



School Supply lists are available on the district website at [www.fsd145.org](http://www.fsd145.org) and at local retail stores. Supplies vary by grade level.

Please note that for the 2024-2025 school year parents/guardians are responsible for purchasing school supplies.

Please take a look inside for more information about:

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# BACK TO SCHOOL!

## 2024-2025

Interested in being an employee of Freeport School District?

Visit our website at [www.fsd145.org](http://www.fsd145.org) to view current openings or contact our Central Office at 815-232-0300.

FSD Summer Hours- through August 8th:  
Monday to Thursday 7 AM to 5 PM



### IMPORTANT REGISTRATION MESSAGE:

If you have not already done so, please officially register your child (including all returning students) online at [www.fsd145.org](http://www.fsd145.org) immediately. Contact the Enrollment & Transportation office at 815-232-0580 with questions.

Do you have a child entering Kindergarten in August? Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before September 1st, 2024.

Proof of residency in Freeport School District is required for new students.



## UPCOMING DATES

### FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL

**SCHEDULE PICKUP DAY:**  
August 8th & 12th  
8:00 AM-6:00 PM

Please enter at the Moseley St. entrance. School fees can be paid and required forms can be turned in, including: sports physicals, 9th grade physicals, and 12th grade immunization forms

### FRESHMAN & NEW STUDENT

#### OPEN HOUSE:

August 19th  
6:00 -7:30 PM  
Walk Your Schedule  
Activity Fair—Library  
Freshman Parent Meeting 6:30—Cafeteria

#### MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT:

September 4th  
6:00-7:30 PM

#### OPEN HOUSE:

Saturday, October 26th  
10:00 AM –12:00 PM  
Self-guided tours showcasing new school renovations.

### FREEPORT ALT. HIGH SCHOOL

**NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION**  
August 13  
10:00-11:00 AM *or* 1:00 -2 :00 PM  
August 14  
2:00 -3:00 PM

### FREEPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Student Schedule Walk-Though**  
August 15th  
1:00—3:00 PM  
  
**Open House**  
September 4th  
5:00—6:30 PM

### MEET THE TEACHER K-6 SCHOOLS

#### CARL SANDBURG SCHOOL

August 19th  
5:00—6:30 PM

#### CENTER & JONES-FARRAR

August 19th  
5:00—6:30 PM

#### BLACKHAWK, EMPIRE LINCOLN-DOUGLAS

August 20th  
5:00—6:30 PM



## School Begins Wednesday, August 21st for Grades K-12

(Preschool Begins Thursday, August 22nd)

### DAILY SCHOOL SCHEDULES

Freeport High School & Freeport Middle School	7:30-2:30
Carl Sandburg	7:45-2:45
Jones-Farrar (K-4)& Blackhawk, PreK-4	8:55-3:30
JF 5th and 6th grade students	7:40-2:40
BH AM Preschool 08:55—11:25	
BH PM Preschool 01:00—03:30	
Center, Pre K-4	9:00-3:35
AM Preschool 09:00 AM -11:30 AM	
PM Preschool 01:05 PM - 03:35 PM	
Empire & Lincoln-Douglas Pre K-4	9:15-3:50
AM Preschool 09:15 AM - 11:45 AM	
PM Preschool 01:20 PM - 03:50 PM	
Full day Preschool 09:15 AM - 3:50 PM	

Each school will share its own school-specific information. Please read all information carefully. Check the district website at [www.fsd145.org](http://www.fsd145.org) for updates and a full list of FSD holiday closings.

**School Improvement Days** will be full days for staff and students will not attend school on the following SID dates:

10/15/24  
01/10/25  
03/03/25  
05/21/25



**\*PLEASE NOTE:** The ESSER III Grant coverage of student school registration fees has ended. This means that parents/guardians are responsible for registration fees for their students. Fee waivers will be available in late July and will be accepted until September 30th for the 2024-2025 school year. Students who enroll after September 30th are still eligible for a fee waiver. Please contact the Enrollment and Transportation Center. All fees are payable at your student's school, the Enrollment and Transportation Center, or [online](#).

## STUDENT FEE INFORMATION

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FEES:

Grades K-4 \$50.00

### CARL SANDBURG SCHOOL FEES:

Grades 5-6 (incl. Jones-Farrar) \$75.00

### FREEPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL FEES:

Grades 7-8 \$75.00

Art 7	\$25.00
Advanced Art 8	\$25.00
Ind. Tech I	\$25.00
Ind. Tech II	\$40.00
Nutrition	\$25.00
PE Shirt / Skating Fee	\$25.00
STEM	\$25.00

Chromebook Insurance is available for the coverage of student Chromebook for the 2024-25 school year. The cost is \$25, per student.

### HIGH SCHOOL FEES:

Grades 9-12 \$100.00

Accounting Workbook I or II	\$ 30.00
AP Classes	No Fee
Art: Ceramics, Sculpture Jewelry	\$30.00
CATS I (Careers in Auto Tech & Serv)	\$ 40.00
CATS II (Careers in Auto Tech & Serv)	\$ 40.00
CIB (Careers in Business)	\$ 25.00
Construction Trades I or II	\$ 50.00
Culinary Arts I	\$ 75.00
Culinary Arts II	No Fee
Digital Design & Animation II	\$ 30.00
Drivers Education	\$270.00
\$250 course fee + \$20 permit fee)	
HOYA I (Health Occupations)	\$194.00
HOYA II (Health Occupations)	\$196.00
Interactive Design & Animation I	\$ 30.00
Nutrition (Family & Consumer Science)	\$ 25.00
School to Work	\$ 30.00
Spanish Workbook I, II, III	\$ 20.00
Yearbook	\$ 60.00

For your convenience, school fees may be paid online by credit card via Illinois E-Pay at [www.fsd145.org](http://www.fsd145.org), or by cash, check, or credit card at the FHS Business Office, or by cash or check only at the FSD Enrollment & Transportation Center or other school offices.

Credit card payments will include a service fee of 2.25% or \$1.00 minimum.

## FREEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTACTS

### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Receptionist . . . . .	232-0300	Superintendent Office. . . . .	232-0308
Curriculum. . . . .	232-0310	Human Resources. . . . .	232-0306
Equity . . . . .	232-0321	Enrollment & Transportation . . . . .	232-0580
Finance . . . . .	232-0305	Nutrition & Dining Services . . . . .	232-0319
Pupil Personnel/Special Ed. . . . .	801-0139	Preschool . . . . .	801-0852

### FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL

Main Office. . . . .	232-0400
Attendance . . . . .	232-0415

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Blackhawk. . . . .	232-0490
Center. . . . .	232-0480
Empire. . . . .	232-0380
Jones-Farrar. . . . .	232-0610
Lincoln-Douglas. . . . .	232-0370

### FREEPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Main Office/Attendance . . . . .	232-0500
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### CARL SANDBURG SCHOOL

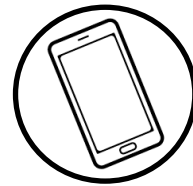
Main Office/Attendance . . . . .	232-0340
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### SITE/BANKS-BERGAGNA . . . . .

235-8027

### FAHS . . . . .

233-0796



Tell us how to send you announcements & alerts! Use Family Access and set your own notification preferences. Register with your child's school to set up your Family Access Account today!

All staff may be reached via e-mail at: [firstname.lastname@fsd145.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@fsd145.org)

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Freeport School District #145 (FSD) ensures that equal education opportunities are offered to students regardless of race, creed, color, sex, age, sexual orientation, or disabling conditions. FSD does not discriminate on the basis of sex in its educational program, activities, or employment policies as required by Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments.

### SPECIAL EDUCATION

FSD provides special education related services to all eligible children from age 3 through age 21. Call 815-801-0139 for more information. Please note the Illinois State Board of Education has extended the survey response window for completion of parent surveys, which are mailed to the parents of students of disabilities. We encourage all parents to complete this survey.

### ENROLLING A STUDENT FOR THE FIRST TIME?

You must provide the school with the child's birth certificate and physical examination records. Children entering Kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2024. Children entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade must be 6 years old by the same date. Register your child today at [www.fsd145.org](http://www.fsd145.org) or contact the FSD Enrollment & Transportation Center at 2037 W. Galena Avenue or 815-232-0580 for more information.

### FIRST DAY EXCLUSION - REQUIRED PHYSICALS/IMMUNIZATIONS MUST BE ON FILE TO START SCHOOL

All students beginning preschool, Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades in FSD145 are required to provide proof of a current State of Illinois physical examination and various required vaccinations by the first day of school in August 2024. Students in 12th grade must also provide proof of certain vaccinations. Students new to FSD from outside the state must also have a current physical, regardless of grade. **Please be advised that students will not be admitted on the first day of school if they don't have the required physical and immunizations on file.** Therefore, please arrange for any required physicals and immunizations for your student with a medical provider as soon as possible. For more information on requirements, contact the Pupil Personnel Department at 815-801-0139 or visit the district website at [www.fsd145.org](http://www.fsd145.org).

### DENTAL & VISION EXAMS

The State of Illinois requires all students in Kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades to provide proof of a dental examination to the school by May 15, 2025. All Illinois children upon first entry into school, including all Kindergarten students, must also provide proof of an eye exam performed by an ophthalmologist or an optometrist by October 15, 20224

### STUDENT DRESS GUIDELINES : Approved by the Board of Education on June 6, 2023

Student's can choose clothing that makes them feel comfortable and safe, **as long as it complies with the following guidelines:**

Clothing must cover all appropriate areas at all times. Appropriate areas include stomach, chest, butt, back, and upper thigh areas. Pants need to be secured at the waist or hip level. Ripped jeans on the upper thighs must have leggings underneath.

Shirts must have sleeves. Sleeves are defined as material past the shoulder seam of a shirt. Underclothes/undergarments worn in an exposed manner are unacceptable (Includes, but not limited to bras, underwear, and boxers.)

Pajama wear including tops, pants and slippers are not acceptable attire to wear at school unless a day is set aside by the school for Pajama Day, ex. during Spirit Week.

Attire or accessories that directly, by innuendo, or look-alike promote alcohol, drugs, sex, pornography, profanity, violence, gangs, and weapons may not be worn at school.

Students cannot wear anything that includes hate speech, images, or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment for others, including any protected class or marginalized group. Hate speech includes any form of expression through which speakers vilify, humiliate, or incite hatred against a group or a class of persons on the basis of race, religion, skin color, sexual identity, gender identity, ethnicity, disability, immigrant status, or national origin (adapted from the American Library Association).

Head coverings are not to be worn in the building. Exceptions may be made for religious or medical reasons.

Outerwear (coats, blankets, etc) are not permitted to be worn during the school day.



### ENROLLMENT & TRANSPORTATION

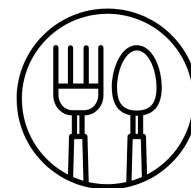
All students who are eligible for busing will be picked up and returned beginning with the first day of school on Wednesday, August 21st for those in grades K-12 and on Thursday, August 22nd for preschool students. Families will receive an automated call with transportation information on July 28th August 14th and 18th. No changes will be made after August 8th. Changes received after August 8th will take effect on September 3, 2024.

Bus passes will be issued to students at a "Meet the Teacher" event, or on the first day of school. Students will NOT need a pass in order to ride the bus on the first day of school.

Families are asked to allow extra time for bussed students to arrive back home after school during the first week as well. Extra time is taken to familiarize students with bus stops, procedures, and schedules.

**Enrollment information:** Children who will be five years old prior to September 1st may register for Kindergarten. Please contact the Enrollment & Transportation Center for information. Families of returning students are reminded to fill out all enrollment documents online in order to avoid scheduling issues when school begins. Proof of residency in Freeport School District is required for new students and all students with a change in address.

### SCHOOL MEALS



All Freeport School District students have the opportunity to eat breakfast and lunch at school at no cost. The district is a participant in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), a program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture that is available to schools participating in the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs.

**This program enables our schools to provide one reimbursable breakfast and one reimbursable lunch each day for ALL students enrolled in FSD145 at no charge.** Students who would like to purchase an additional a la carte item may continue to do so using funds on their student lunch account or payment at the time of purchase.

**Parents do NOT need to complete an application prior to the school year for their student to receive free meals.**

**Questions? Contact the Nutrition & Dining Services Dept. at 815-801-0105.**

### FHS Athletic Schedules, Participation Requirements, and General Info.

[www.fsd145.org](http://www.fsd145.org) (Select *Freeport High School*, Select *Activities* tab,

Select *Athletics* from the drop down menu.)

#### Student Attendance at High School Athletic Events

- All pre-K through 8th grade students who wish to attend high school home athletic events must be with their own parent/guardian in order to enter and must remain with them throughout the event.
- All 5th—8th grade students must present their school ID in order to enter the event.

#### Spectator Information

- The NIC-10 Conference ticket prices for this year: Adult, \$6.00, Students & Sr. Citizens, \$3.00. Ticket sales to home athletic events are sold online. For more information, please visit the athletic website.
- Our home and away volleyball, basketball, wrestling, football, and soccer events are broadcast NFHS Network and on HudlTV (varsity only) when available.
- To subscribe visit [www.NFHSnetwork.com](http://www.NFHSnetwork.com). Search for Freeport, subscribe and Follow. The annual pass is \$69 or the monthly pass is \$10.99/month.
- To watch on HudlTV, visit <https://fan.hudl.com/>. Search Freeport High School. There is no annual subscription fee to watch

#### Athletic Booster Membership

- Become an athletic booster today by joining the Freeport Pretzel Fans Club. For details email: [freeportpretzefansclub@gmail.com](mailto:freeportpretzefansclub@gmail.com)

**Find Pretzel sports schedules & information at:** <http://il.8to18.com/FreeportHS>



### UPCOMING DATES

**CODE OF CONDUCT MEETING:**  
Monday, August 19th at 7:00 PM  
FHS Cafeteria—new athletes & parents

**FHN SPORTS PHYSICALS:**  
July 22nd (fall sport athletes)  
August 13th (winter/spring sport athletes)  
5:00—7:00 PM / FHN Burchard Hills Clinic

**PRACTICES FOR ALL FALL SPORTS BEGIN:**  
Monday, August 12th

**FIRST HOME FOOTBALL GAME VS. BOYLAN:**  
Friday, August 30th

**PRETZEL FANS CLUB KICK-OFF EVENT:**  
Friday, August 23rd starting at 4:30 PM

**FHS HOMECOMING PARADE:**  
Wednesday, October 9th at 5:00 PM



#### Looking for more information?

Visit the FSD website at: [www.fsd145.org](http://www.fsd145.org)  
FSD145 also maintains Facebook and Twitter pages as additional means of communication. Follow us at [facebook.com/fsd145](https://www.facebook.com/fsd145) or [twitter.com/fsd145](https://twitter.com/fsd145).

During the school year, a variety of methods are used to communicate with FSD families. Please ensure you have provided your child's school with updated contact information in order to avoid missing important information.

**Interested in student accident coverage? Contact your child's school or the FHS Athletic Department for more information.**