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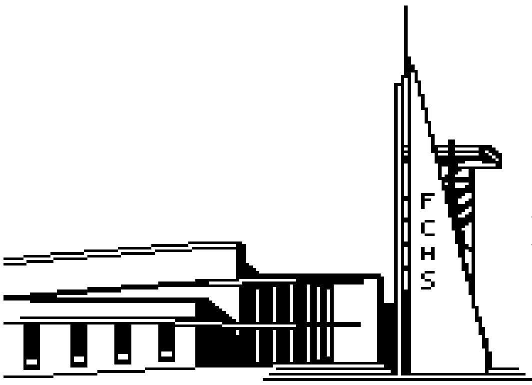

Fort Collins High School Administration

Principal……... ....**Mark Eversole**
Assistant Principal ....**Joe Ahlbrandt**
Assistant Principal/Athletic Director… **Rob Larson**
Assistant Principal...……**Jennifer Roth**
Dean of Students.............**William Caddoo**
Dean of Students.............**Eric Gustafson**

Office Manager ....**Nancy Hunt**
Receptionist................**Nan Watson**
Attendance ....**Maria Bencomo**
Registrar.....................**Dixie DeQuasie**
Nurse………………...**Natalie Dybzinski**

Student Accounts & Bookkeeper……………**Laura Wile**
Athletic Secretary…………………………...**Kathy Johnson**
Advanced Placement Information ………….**Jeanne Miller**
Assistant Principal/Dean Secretary…..……..**Megan Manweiler**

Important FCHS Telephone Numbers

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Attendance Line..488-8018
Student Services Department...488-8100

Poudre School District Administration

Superintendent: TBA
Asst. Superintendent: Ms. Edie Eckles
Asst. Superintendent: Dr. Kevin Hahn

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Mr. Patrick Albright
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Student Handbook – Planner belongs to:

Name ___________________________________ Address _______________________________
Phone # _______________________________

Fort Collins High School - Where Excellence Is Expected!

FCHS Mission Statement

Fort Collins High School's mission is to provide an excellent education for all students in a nurturing, creative, challenging, and disciplined environment so that all students have the knowledge, values and skills to be productive, responsible participants in our society and to successfully pursue careers when they graduate from Fort Collins High School.

Poudre School District Mission Statement

Poudre School District will lead an accountable learning community which challenges all students to achieve to their highest potential, the knowledge, skills, and commitment needed to be fulfilled, productive members of society in a changing world. *Educate...Every Child, Every Day*

Welcome to Fort Collins High School!

This handbook and planning organizer is provided for you as a helpful tool for building high school success. Organization and planning are key ingredients in reaching your academic goals. I know you will want to thank the teachers, counselors, administrative secretaries, dean of students and assistant principals who made this available to you at no cost.

Included in this publication are guidelines that clarify how to avoid difficulties, rules that all of us need to follow, general student information, and a yearlong planning calendar to keep your assignments and other important dates in order. Most Fort Collins High School students consider the Time Tracker Student Handbook invaluable.

I am personally and deeply proud of our school. It is my personal commitment to you that FCHS will be a school of excellence as well as a safe place to learn and grow. Please feel free to stop by my office at any time for clarification concerning school procedures, or anything that would make your education experience better.

Mark Eversole
Principal

Who Owns This School

Surprisingly YOU DO! Your parent(s)/guardian and all taxpayers are legally required to pay the taxes that build and maintain the public school system. Therefore any damage done to this building, equipment, buses or books must be paid for with your own family's money. It is not enough that you should refrain from doing anything to increase this cost to your parents, neighbors and yourself, but you must help protect the schools by discouraging or reporting such activity by anyone else.

DAILY SCHEDULE 2012-2013

Monday, Tuesday, Friday	
Period	**Time**
1	7:30-8:15 a.m.
2	8:19-9:04 a.m.
3	9:08-9:56 a.m.
4*	10:00-10:45 a.m.
Lunch (10th-12th)	10:49-11:34 a.m.
Lam Way	10:49-11:34 a.m.
5*	11:38-12:23 p.m.
6	12:27-1:12 p.m.
7	1:16-2:01 p.m.
8	2:05-2:50 p.m.

Wednesday	
Period	**Time**
2	7:30-9:05 a.m.
4	9:10-10:45 a.m.
Lunch	10:45-11:35 a.m.
6	11:35-1:10 a.m.
8	1:15-2:50 p.m.

Thursday	
Period	**Time**
1	7:30-9:05 a.m.
3	9:10-10:45 a.m.
Lunch	10:45-11:35 a.m.
5	11:35-1:10 p.m.
7	1:15-2:50 p.m.

* 9th Grade Students will have either 4th or 5th Period Lunch.

2 Hour Weather Delay MTF	
1	9:30-10:02 a.m.
2	10:04-10:38 a.m.
3	10:42-11:14 a.m.
4*	11:18-11:50 a.m.
Lunch (10th-12th)	11:54 a.m.-12:26 p.m.
Lam Way	11:54 a.m.-12:26 p.m.
5*	12:30-1:02 p.m.
6	1:06-1:38 p.m.
7	1:42-2:14 p.m.
8	2:18-2:50 p.m.

* 9th Grade Students will have either 4th or 5th Period Lunch.

Remember Students – It is <u>Very Important</u> to be in Class on Time!!

FCHS IMPORTANT DATES – 2012-2013

First Semester

Back To School Night..... August 23, 2012
..... 6:00 – 8:45 p.m.
In-State College Fair @ RMHS.... September 18
..... 6:30 – 8 p.m.
Out-of-State College Fair @ PHS.....October 9
..... 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
PLAN Test (10th Grade).....October 17
PSAT Test (11th Grade) .....October 17
Homecoming Week…… ... September 8-15
Homecoming Football Game……September 14
Homecoming Dance……..September 15
Financial Aid & College Info Night ..October 15
@ FCHS..... 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Parent/Teacher Conferences .....October 18
..... 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
1st Semester Finals .....December 19-21
No Classes ..... December 24

Second Semester *

Classes begin 2nd semester.....January 8, 2013
Spring Break ..... March 18-22
TCAP.....March 25-29
Parent/Teacher Conferences .....February 21
.....4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Prom..... April 20
ACT Testing ..... April 23
Recognition Assembly..... April 29
..... 6:30 p.m.
Senior Meeting/Picture……..May 1
……6 p.m.
Cinco De Mayo Celebration (all day)…….May 3
AP Exams..... May 6 through May 17
Scholarship Breakfast 7:00 a.m. .....TBA
Senior's Last Day..... May 22
Pops in the Park ..... May 22
Graduation Practice..... May 24
Graduation ..... May 25
Last Day of Classes (1/2 day) ..... May 31

*** Second Semester Dates Are Subject To Change**

TRAVEL

Travel, Travel the Lambkin Way
Travel by night, travel by day!
Who goes there on the Lambkin Way?
A goodly company.

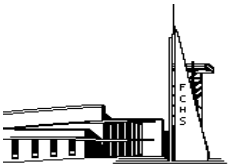
Virtue they carry in their hand,
To build a fairer, better land,
Kindly people, fair of face
With flow'rs of gentleness and grace

Down the valley the Lambkins go
Up the hill where the fierce winds blow;
Hope goes with them ever kind,
And patience with a quiet mind

Eager, they look with long eyes,
Straight before them the city lies;
Over pathway's rise and dip,
The City of sweet fellowship.

Travel, travel the Lambkin Way,
Travel by night, travel by day:
Who goes there on the Lambkin Way?
A goodly company, a goodly company

M. Rose & S. Young



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Academic Information

Academic information is readily available in the *Fort Collins High School Curriculum Guide, 2012-2013*. Please see the Student Services office for more information.

Advanced Placement

The Advanced Placement program is Fort Collins High School's most academically challenging and rigorous program. Over one quarter of our student body is engaged in twenty-one college courses ranging from AP Biology to AP United States History.

The FCHS AP teaching corps is the most highly educated group of teachers in Poudre School District with almost all of them holding at least one master's degree, and several holding more than one graduate degree. Fort Collins High School students receive university-level instruction, utilizing the same text and materials as their counterpart courses in the university.

Advanced Placement courses are not only the best college preparatory courses available to high school students, but students may also earn university credit toward a bachelor's degree. Research has consistently confirmed that students who complete AP courses are well prepared for the university challenge and are highly successful in their quest to obtain a college degree.

At FCHS, we teach AP courses, and we teach them very, very well. Our students consistently outperform local, state, and national averages on highly competitive national Advanced Placement examinations, and our students are eligible every year for literally hundreds of hours of university credit given their performance on those exams.

Audit and/or Repeat a Class.

If space is available students may repeat a class only if the original grade was a D or F. If the student subsequently earns a higher grade, that grade will replace the original D or F upon completion of a "Repeated Class Grade Change" form available from the registrar in the counseling office. Class audit for no credit and no grade is allowed only when space in the class is available and with permission of both the principal and the teacher.

Check Out

At the end of each semester, students are required to check out of their classes. At this time, students must account for all books, equipment, fees, fines, and the condition of their lockers. Students will not be allowed to attend the next term of classes or enroll in another school until check out is properly completed. Diplomas, grades, schedules and/or transcripts will be held until all holds are cleared. Students will not be permitted to check out early or take exams early except with permission from the principal.

Class Changes/Class Drops

Schedule changes will be done for the following reasons:

1. Senior graduation requirement
2. Failed a class
3. Off Campus class
4. Class not offered

A counselor must authorize drops and changes. All class drops, other than administrative, occurring <u>after</u> the 4th week of each semester may be recorded as an "F". Adding classes can only be done the first three days of each semester.

Concurrent Enrollment

Concurrent Enrollment is a type of dual enrollment program that is explicitly defined in Colorado State statute and provides the opportunity for students to earn high school and college credit at the same time. Open to students in 9th-12th

grade, tuition for approved courses is paid by the district. Credits earned are deducted from the student's life time College Opportunity Fund account. Please refer to the counselors for more information about this program.

Graduation Requirements/Waivers

Graduation requirements are determined under the authority of the Board of Education and are intended to provide broad instructional-learning experiences for all students in the Poudre School District. Students individualize their requirements by taking advantage of course choices among those that are declared to meet graduation requirements. Individualized Education Plans (I.E.P.'s) and 504 Plans for students with disabilities and other learning complications are available within legal guidelines.

Physical Education is a graduation requirement for all students. Board of Education policy allows partial P.E. credit to be waived by written application for sports at FCHS and limited non-FCHS athletic programs. See your counselor or P.E. teacher for guidelines governing such non-school programs. Approval to have partial P.E. credit waived must be attained in the semester during which the athletic participation occurs, and may not be requested during the senior year except where senior year participation is school related and is the student's first involvement in that sport in high school.

Partial or full waiver of requirements for reason of disability, religion, or other reason must have the permission of the principal. Discuss such requests with your counselor first.

Library Media Services

The Lambkin Library is at the hub of Fort Collins High School, providing all students and staff access to a wide variety of print materials and electronic information retrieval systems. Students are able to check out material from the Lambkin Library collection and can also locate and retrieve material from other PSD libraries through interlibrary loan.

- The library is open from 7:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Students are required to present their student ID in order to check out materials.
- Circulation for most of the print collection is three weeks; for reference materials that circulate, checkout is for 3 days. Back issues of magazines may be checked out for one week.
- All checked out materials must be returned by the due date stamped on the item. The fine for overdue material is 25 cents per item per day (25 cents per item per hour for Reference material). The maximum overdue charge per item is $5.00.
- If an overdue book is not returned by the end of the semester in which it was checked out, it will be assumed that the item has been lost. The student will then be charged a non-refundable, replacement price for the item.

An open computer lab is available in the Lambkin Library. Students may access the Internet as well as a number of software programs. Numerous online databases are also available for research purposes. Hundreds of sources ranging from maps to magazines to encyclopedias can be accessed on any topic from these online databases. These databases are accessible from home with passwords – password sheets are available in the library. The library is designated as an area for quiet research, study and reading. Use of the library and library materials is a privilege and may be suspended or revoked for inappropriate or disruptive behavior. Thank you for helping us to maintain a quiet, academic environment.

Lockers

- Assigned to all students for coats and books
- Students are responsible for general upkeep of the locker itself, as well as any items stored in the locker.
- Students are not to share their locker with anyone else.
- Students are responsible for any damage to their locker and will be billed for any misuse of it. The school will not accept responsibility for any items missing from any locker.
- Please keep all lockers locked at all times. **Do not keep money or other valuables in your locker.**
- All lockers must be cleaned out by the last day of school. Students will be billed for any cleaning that is required.
- Personal locks are to be used on the lockers in the **PE area only**. Student must provide his/her own lock. (All personal locks used on hallway lockers will be cut off.) The number one reason for theft in the Physical Education area is not locking up items in a locker
- All lockers are the property of Fort Collins High School and are subject to search and seizures.

- If a locker is broken, students need to inform the office immediately.
- Student's personal belongings should be left in their locker, not in the Food Court, hallways etc.

Naviance

A web-based service designed especially for college-bound students and their parents.

Family Connection is a comprehensive website that parents and students can use in partnership with the FCHS Student Services Department to help make decisions about courses, colleges, and careers. Family Connections allows parents and students to get involved in the planning and advising process. Students can build a resume, complete on-line surveys and manage timelines and deadlines for making decisions about colleges and careers. Individual Career and Academic Plans (ICAP's), which are required by the state, are completed on Naviance also. **In addition families can research colleges, and sign up for college visits online!**

Family Connection lets us share information with you about upcoming meetings and events, local scholarship opportunities and other Web resources for college and career information.

In order to sign on to Family Connections, go to the FCHS Website at http://schoolweb.psdschools.org/fchs/ and click on Student Services, then click on the ling for Family Connections-Naviance. You will be connected to a login page.

User Name = Student ID Number
Password = PIV Pin Number

ACT Test Preparation is also available through the Naviance/Family Connections program. Students can take lessons, practice questions, full length practice tests and more! This is an outstanding tool for helping students achieve their potential on this important test. If you have further questions about Family Connection, please contact your counselor.

Pass/Fail Grades

Students may take up to 20 hours of pass("S")/fail ("F") credit during grades 10-12. They must apply for such credit through the counseling office no later than the 4th week of each semester. Any senior who chooses to take a Pass/Fail grade during their 12th grade year will not be eligible for consideration as a valedictorian or salutatorian.

Pinnacle Internet Viewer (PIV)

In an effort to improve school/parent communication, Fort Collins High is introducing the Pinnacle Internet Viewer (PIV). Our teachers have committed to updating grades in the grade book every two weeks. Using the Internet, PIV can provide you with Term Grades and for each class Assignment Grades, Missing and Attendance.

Access to the PIV from your home or public library is controlled by Student ID number and PIN number assigned to your child. Follow the steps below to gain access to the PIV.

- Go to the PSD Main Page @ **http://www.psdschools.org**
- Click on **Parents** in the top right corner
- Click on **Pinnacle Grade Viewer** in the left hand column
- Scrool to the bottom of the screen and click on **Access Pinnacle Grade Viewer**
- In the **User Name** field enter your student's ID number
- In the **Password** field enter your students PIN number
- Select **Fort Collins HS** from the **Select School** drop-down menu.
- Click on the **Log On** button

If you have any questions regarding the PIV call **Dixie DeQuasie** at 488-8009

Scholastic Dishonesty and Cheating

FCHS teachers and the School Improvement Team have adopted a policy against cheating and other forms of academic dishonesty (2000). The full text of this policy is available from the school office. Teachers may use a variation on this

policy, but are encouraged to share such variations in writing with their students. Cheating and academic dishonesty, however, are not tolerated. Students are advised to be aware that plagiarism and misuse of technology are included in our definition of academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty may include incidents for which there is no intent to cheat, but are outside the domain of responsible, honest, and acceptable academic work.

Students who are judged to be in violation of this policy are subject to consequences of increasing severity for repeat offenses. Therefore, your administrator will keep a central record of breaches of this policy. Teachers are expected to inform the administration about academic dishonesty in their classes.

Scholastic Dishonesty and Cheating Consequences for Offenses

1. First offense: zero on assignment, parent notified.

2. Second offense (school-wide): Suspension according to Code of Conduct, Board of Education policy and administrator discretion. Recommended three-day suspension for second offense as well as a zero on assignment.

3. Continued offenses: Suspensions with time proportional to offense. If three offenses occur in the same class, the student may receive a failing grade for the class.

4. Fourth offense: Possible expulsion from school.

Semester Grade Level Reclassification

Students who do not make adequate progress in credits earned may be reclassified to continue in their current grade rather than be promoted to the next grade level. Benchmark **at semester** to reclassify a student will be as follows:

For Students Graduating in 2013 or 2014:
80 credits for a freshman to be reclassified as a sophomore
120 credits for a sophomore to be reclassified as a junior

For Students Graduating in 2015 or beyond:
90 credits for a freshman to be reclassified as a sophomore
130 credits for a sophomore to be reclassified as a junior

Junior reclassification – on an individual basis

Strategies to Help You Handle Potential Academic Problems

The primary goal of FCHS is the education of all our students. We realize that from time to time some students will have difficulty in their classes. Therefore, we have established a variety of systems to help students with academic problems. If you are having difficulty in any of your classes, the following checklist will be very helpful.

- Make certain that you understand all assignments given in your classes.
- Use this day-timer to write your assignments in as they are given.
- Have the teacher read what you have written as a check on your understanding of the assignment.
- Complete all assignments at school or at home.
- Attend Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) classes.
- Enroll in a study hall.
- Obtain extra help from the instructor during class or make an appointment.
- Ask the instructor about the possibility of doing additional assignments, either to increase your understanding of the concepts or for additional credit.
- Check your progress often to determine where you stand in class.
- Request individual help and guidance from the counselors to determine the cause of your problems in your class (es) or to improve your study skills.
- Discuss with the counselors the possibility that the class is not appropriate.

Learning is not easy. It often takes hard work and different ways to study.

Ten Ways to Study—That Work!

1. Make and keep a study schedule that works for you.
2 Study in a quiet place—the same place each day.
3. Gather all the materials you'll need before you begin and don't forget your dictionary.
4. Don't wait for "inspiration" to strike—it probably won't.
5. A well-kept notebook for each course can help raise your grades.
6. Study in "spurts" of 30 minutes with a five-minute break between. We recommend at least three or four "spurts" each evening.
7. Good notes are your insurance against forgetting. Don't try to memorize what the teacher says...write down the meaning in your own words.
8. Frequent review of your notes, quizzes, tests and related material will help improve grades. Most of us forget that this is homework, too.
9. Read for meaning. Put the meaning in your own words. It must make sense to you!
10. Research shows that studying and preparing for class helps establish positive life long learning habits.

Remember that learning is a way to invest in you!

Note Taking

Good note taking is the key to mastering class material. It helps you to concentrate in class and provides the information for review. Learn to listen effectively.

1. Discover the purpose or objective of the lecture.
2. Listen for key words and clues.
3. Take notes in your own words.
4. Note major conclusions.
5. Do NOT write down the unimportant.
6. Outline if possible.
7. Summarize
8. Note relationships, cause and effect.
9. Date your notes/establish a format.
10. Emphasize important works by under- lining, circling, starring, capitalizing, etc.
11. Abbreviate for speed

Student Aide Credit Hours

Students graduating in 2013 or 2014 may earn a maximum of **ten** hours of aide credit toward their 220 hours of graduation requirements. Students graduating in 2015 and beyond may earn a maximum of **ten** hours of aide credit toward their 240 hours of graduation requirements.

Student Services

Guidance and Counseling 488 - 8100

Students are assigned, subject to change, a counselor by the first letter of their last name.

Mark Cummings
Brooke Wagner
Cindy Benger
Jill Alexander
Cassie Poncelow
Tanya Vigil (Department Head)

These skillful guidance specialists are here to help you in many ways, including:

1. Helping to solve problems that you might encounter at the high school.
2. Career and college planning.
3. Applying for college and vocational scholarships.
4. Choosing a college, vocational school, or military training program.
5. Planning your schedule of classes.
6. Explore other educational and vocational options such as CSU and FRCC courses.
7. Registration for college entrance exams.

8. Personal problems.

Counseling Secretary, Laura Weaver

- Helps schedule appointments during student's **unscheduled** periods and scholarship information. Emergencies are dealt with any time.

Career Center Coordinator, Eileen Hostetter

- Helps with questions regarding college, career, and military planning, college applications, transcript requests.

Registrar, Cindy Long

- Responsible for student files, entering new students, printing transcripts, getting records from previous schools, registering for summer school, School of Choice forms, and handling House Bill 1244 forms.

Registrar, Dixie DeQuasie:

- Responsible for all grades and data information entry, student exit from FCHS, assigning lockers and bus information.

Peer Counselors

Often student problems can be handled by visiting with one of our peer counselors. They are well trained and equipped to help in most instances. Peer counselors for the 2012-2013 school year are:

Straten Ahlbrandt
Johnny Bugarin
Emma Czech
Sam Debroux
Jake Fraley
Brynna Hale
Callie Harward
Erin Hooker
Austin Hunt
Luci Ibarra
Ryan Johnson
Hadar Karni
Sangmin Lee
Liz Luckasen
Matt Poulsen
Zoe Roth
Manny Sasick
Jordyn Siemens
Jessie Sodetz
Chase Thurgood
Lauren Toomey
Blaine Zewdu

Peer Counselors are available in the peer counseling office located outside the counseling center.

Attendance Policies

Attendance

The *2012-2013 Poudre School District Student Rights & Code of Conduct* guide states that Colorado state law "requires parents/guardians to ensure that every child under their care and supervision receives adequate education and training, and, if of compulsory attendance age, attends school. Continuity in the learning process and social adaptation is seriously disrupted by excessive absences. Accordingly, Poudre School District students are required to satisfy all academic requirements and exhibit good attendance as stated in this policy."

As provided for by *Colorado Revised Statue* ***22-33-104*** *Compulsory School Attendance*, an absence may be excused for one the following reasons:

- A student whose absence is approved by an authorized school administrator. Prearranged absences shall be approved for appointments or circumstances of a serious nature that cannot be taken care of outside school hours.
- A student who is temporarily ill or injured.
- A student who is absent for an extended period due to a physical, mental or emotional disability.
- A student who is pursuing a work-study program under the supervision of the school.
- A student who is attending any District-sponsored activity with advance approval of the school administration.
- A student who is excused by a parent/guardian for observance of a religious holiday.

- A student who is in the custody of a court or law enforcement authorities.
- A student whose absence is due to suspension or expulsion.

Fort Collins High School is conferred by the State of Colorado and the Poudre School District the responsibility for determining if an absence is excused. ***As provided by state law, FCHS may require suitable proof from a student's parent/guardian to excuse an absence and this may include medical documentation***.

Below are examples of reasons that WILL NOT be accepted to excuse an absence because they do not satisfactorily explain or justify why a student was absent based on the reasons listed above.

- Studying for a test
- Oversleeping/alarm clock malfunction
- Skiing/snowboarding
- Standing in line for tickets
- Family vacation that was *not prearranged with an administrator*
- Studying in school library, cafeteria or commons area during a scheduled class
- Visiting another high school
- Train delays/car trouble

As a practice, attendance will be taken within the first five minutes of the start of the class period. Students who are not in class when attendance is taken will be marked ***UNEXCUSED ABSENT*** for the period until a legitimate reason is provided **within 48 hours** of the absence. Excessive unexcused absences can result in increasing levels of school interventions and may negatively impact a student's academic achievement.

Make-up Work for Absences

As stated in the *Poudre School District Student Rights and Code of Conduct,* make-up work shall be provided by the teacher for any class in which a student has an absence. The amount of credit a student earns for make-up work is dependent upon what type of absence is reported in the student's attendance record. It is the student's responsibility to pick up permitted make-up assignments on the day he or she returns to class. There shall be at least one day allowed to make up work for each day of absence.

Excused Absences & Suspensions: The student is entitled to receive full credit for the completed make-up work.

Unexcused Absences: Make-up work shall be allowed with the goal of providing the student an opportunity to keep up with the class and an incentive to attend. Credit for make-up work shall be awarded as follows:

- Minimum of 50% for class work and homework assignments
- Minimum of 50% of ***grade earned*** on quizzes or unit assessments
- Teachers have the discretion to give more points, not to award less.

Pre-Arranged Absences

A student will be allowed five (5) days per school year for family/non-school related events. In order for these absences to be excused, a student must:

1.) Meet with his/her grade-level Dean of Students ***at least two days prior*** to the absence to pick up a *Prearranged Absences Form.*
2.) Make contact with all of his/her teachers to arrange for make-up work.
3.) Return the *Prearranged Absence Form* before the absence begins to the FCHS attendance clerk for processing.

Tardies

Students are considered ***tardy*** if they arrive to class after it has started. Students are expected to attend class even if they will be late. There are three types of tardies:

1.) ***Tardy Excused:*** A student arrives late to class because he/she was with a faculty or staff member when class began. These students will be issued an FCHS pass to class. These tardies will appear as **"TE"** in the student's attendance record.

2.) ***Tardy Unexcused***: A student who arrives within ten minutes of the start of class. These tardies will be appear as **"TU"** in the student's attendance record. Upon the fifth occurrence, and each successive tardy, the student will be issued a 25-minute detention. The detention must be served within 24 hours during a non-scheduled period. Students will be issued a pass for entry to class from a Campus Monitor, and are expected to attend the remainder of the class.

Students who arrive to class more than 10 minutes late will be considered *Unexcused absent* for the period.

☎ Attendance – 488-8018

Discipline Policies

Expectations for Lambkin Behavior

One of the major objectives of formal education is that of teaching citizenship and responsibility for one's actions. We believe this to be of primary importance in today's society. The Fort Collins High School Pillars of Excellence provide the foundation for positive behavior expectations for all Lambkins. The five pillars are Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Acceptance and Pride. It has been the custom for students at FCHS to recognize the appropriate conduct for a given situation and to conduct themselves accordingly. It is expected that this custom will continue and that students will exhibit the courtesy and common sense characteristic of our student body.

At FCHS, everyone has the right to learn and no one has the right to interfere, everyone's dignity, welfare and material possessions should be respected, and everyone is expected to attend all scheduled classes. Individual teachers may have additional expectations about appropriate student behaviors in their classes.

FCHS Discipline Policy

At FCHS, we believe that a student's conduct combined responsibility of the student, the parent/guardian and the school. The FCHS administration and staff commits to the following responsibilities:

- Establishing a welcoming and safe school environment that promotes learning
- Protecting the rights, due process and privileges of all members of the school community
- Assuring that necessary disciplinary action is consistently applied and
- Providing for opportunities for guidance and support in conjunction with necessary disciplinary action

Fort Collins High School's discipline policy follows the guidelines established by the Poudre School District Code of Conduct, a document describing laws and policies designed to maintain a safe, healthy learning environment. Upon registration, each student will receive and sign for a copy of the PDS Code of Conduct. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of its content. Below is a list of the most serious offenses for which a student may be disciplined. Please refer to the PSD Code of Conduct for a more complete list and know that the school district retains the right to suspend or expel a student or impose other disciplinary actions at their discretion, based on the severity of behavior, the facts, circumstances and nature of a student offense, and the student's disciplinary record.

- Assault/fight
- Drugs, Drug Paraphernalia, Alcohol and Tobacco Possession and/or Use
- Bullying/Cyber bullying
- Vandalism
- Weapons
- Harassment
- Gang/Gang-like Activity
- Interference with education

Other Policy and Discipline Situations

Dress Code

In an effort to create an environment that focuses on student achievement, the Poudre School District, in conjunction with staff and students from Fort Collins High School, Poudre High School, Rocky Mountain High School and Fossil Ridge High School have agreed upon the following dress code guidelines.

School is a business and professional work environment for students. Clothing should be appropriate for school and school activities. Clothing and other forms of personal appearance should not distract from the learning environment and should not be intimidating.

- Clothing must cover underwear, the midriff, chest and buttocks.
- Undergarments (i.e. bras, underwear, boxers) should not be visible.
- No spaghetti straps, or camisole tops without an over shirt.
- Clothing which promotes alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gang affiliation, sexuality or profanity will not be allowed.
- Any jewelry or accessories that could be used as a weapon will not be allowed. Bandannas are not to be worn or displayed at any time on school grounds or at school activities.
- Skirts and shorts must be mid-thigh length.
- Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times.
- When standing, shirts should be below the belly button. Half shirts, see-through shirts, mesh shirts, halter-tops, or any tops without a back will not be allowed.
- Sweatshirt hoods ("hoodies") may not be up while in the building.
- No wearing of sunglasses in the building.

Certain school activities may be exempt from these guidelines with administrative approval.
Students found in violation of this policy will be subject to disciplinary action.

Formal Removal from Class

In accordance with Senate Bill 133, a teacher may formally remove a disruptive student from his or her classroom. Upon the third formal removal, the student shall be removed from the class for the remainder of the term. A student may be formally removed from classes if the student's behavior: violates the code of conduct; is dangerous, unruly, or disruptive; seriously interferes with the ability of the teacher to teach class or students to learn; or demonstrates continued, willful disobedience. Teachers are expected to follow PSD guidelines when formally removing students from classes.
Loitering/Trespassing
Students are not allowed on any other campuses in Poudre School District other than their own. Former students are not allowed on campus unless they have prior approval from an administrator. Alumni must call ahead to prearrange an appointment with a staff member. The School Resource Officer may cite trespassers.

Scholastic Dishonesty and Cheating

FCHS teachers and the School Improvement Team have adopted a policy against cheating and other forms of academic dishonesty (2000). The full text of this policy is available from the school office. Teachers may use a variation on this policy, but are encouraged to share such variations in writing with their students. Cheating and academic dishonesty, however, are not tolerated. Students are advised to be aware that plagiarism and misuse of technology are included in our definition of academic dishonesty. Academic dishonesty may include incidents for which there is no intent to cheat, but are outside the domain of responsible, honest, and acceptable academic work.

Students who are judged to be in violation of this policy are subject to consequences of increasing severity for repeat offenses. Therefore, your administrator will keep a central record of breaches of this policy. Teachers are expected to inform the administration about academic dishonesty in their classes.

Scholastic Dishonesty and Cheating Consequences for Offenses

1. First offense: zero on assignment, parent notified.

2. Second offense (school-wide): Suspension according to Code of Conduct, Board of Education policy and administrator discretion. Recommended three-day suspension for second offense as well as a zero on assignment.

3. Continued offenses: Suspensions with time proportional to offense. If three offenses occur in the same class, the student may receive a failing grade for the class.

4. Fourth offense: Possible expulsion from school.

Snowballs

Snowball throwing is not allowed on campus at any time. The throwing of projectiles (coins, snowballs, rocks, water balloons, etc) is not appropriate anywhere on the school grounds and will be addressed according to the Code of Conduct. A court summons may be issued to those throwing objects according with city ordinance 17-102

Technology

Computers:

PSD-Net, which includes FCHS-Net, is the PSD networking service which allows students to send and receive e-mail, connect to UseNet groups and do research on the Internet both at school and at home. Because the Internet serves such a variety of uses, it is important that students understand:

- What are the considered violations and the consequences which accompany those violations if the *PSD-Net Terms and Conditions* are broken AND
- The consequences of violating the networking guidelines as explained in the Code of Conduct.

Miscellaneous Violations: These are actions that are inappropriate, but they are not stated in the PSD-Net terms and conditions.
Consequences: These situations will be handled on an individual basis.

Major Violations: These are actions, which directly violate privacy and security issues. These include but are not restricted to:

- Threats
- Harassment
- Security violations

Consequences - No warnings. Students are removed from PSD-Net and meet with an administrator and other appropriate persons for disciplinary action.

Serious Violations: These are actions that directly violate the PSD-Net terms and conditions. These include, but are not restricted to:

- Pornography, profanity
- Having any offensive material associated with the account
- Connecting to a multi-user sessions which includes but not limited to MUD (Multi User Domain) or IRC (Internet Relay Chat)
- Downloading inappropriate material

Consequences may include but not restricted to:

- Suspension from PSD-Net -- six months
- Removal from PSD-Net -- possible permanent loss of networking privileges

Process for Network Suspension:
All violations will be coordinated and processed by the administration.

1. Suspension from all networking activities will begin immediately after a violation is discovered.
2. The student will lose access to all networking privileges, which includes but is not restricted to the World Wide Web (Netscape), e-mail, and Telnet. Teacher-initiated networking assignments for those students who have lost their networking privileges are left to the discretion of the teacher.
3. Teachers will be informed of the student's violation and suspension in writing or by e-mail.

4. A meeting will be scheduled with an administrator if deemed appropriate.
5. Once the suspension time period has elapsed, the student must fill out a new PSD-Net application to have networking privileges reinstated.
6. Students may appeal a decision by contacting the technical coordinator and/or media specialist. The technical coordinator and/or media specialist will organize a meeting with an administrator, the student, and any interested parties to discuss the appeal.

Telephones:

All school telephones are used for business purposes only

STUDENT POSSESSION AND USE OF PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES (JICJ)

As used in this policy, "personal communication device" or "PCD" is defined to include all student cell phones, pagers, iPods, MP3 players, Zunes, personal digital assistants, cameras, audio and/or video recorders and players, laser pointers, and all other hand-held electronic communication and data storage devices.

Students may only possess and use PCDs on District property, on a District vehicle, at a District or school-sponsored activity or event, and off District property when such possession or use has a reasonable connection to school or any District curricular or non-curricular activity or event, in accordance with the following rules:

1. Students shall not use PCDs at any time they are in class or participating in or attending education-related activities, unless otherwise expressly authorized by the principal or his/her designee.
2. Students shall keep PCDs out of sight at all times they are in class and at all times they are participating in or attending education-related activities, unless otherwise expressly authorized by the principal or his/her designee.
3. Students shall keep PCDs turned off or dormant at all times they are in class and at all times they are participating in or attending education-related activities, unless otherwise expressly authorized by the principal or his/her designee. In this regard, "dormant" means elimination of all vibration alerts, alarms, ringtones, flashes, and other methods of notification of incoming calls or messages.

4. Students shall not use PCDs with cameras and/or video recording capabilities at any time they are in a bathroom, locker room or other location where such use could violate another person's reasonable expectation of privacy, and shall keep PCDs with cameras and/or video recording capabilities out of sight at all times they are in a bathroom, locker room or other location where such PCDs could violate another person's reasonable expectation of privacy.

Students who violate any of the foregoing rules are subject to one or more of the following consequences for each violation:

1. Confiscation of the PCD possessed or used in violation of the rules for a period of time to be determined by the principal or his/her designee, up to and including the remainder of the school year. The return of confiscated PCDs may be conditioned on a meeting between the student's parent/guardian and the principal or his/her designee to discuss the violation and steps that may be taken to ensure future compliance with the rules in this policy.
2. Receiving a failing grade with respect to any test or assignment during which the student possessed or used a PCD in violation of the rules in this policy.
3. Discipline, including suspension or expulsion from school.
4. Referral of the matter to law enforcement authorities when the student's PCD possession or use may involve a violation of the law.

Unscheduled Time/Hallway Conduct

Students are to conduct themselves in an orderly manner in the halls. Students are not permitted in the academic halls or on benches under the staircases during class time. Unscheduled time is to be utilized wisely by using the library, resource centers, laboratories, Student Commons, etc. Students may take water in clear sealable plastic containers to class. All other containers and beverages are not permitted in instructional areas!!! We appreciate your help in doing your part to keep the building looking nice. **No food is allowed in carpeted areas (i.e. library, classrooms, academic halls, music/theater halls.**

Vehicle Policy

In order to maintain a safe and orderly environment in our parking lots, the following policy addressing driving and parking at Fort Collins High School will be enforced. Failure to comply with any part of this policy could result in a ticket or a vehicle that is "booted" as well as a fine ranging from $10 to $75 and possible referral to law enforcement.

All student and staff vehicles parked on school property must display a valid and current parking hang tag. (PSD, Police, Fire, Delivery and visitor vehicles are excluded.) Students can obtain one parking hangtag at no cost from Mrs. Watson in the Main Office or the Campus Security Officer by completing a parking application and showing proof of insurance and a valid driver's license. Only one parking hangtag is allowed per student. Should the hangtag be lost or stolen, a replacement can be obtained at a cost of $5. Hangtags may not be transferred from one person to another. Mrs. Watson in the Main Office and the Campus Security Officer must be notified if the student driver changes the vehicle identified on the original parking application. The hangtag must be returned to the Main Office or the Campus Security Officer is the student loses parking privileges, withdraws from school or is expelled from school. If a student has forgotten his/her hangtag, a ticket and/or fine can be avoided by completing a "Notification of NO PERMIT" in the Main Office.

Offensive writing, signage or gang affiliation items are not permitted to be displayed in or on vehicles on PSD property.

Students are not permitted to loiter/hang out in vehicles during class hours.

Vehicles larger than current parking spaces or pulling trailers onto property must have prior administrator approval.

Vehicles parked on or adjacent to campus may be searched at any time if there is reasonable suspicion of a violation of PSD policy.

Driving and parking privileges may be suspended or revoked for the following reasons: moving another person's vehicle to cause a violation; being involved in a "hit and run" accident, disrespect to other drivers or insubordination to staff; or any action that may be a safety concern.

Tickets may be issued by the School Resource Officer, possibly resulting in a fine or an accumulation of points on the student's driver's license.

Violations resulting in tickets and $10 fines

Valid hangtag not displayed
Hang tag number not visible or readable from front windshield
Parked taking two spaces or across lines
Parked on curb, sidewalk or grass
Parked or driving on snow piles
Appearance of exceeding the 15 MPH speed limit
Burn out or squealing of tires
Failure to stop where posted or marked

Violations resulting in tickets and $50 fines

Parked in the bus lane, drop off lane, next to red curb or in no parking/tow zone
Boot fee for application and removal of boot
Careless or reckless driving

Violations resulting in tickets and $75 fines

Display of lost, stolen, borrowed, or copied hang tag
Student parking in the Staff Lot, Handicapped Space, or Visitor's Space

Tickets may <u>only</u> be appealed and dismissed within two days of being issued.
Tickets may be paid by performing community service work at school.

Contact Campus Security to resolve any ticket, driving, or parking problem.

Possible Disciplinary Interventions

- Detention
- Community Service
- Student Conference any or all of the following persons: administrator, teacher, counselor, parent/guardian
- Loss of School Privileges
- Removal from class
- In School Suspension
- Restitution
- Restorative Justice
- Out of School Suspension
- Bus Suspension
- Removal from Bus
- Expulsion
- Referral to Law Enforcement

General Information

Announcements

Announcements will be televised at the beginning of 3rd period to inform everyone about upcoming school activities. Students are required to view announcements.

Assemblies

Assemblies and pep rallies are planned for the education and entertainment of the student body. Students entering the assembly should find a seat as quickly as possible. Positive conduct is expected during the presentations. All assemblies are required unless otherwise posted.

Bulletin Boards and Posters

- Student groups may display important notices, posters, and fliers after such items have been approved by the Activities Director and stamped.
- Fliers may not be placed on windshields of vehicles parked in campus parking lots or streets.
- Posting notices promoting private profit-making organizations is prohibited.
- Post **only** in approved areas.

Bus Privileges

Bus transportation is provided for most students living more than two miles from the school. While riding the bus, students are expected to obey all school policies and act in a mature and appropriate manner. Students who violate the rules on the bus may lose bus-riding privileges. Behavior on buses may be monitored by the use of cameras.
Misbehavior on the bus:

- Second infraction: Parent(s)/guardian will be notified in writing
- Third infraction: Bus privileges suspended 1-3 days, parent(s)/guardians notified
- Fourth infraction: Longer suspension

Change of Address

In order to help us to respond to emergencies and to ensure that parents receive all mailings, please notify Dixie DeQuasie in the main office (488-8009) of any changes in addresses or phone numbers.

Drug Dogs

There is an ongoing concern in our schools with respect to drug use. We will be working closely with the Fort Collins Police Services to eliminate drugs from Fort Collins High School.

We will be enlisting the use of drug detection dogs on a random basis to go through the hallways, classrooms, locker rooms, offices and parking lots to uncover any possible drug possession. Students and staff are hereby informed that this will occur during the school day at various times throughout the year, but they will not be told the specific days of the searches.

Legal issues you need to be aware of include:

- If a dog sniff indicates the presence of drugs in a student locker or other confined space on the school premises, reasonable suspicion is established for an immediate further search of this space.
- If the dog sniff indicates the presence of drugs on the student's person, including in a handbag or other container in the student's possession, or in a student's vehicle, reasonable suspicion is established for a search. Student permission is not needed. The student must be present for vehicle searches. Someone of the same sex as the student must carry out a search of a student.
- If a dog sniff indicates the presence of drugs in a space in possession and control of a district employee, or the presence of drugs on an employee's person, or handbag, or other container, a report of the time, place, and specific location of the suspected drugs will be made. The Assistant Superintendent will be consulted before any further action is taken.

The intent of this process is not to embarrass individuals, but to assure parents and the community that their school is free of drugs. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact our School Resource Officer, **Trevor Smotherman**, at 488-8102.

Email Communication

All students should check their schools email a minimum of once a week as we will continue to share important information via email throughout the school year.

All Parents are encouraged to sign up on the FCHS Parent Email Group. Simply go to the FCHS Homepage at http://fch.psdschools.org/parents and click on the PSD Parent Email Sign-Up under PSD Links.

*If you have any questions, contact the Student Services Department at 488-8100.

Fines and Fees

- Athletic Fees: $100.00** (per student, per sport, per year)
- Activity Card: $28.00 at Registration through September 30th
  $30.00 after October 1st.
- Yearbook: $65.00-1st semester or $70 – 2nd semester

All students are urged to purchase an activity card, which then provides free admission to all regular season home athletic contests, selected musical and drama presentations and school dances. If you plan on being involved in school activities, this card will save you a considerable amount of money. Money raised is used to support all student activities.

**There is a $300 family maximum per year for athletic fees during grades 9 - 12. Athletic Fees will be waived if a student qualifies for free or reduced lunch. Free or reduced waivers may be picked up in the main office.

Health Services

- All students attending FCHS must be immunized according to the State of Colorado guidelines. Exemptions can be signed for medical, religious or personal reasons.
- To find out what immunizations are required, please call the school nurse or health technician at 488-8015.
- Students with ongoing health problems need to have a yearly updated health plan on file. This will guide the school if medical intervention is necessary.
- School district policy allows a high school student to carry with them medication doses required for 1 day of treatment. The medication must be in the original container and marked with the student's name and medication directions. If the parent/student requests that the medication be kept locked in the health office, that request is honored.
- A medication permission form must be completed for the medication whether it is carried or locked in the health office. This form is completed yearly and must be signed by the health care provider, parent and student.
- Any violation of this policy is an infraction of the Code of Conduct.

Available for consultation are:

- **Natalie Dybzinski,** School Nurse
- **Joyce Boyle,** Health Technician
- **Maria Bencomo,** Attendance Clerk and Health Room Aide.
- **Nan Watson,** Receptionist

Non-Discrimination Notice

Poudre School District does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, marital status, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its educational programs or activities. Inquiries concerning Title VI, Title IX, Section 504 and ADA may be referred to the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, 1244 N. Speer Blvd., Suite 310, Denver, CO 80204, 303-844-5695. For employment issues contact the Director of Personnel, 2407 LaPorte Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521, 970-490-3620.

Parent Groups

Parent(s)/guardian are always welcome at Fort Collins High School. Parking is provided for visitors without parking permits in the visitor's parking lot at the front of the school. Please check-in at the office when visiting. We encourage parent(s)/guardian to become involved in your school. There are many ways you can formally and informally participate and support Fort Collins High School.

VIPS (Volunteers in Poudre Schools) are volunteers needed in a variety of areas. Please contact FCHS for more information.

Booster Groups raise money to support and supplement programs.

PAC (Parent Athletic Club) is a group established for the oral and economic support of athletics at FCHS. They meet several evenings during the year and sponsor an all-sports award banquet in May. PAC is responsible for: bars & pins for athletic letters, Hall of Fame, Academic Athlete awards, PAC player award, and Weight Room fund raiser.

After Prom Committee

The After Prom Party is hosted by the junior class parent(s)/guardian.
See Activities Director for details.

School Accountability Team (SAC)

This is a process to insure that parent(s)/guardian, community, staff and students have ownership and involvement in the decisions that impact Fort Collins High School. SAC will meet the first Tuesday of every month during the school year. Meetings are open to all students, staff and parent(s)/guardian. For more information, please contact the main office at 488-8002.

Potential Student Procedures:

Potential students must have an appointment with a counselor, peer counselor or administrator.

a. *If you have an appointment*, see above number 4.
b. *If no appointment*, we will be glad to make one for you.

"Shadowing" of our current students is not allowed. An administrator must approve any exception to this rule at least 24-48 hours prior to visiting.

Graduates and former students are considered visitors and must follow the visitor procedures above.
All visitors must wear a "Pass" at all times. Anyone without a "Pass" will be escorted out of the building by security or may be cited for trespassing.

Reporting Illness or Injury

All injuries, illnesses, or personal injury problems should be immediately reported to the classroom teacher. If you are ill and unable to attend class, report to the office immediately. At that time a parent may be contacted, a student may be allowed to rest, or in an emergency, paramedics will be called.

School Calendar

The official school calendar is located in the office. To avoid conflicts between events, student groups should plan their activities at least one month in advance and then obtain approval from the Activities Director to place them on the official calendar. **ALL** building use is scheduled by **Kathy Johnson**. (488-8006)

School Dances

School dances are for FCHS students and their pre-approved escorted guests. Students leaving the dance will not be readmitted. The activities director must approve all school dances at least four weeks in advance. All dances will end by 11:00 P.M., unless otherwise noted. Students needing transportation home will need to be picked up within 15 minutes after activity ends.

School Resource Officer

The Poudre School District, in cooperation with the Fort Collins Police Services and the Larimer County Sheriff's Office, provides a School Resource Officer program.
Purpose of this program:

- Insure a safe school environment
- Improve relations between law enforcement and young people
- Be a resource to students, faculty, parent(s)/guardian, and administrative staff.

Trevor Smotherman, the School Resource Office (SRO) for Fort Collins High School, has an office in the back of the media center and will be available during normal school hours. Please stop by and say hello! He can also be reached at 488-8102.

Sex offender Registry Information Available

State law (C.R.S. § 22-1-124) requires that all schools notify parents about how to access records on registered sex offenders. Following are ways to obtain information about registered offenders:

List of offenders living inside city limits is available at City of Fort Collins Police Services: Information about sex offenders via Colorado Bureau of Investigations statewide sex offender list is available at http://sor.state.co.us/ which will take you to the State of Colorado registry. Simply follow the steps and select the city or county of interest for the information which is maintained by CBI. The local Fort Collins sex offender registration list can also be accessed by going to the police station at 2221 Timberline Road, and filling out a request form (no charge to view list; $7.50 to purchase copy).

List of offenders living outside city limits in Larimer County is available from Larimer County Sheriff: Residents can go to the Sheriff's Office administration building, 2501 Midpoint Drive, and view books with information and pictures of sex offenders at no charge. Residents can purchase a list for a fee of $7.50 through the records department. A database is online at: http://www.larimer.org/sheriff/sexoffenders/index.htm
Colorado sex offenders registry from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation: available online at http://sor.state.co.us

Skateboards/Bicycles/Skates

Skateboards, skates, and other similar devices must be picked up and carried when students are on campus and the surrounding sidewalks. Using these on campus is prohibited by city ordinance. Students shall walk their bicycles on the sidewalks near the building. Bicycles may only be parked and locked on bike racks. Light poles, trees, handrails and columns are not to be used as bike racks.

Student Commons

FCHS is proud of its Student Commons/ Food Court Area that offers a wide variety of healthy food choices. **Students are responsible for cleaning up after themselves. Appropriate behavior is expected at all times.**

Student ID Cards

All students are required to carry a school ID card on campus or at any school sponsored event, including dances. Students should report to the Student Services Department for a replacement ID if lost. A charge of $5.00 for a new card may be assessed.

Student Rights

Fort Collins High School understands that conflict can arise over what one views as a student right and a school practice. The Poudre School District Code of Conduct includes information about student responsibilities. The district also publishes the "Rights and Responsibilities of Students and Parents" in English and Spanish. The district attorney's office also has produced a pamphlet entitled "Teenagers' Rights and Responsibilities". These documents are available from the principal's office. Students and parents who believe the rights of a student have been violated are encouraged to report the circumstances to the principal immediately.

Visitors

1. All ***Visitors*** must sign-in at the front desk.
2. ***Visitors*** will be asked for identification if requesting a meeting with a student.
3. Appointments with staff must be made in advance.
4. All staff (except counseling) must come to the office to meet the guest.

Student Clubs and Activities

Activities Director – Emily Steele

Participation in co-curricular activities makes school more fun and statistics show that grades improve with involvement. Below is a list of the clubs and activities that are available at FCHS. For sponsor information please visit the website at http://fch.psdschools.org/student-organizations/sponsors.

In November of 2003, the Poudre School District adopted a Limited-Open Forum policy regarding student clubs and organizations. These organizations now fall into three Categories:

Category I: School-Sponsored Activities -

- Student Council
- Yearbook
- School Newspaper/Spilled Ink
- Choir
- TV Production/KLYD
- Cheerleaders
- Vocational Education Clubs
  - DECA
  - FBLA
  - FCCLA (Community Service
- Remington Street
- Spirit Boosters
- Formal Grade Level Organizations
  - Jr.'s Prom
  - After Prom
  - Sr.'s Graduation
- Band
- Tower Dance
- Plays/Musicals
- Debate/Forensics
- Student Advisory Board
- Link Crew
- Tower Theater
- Peer Counselors

Category II: School-Sponsored Academic Org. -

- Knowledge Bowl
- Lambkin Mathematicians
- Physics Bowl
- Science Olympiad
- Science Bowl
- History Club
- French Club/Deja
- German Club
- Art Service Group
- Spanish Conversation Club
- Amnesty International
- Mock Trial Team
- Creative Writing Club
- Live United
- Latino Ameri Student Asso.
- National Science Honor Society
- National Tech. Honor Society
- National Honor Society
- Ocean Science Bowl
- FCHS Tri-M

Category III: Student Initiated -

These clubs must re-apply at the beginning of each school year. For the most current list visit the Fort Collins High School Student Organizations website at http://fch.psdschools.org/student-organizations.

Student Council –

Student Council promotes leadership, responsibility and citizenship. Students have the opportunity to become involved in planning, organization and making policies. Student Council is actively involved in several social and service projects throughout the year. Student Council is open to all students.

Student Council Officers 2012-2013
Student Body President: Lexie Deeter
Student Body Vice-President: Zoe Roth
Student Body Secretary: Jordyn Siemens
Student Body Treasurer: Katie Schimer

Senior Class Officers: Class of 2013
Senior Class President: Jack Pixler
Senior Class Vice-President: Madi Ott
Senior Class Secretary: Sydney Thorp
Senior Class Treasurer: Crystal Scales
Class Representative: Kate Couperus

Junior Class Officers: Class of 2014
Junior Class President: Julia Lyons
Junior Class Vice-President: McKaylee Thurgood
Junior Class Secretary: Kelsey Stout
Junior Class Treasurer: Ellie Goodspeed
Class Representative: Tara Gover
Class Representative: Skylar Walker
Class Representative: Marinna Dilley
Class Representative: Vivian Hanson
Class Representative: Mary Luckasen

Sophomore Class Officers: Class of 2015
Sophomore Class President: Sami Firnett
Sophomore Class Vice-President: Tess Baker
Sophomore Class Secretary: Lindsay LePlante
Sophomore Class Treasurer: Delaney Smotherman
Class Representative: Aubrey Weappa
Class Representative: Blake Reffner
Class Representative: Lauren Caddoo
Class Representative: Maria Lawson

PSD / FCHS Athletics

Athletic Director and Assistant Principal**: Rob Larson**

Fort Collins High School Athletics Mission Statement:

The mission of Fort Collins High School Athletics is to provide an opportunity for student-athletes to excel at the highest level academically, on the playing field, and in life. All of our athletic programs foster an environment where character, integrity, responsibility, and discipline are equal and integral parts. Our tradition of excellence truly makes Fort Collins High School "Home of the Champions".

Among the objectives of the athletics department are the following:

- To develop strong leadership skills student-athletes can apply in all areas of life.

- To create an environment where student-athletes feel a strong sense of support and camaraderie.
- To help student-athletes build relationships with both teammates and coaches.
- To emphasize communication between players and coaches-and to teach the importance of communication in all areas of life.
- To mentor students during their journey to responsible citizenship while portraying a positive image of our school and our community.
- To field disciplined and competitive teams seeking superior athletic performance within established rules and ethical conduct.
- To promote participation and pride from the student body, faculty, staff, and community members.

Every student is urged to get involved in the athletic program.

- Participation depends upon satisfactory medical examination, ability in the sport, and compliance with all other rules of eligibility.
- Each student participating in interscholastic athletics must pay a participation fee.
- Physical forms, insurance waivers, parent permission forms and eligibility forms must be completed and filed before a student is eligible to practice or participate in athletics.
- All athletes including cheerleaders must comply with the eligibility rules set by the Colorado High School Activities Association.
- A student must carry five classes (or the equivalent), which total a minimum of 2.5 Carnegie units per semester and be failing no more than one class. (.5 Carnegie units)

Eligibility

1. The value of participation in athletics has been well documented. Participants earn better grades, have better attendance and have a greater chance for success in later life. One of the reasons for this is that students must meet and maintain certain standards.
2. **Athletes must be enrolled in a minimum of 25 hours per semester.**
3. Athletes cannot be failing more than one class.
4. Summer school may be used to regain eligibility. The classes must be taken in the area that was failed.
5. Athletes who turn 19 before August 1 are ineligible.
6. Upon entering high school (ninth grade), athletes have eight consecutive semesters of eligibility.
7. **Athletes must have a current physical examination on file.**
8. **Athletes must submit a parent permit to practice.**
9. **Athletes must submit an eligibility form.**
10. Athletes transferring schools must meet CHSAA regulations (see Athletic Director for specifics).
11. Freshmen athletes must also abide by the eligibility guidelines as stated by CHSAA.
12. Athlete must comply with all CHSAA and PSD training rules and citizenship requirements.

2012-2013 High School Sports

Fall (official practices begin August 13, 2012, except for golf which begins August 6, 2012:

- Boys and Girls Cross Country
- PSD Girls Field Hockey
- Football
- Boys Golf (August 9th)
- Girls Gymnastics
- Boys Soccer
- Girls Softball
- Boys Tennis
- Girls Volleyball

Winter (official practices begin November 9, 2012)

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Girls Swimming
- Wrestling

Spring (official practices begin February 25, 2013)

- Boys Baseball
- Girls Golf
- PSD Boys Lacrosse
- Girls Soccer
- Boys Swimming
- Girls Tennis
- Boys and Girls Track and Field