

# Free State Open House for All students

## Monday August 9th and Tuesday August 10th 10:00am-7:00pm

Purpose: Free State High School is holding an open house for all students for the 2021-22 school year. This event will help new and returning students as we start a new school year. A point of emphasis is to inform students and families about our new Flex Mod Schedule.

The following items are part of this Open House:

- New laptop devices to checkout/exchange. Returning students should bring their laptops and chargers in for this exchange to the commons (9th graders bring their iPads and chargers from middle school).
- A photographer will be here to take student school pictures for this school year. It is highly recommended that students take their pictures at this time. Pictures will be taken in the commons. Student IDs will be needed for all Free State students this year. A makeup date for pictures is scheduled in late September if you cannot attend on August 9th or 10th.
- There will be a presentation on the Flex Mod schedule in the auditorium every hour on the hour starting at 11 a.m. with the last presentation at 6:00 p.m. Information regarding the Flex Mod may be found on the Free State High School Website. [Free State High School](#)
- Current NHS students will be giving tours of the building, answering questions and helping students navigate the new schedule.
- Students may purchase parking permits at this time.
- Food will be available - details to follow

This Open House is not a requirement, and it is intended for all FSHS students for the 21-22 school year.

**Student Schedule information** will be made available in Power School on August 9th. Counselors are currently cleaning up the student schedules. As a reminder, course schedules are built on the course requests that were submitted in the fall.

If you need a schedule change/correction for the Fall semester please contact your counselor after Monday, August 9. This is the only opportunity for students to adjust schedules. We do not honor requests to select a specific teacher or class.

Please note the following are acceptable reasons to make corrections to a schedule.

- Academic misplacement (wrong level or not meeting prerequisite)
- Student missing a core subject or needs a course to graduate in upcoming semester
- Student does not have a complete schedule
- Student has completed the course previously
- Promotion by audition: wind ensemble, journalism, etc.
- Reassessment of class choice based on semester grade

New students to Free State should contact Student Services starting on August 2nd for an appointment to meet with their counselor.

9th Grade Counselor: Katie Brandau - [katie.brandau@usd497.org](mailto:katie.brandau@usd497.org)

10-12 Counselors:

- A - G - Katherine Dillon - [kdillon@usd497.org](mailto:kdillon@usd497.org)
- H - O - Marc Conover - [mconover@usd497.org](mailto:mconover@usd497.org)
- P - Z - Ken Hile - [khile@usd497.org](mailto:khile@usd497.org)
- SOAR - Ednice Metz - [ednice.metz@usd497.org](mailto:ednice.metz@usd497.org)
- STAR - Tina Mitchell - [tmitchel@usd497.org](mailto:tmitchel@usd497.org)

**Mark your calendars:**

- August 16 and 17th - Expect a call from a teacher. Teachers will call students to welcome them to school and provide an information update.
- August 16th - Fall Sports begin - all paperwork must be completed to practice on this day. Information can be found on the Athletics tab on the Free State Web Site.
- August 18th - 9th Grade Orientation - 8:00 am to 12:30 p.m. - buses will run
- August 18th - New Student Orientation - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- August 19th - First full day of school for all grades (8:00 a.m. - 3:22 p.m.)
- August 20th - Fire Starter Dance for Freshman 7 p.m.

\*Please note that you will be able to find all of my updates on the Free State Website under the Principal Updates tab located under the About Us section.