

Frequently asked Questions – Freshman Edition

- Who can I talk to in order to help my son/daughter make the transition to high school and be successful?

There are many people who can help you here at Catalina Foothills High School. The freshman counselor can help you with questions regarding scheduling, courses, and academic plans. Your son/daughter's teachers are available and happy to answer questions or meet with you, as needed, regarding academic concerns. Their contact information can be obtained on the school website listed by departments.

<http://www.cfsd16.org/schools/foothillshigh/>

- How can I help my student maximize their opportunities to be successful?

Catalina Foothills High School prides itself on the academic rigor we provide for our students. In concert with the challenges provided, our teachers and staff provide numerous tools to help our students to be successful. Academic assistance is available before and after school throughout the week. In addition, peer tutoring provided by our National Honor Society students, is available in the “NEST” before, during, and after school hours.

- What are the graduation requirements and how do grades and credits work at the high school level?

Graduation requirements and a downloadable *Four Year Academic Plan* are available through the counseling department and can be found on the school website under “academics.” Course grades are determined by the individual classroom teachers using either percentage or rubric based assessment as established by the different departments. Your son/daughter's teachers can help you with the grading structures of their classes.

- How can I keep up with my son/daughter's grades, help them find their homework, and keep track of their progress?

There are a number of tools available to help you, the parent, to work with your son/daughter. In addition to the teacher websites and information provided there, you are able to access your son/daughter's homework and assignments using their Gmail & GoogleDocs login. Synergy is the system provided to help you to access your student's grades and attendance information online, and the teachers are available for questions and assistance.

- How is discipline handled on campus? How can my son/daughter and I find out what the rules are, and what do we do if there is a concern regarding student safety?

Student safety is a top priority at Catalina Foothills High School and is taken very seriously. The administrative team has taken steps to ensure student safety and works with the staff to address any safety concerns. Student handbook/Planners provide guidelines regarding appropriate behavior on campus and are given to each student at the beginning of the school year. In addition, each grade-level administrator is available as to discuss safety and discipline concerns as needed.

- How can my son/daughter fully enjoy their high school experience? What clubs and extracurricular activities are available for them and how do they participate?

The students and staff of Catalina Foothills High School have worked very hard to establish an inviting atmosphere at our school. There are a number of clubs, sports, and competitive activities available for students looking for more from their high school experience. The Athletic Director can be contacted regarding sports schedules, eligibility, and required medical forms needed to participate in athletics at Catalina Foothills. In addition, there is a club fair held each fall to promote the numerous student-led organizations available on campus.