update your schedule to plan ahead and adjust accordingly.

Set Rules for Yourself: Setting rules for yourself can help you understand what you need to complete each day and not feel rushed to complete an assignment. Some rules you could make to keep yourself on track might be:

- Complete all projects two days before the due date
- Start studying for tests one week in advance
- Finish essays three days before they're due

Write Everything down: Write down everything – homework assignments, test dates, essay topics and even little details like how to turn in your paper. That way, you don't have to remember it, and you can use your writing as a way to double-check what you need to complete.

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Career Center Highlight:

Fort Hayes Career Center hosts First Lady of the United States, Dr. Jill Biden



It was an exciting day for Columbus City Schools and the Columbus region with a special visit from First Lady of the United States Dr. Jill Biden.

The visit to Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center was part of the Biden Administration's Investing in America Tour. CCS is one of five school districts that are part of the White House Workforce Hub, supporting Central Ohio for advanced technologies and high-growth industries.

The two key outcomes are to quadruple the engineering tech workforce in key sectors in the next five years and to prepare 10,000 construction workers, giving students the skills they need to work in those sectors and fill demand in these expanding industries.

During her visit, Dr. Biden visited the Fort Hayes Career Center's bricklaying and concrete systems and carpentry programs, joining several Columbus leaders who talked to her about the programs and the ongoing work of the Columbus Workforce Hub. She then joined a panel discussion with CCS alums and several current Columbus State Community College students, who discussed a variety of topics including their experience, how they got to where they are now, and education and training pathways to in-demand jobs in Central Ohio.

School Calendar

Saturday, October 14

Saturday School
8:00 – 12:00 pm

Thursday, October 19

BZS Day for Fort Hayes Career Center

Friday, October 20

Staff Professional Development
No students

Tuesday, October 24

End of Quarter 1

Wednesday, October 25

Records Day
No students

Thursday, October 26

School Picture Retake Day

Friday, October 27

Young Ladies in Trades Conference

Monday, October 30

OSU Shakespeare Workshop

Saturday, November 4

Saturday School
8:00 – 12:00 pm

Fall Formal

Monday, November 6

Parent Teacher Conference Night
2:45 – 9:45 pm

Tuesday, November 7

Staff Professional Development
No students

Friday, November 10

Improv Café (Performing Arts Room 114)

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Set your own Deadline: Create a new deadline at least two days ahead of the actual class deadline. Plan ahead and complete the assignments according to your early due dates rather than the ones your instructor assigns. Deciding on an early due date will reduce your stress as you will not be working on the assignment last minute. It also allows for extra time in case the task takes longer than expected or you have an unforeseen issue.

Don't Multitask: Multitasking seems like it would be beneficial because you could get more done in less time. However, [studies show](#) multitaskers spend 50 percent more time trying to accomplish a task. Focus on one assignment at a time, and only turn your attention to the next task when you've completed the first.

Use Tools to Stay Organized: You can find a vast array of school supplies dedicated to keeping your materials organized. They can keep everything you need for your classes and assignments together so that nothing gets lost or misplaced. Consider using these tools in particular:

- Planner: Write down schedule and assignments as you're given them
- Multi-pocket Backpack: use the various pockets to organize your items so that you know exactly where to find them
- Pencil Pouch: Keep your writing utensils together to avoid digging through your backpack before each class or losing supplies
- Folder: Keep all papers for a class in one central location. Use a different folder for each course to find items more easily.
- Notebook: Get a notebook for each class to keep all relevant information together

Use a planner: A planner can be one of the most useful tools for organizing your school work because you can visually see everything on your schedule. Write down all homework, projects and test due dates with one color and sports practices, extracurricular meetings and family obligations with another. This way, you can remember everything you need to do. When you get to class, put your planner on your desk so that you can immediately write down anything the teacher mentions (a variety of digital options are also great possibilities). Planners come in various formats, so find one that works best for you. Most retail stores sell them, or you can print template pages online.

Take organized Notes: Notes will only be useful if you record them with a method you can understand later. These might include:

- Cornell method: Record only key points and questions rather than all the instructor's examples. Then, summarize the main ideas at the bottom of each page.
- Mind map method: Draw bubbles and lines and label them with key points to connect similar ideas

Color-code and Label Everything: Color-coding your materials is a visual cue that allows you to easily see what belongs together. For example, by a blue folder and notebook for math, a red folder and notebook for science and so on. Placing labels on these items can help your organization by giving everything a designated place. In a folder, you could use the left pocket for previous assignments and the right for new ones, for instance.

Break down Big Tasks into Smaller ones: Looking at everything you need to do for a big task, like writing an essay, can seem overwhelming and discouraging. By breaking it down into easily manageable parts, you can work on parts of the assignment each day and not feel rushed. A breakdown for writing an essay could look like this: Pick your topic; Read three articles on the topic; Write your thesis statement; Write your first main point (then your second, third, etc.); Proofread your essay; Finish formatting; Submit.

Dear Fort Hayes Metropolitan Education Center Families,

Welcome to a new school year. I am looking forward to a **phenomenal** school year. I want to work with you to ensure your student has a successful experience at FHMEC. I know we can work together and make it happen! I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to all our families here at FHMEC. My name is Tanja Jones, and I am your Family Ambassador! I have had the opportunity to meet several of you and am looking forward to meeting more of you.

As a **Family Ambassador**, I aim to share resources and strategies that can further connect your scholar's learning experience while on our beautiful campus. I also would like to establish a Parent Group to support families, students, staff, and the administrative team. Studies have shown that parental involvement in a scholar's education is one of the most critical factors in raising student self-esteem and academic achievement.

Our district recognizes that our families are unique with their own priorities, needs, talents, and time Constraints beyond parent-teacher conferences, open houses, and attendance. I am excited to work with each of you to increase the parent's voices and presence at FHMEC. If you have questions, suggestions, or feedback, please feel free to contact me at email me at tjones11@columbus.k12.ou.us.

Remember, we are in this together!

Sincerely,
Tanja Jones



Columbus City Schools 2023-2024 School Calendar

Dates to Remember

4-Sep	Labor Day (schools closed)
20-Sep	Professional Development Day (no students)
20-Oct	Professional Development Day (no students)
24-Oct	End of Q1
25-Oct	Records Day (no students)
7-Nov	Professional Development Day (no students)
Nov 20-24	Wellness Week/Thanksgiving Recess (schools closed)
22-Nov	Parent Teacher Conf. Comp Day (no students)
19-Dec	30 Min Early Release (Holiday)
Dec 20-Jan 2	Winter Break (no students)
12-Jan	End of Q2
15-Jan	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (schools closed)
16-Jan	Professional Development Day (no students)
17-Jan	Records Day (no students)
7-Feb	Professional Development Day (no students)
19-Feb	Parent Teacher Conf. Comp Day (no students)
6-Mar	Professional Development Day (no students)
15-Mar	End of Q3
20-Mar	Records Day (no students)
28-Mar	30 Min Early Release (Holiday)
Mar 29-Apr 14	Spring Break
24-Apr	Professional Development Day (no students)
27-May	Memorial Day (schools closed)
30-May	Last Day for Students

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**IMPROV
CAFE**

**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 10TH
@6:30PM**

ENJOY A DRINK &
JOIN US FOR A LAUGH FOR
JUST \$7!*

**SCAN ME
FOR TICKETS**

*STUDENT PRICE IS \$5

BE EXCELLENT.
BE THE EXCEPTION.
BE FORT HAYES.

Focused
Organized
Resourceful
Teachable

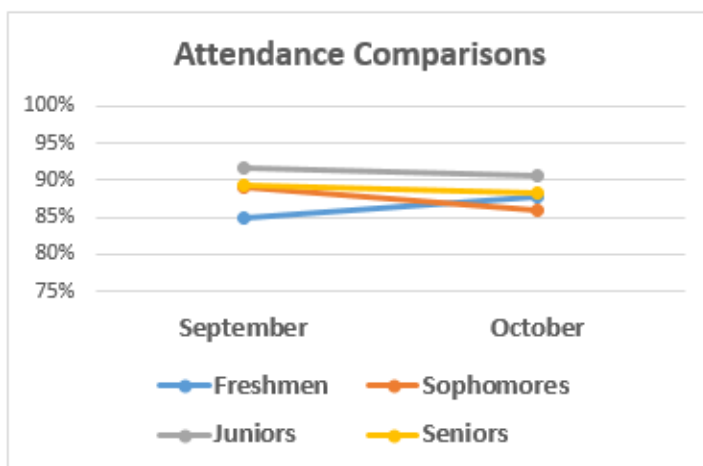
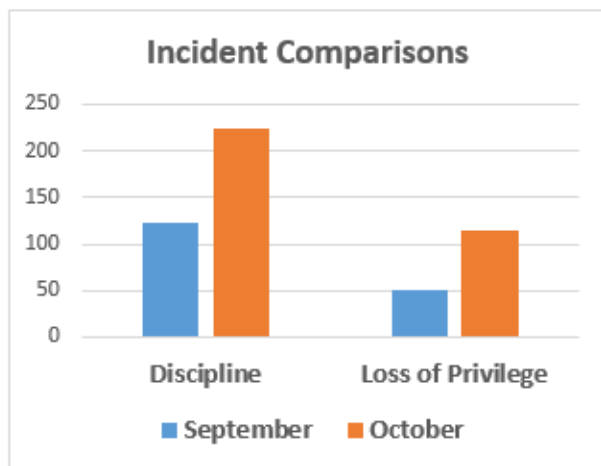
Hardworking
Artistic
Yearlong
Engaged
Scholarly





Parent Page

PBIS Trending Data



News you Need to Know:

Your **Parent Portal** account allows you to access the following information on your student(s) teacher contacts, grades and course schedules, daily attendance, missed assignments, fees and how to pay them, paperless applications (for school choice, summer school and career tech). Please, update and verify your:

Contact Email & Contact Phone number

The link to the Parent Portal is: <https://www.ccsok.us/ParentPortal.aspx>

Forgot Your Password? Email: parentportalaccess@columbus.k12.oh.us



STUDENT TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION

Please remind your students that they are supposed to bring their Chromebooks to school (fully charged) to use in their classes throughout the day.

Beginning this school year, students should keep the same device. When repairs are needed, we will repair and return that same device to the assigned student unless that device is deemed unrepairable by an IT Technician. *Please note - any requests submitted through the scenarios shared below will require the student's name and student ID.*

Place a new device request with the building assigned IT Technician by accessing our [Chromebook Request Portal](#) and clicking the link that says, "**New Chromebook**". Students should report issues directly to any staff within the building (teacher, secretary, librarian, etc.). The staff member should submit a repair request with the Building assigned IT Technician by accessing our Chromebook Request Portal and clicking the link that says, "**Repair Chromebook**". *The students will keep their device for now.* The IT Technician will reach out to the person who requested the repair or the student to troubleshoot the issue with the device.

Effective October 23, 2023, students will no longer have access to websites and apps that require their CCS Google login credentials, unless they have been approved by the district. To ensure the privacy and security of our students' data, the district is taking proactive measures to limit access to only those applications that have undergone a thorough review and approval process. The full list of approved applications can be found on the CCS Approved Ed Tech [page](#).