

# Welcome to Lowell High School!



The purpose of this presentation is to...

- Share information with parents and students to aid in a smooth and successful transition to Lowell High School
- Answer all of the general questions related to LHS
- Ensure that parents and students comfortable and prepared for your first year at Lowell High School

# Freshman Academy Administration

Ms. Martel - FA Director

Ms. Durbrow - Student  
Support Specialist

Last Names A-M

Ms. DeCarvalho - Student  
Support Specialist

Last names N-Z



# Freshman Academy Social Workers

Ms. Casey

Last names A-M

Ms. Sylvain

Last Names N-Z



# Freshman Academy School Counselors

Ms. Tamayo -

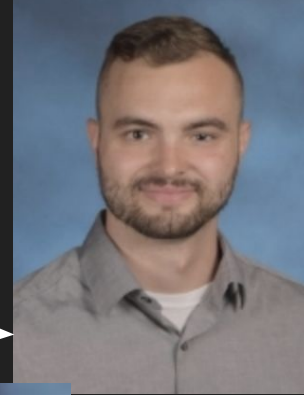
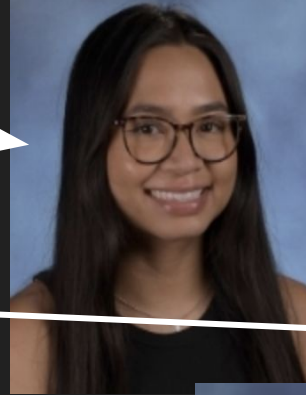
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Mr. Ploof -

Last Names H-O

Ms. Enright -

Last Names P-Z



# How do I get to and from school?

- Explore the [LRTA website](#)-use the trip planner to determine the best possible route! Here you will also find the routes and times.
- Review the morning bus routes in your neighborhood
  - ◆ Find the bus stop closest to where you live
  - ◆ Determine the best time to get the bus so you arrive to school by 7:40(early morning buses drop off right downtown)
  - ◆ **Tip:** Practice taking the bus before the first day of school
- At the 2:30 dismissal bell, buses pick up outside of the FA as well as the main building. [This document](#) will be shared with students so they know the location and order that the buses line up.

# What time do I need to be in school?

- The Paige Street entrance of the FA opens at 7:15 each day for entry into cafe for breakfast.
- Transition to Advisory begins at 7:40
- All students must be in Advisory by 7:55
  - ◆ After 7:55, you will be marked tardy
- First period begins at 8:15
- There's a 5 minute passing time between each class.  
Students are expected to take the most direct route to each class, turn their phone in upon arrival and be seated/get ready to learn.

# Lowell High School Attendance Policy

- More than 8 unexcused daily absences  
Semester 1 = Absence Failure
- More than 8 unexcused daily absences  
Semester 2 = Absence Failure
- More than 8 unexcused class  
absences= Absence Failure(no credit)
- We can only excuse absences with a  
doctor's note or other formal  
documentation (not a parent note)



# What happens if I go over the attendance limit?

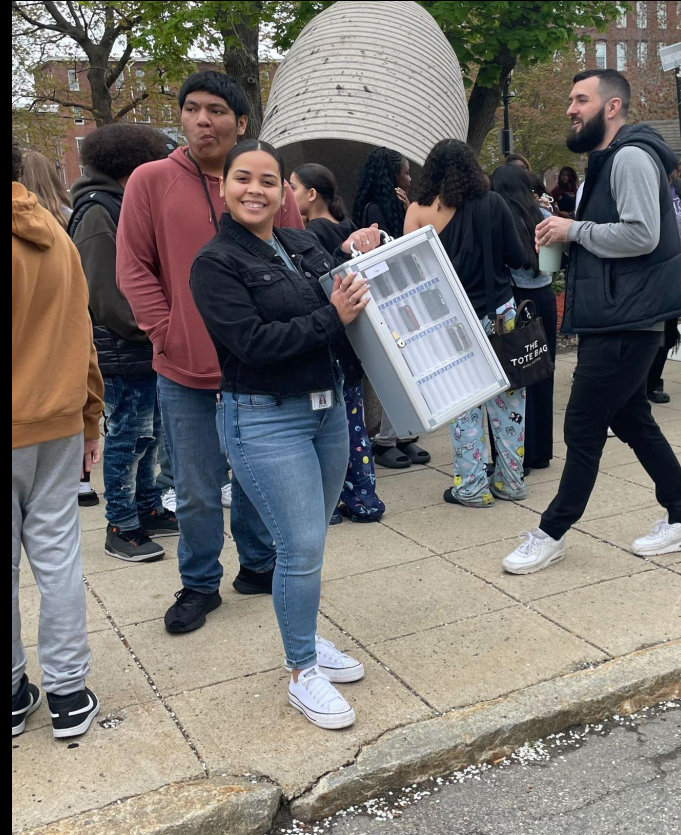
- If you go over the attendance limit, you will need work with members of your FA team to create a plan. This plan will need to be strictly followed and will require you to show marked improvement in your attendance(which includes tardies and absences).



A few key  
rules to  
remember....

# No Cell Phones or Earbuds During Class

- Cell phones are put into a cell phone box as students enter each class.
- Cell phones are returned during the last couple minutes of class.
- Cell phones are allowed during Advisory, between classes and during lunch.
- In the event of a safety drill, the classroom teacher will take the cell phone box with them.
- No ear buds are allowed and should be stored away/out of sight.



## Cell Phones Continued...

- Videotaping is prohibited in school or on school grounds.
- The use of cell phones in unauthorized ways, including picture taking or filming, harassing, and/or bullying behavior could result in progressive disciplinary action, up to and including suspension.

# School Safety

- Student IDs must be visible around your neck at all times.
- If you lose your ID, you must purchase a new one for \$5 in the FA office.
- If you forget your ID, you will scan a QR code in Advisory so that you can be issued a temporary sticker ID. This needs to be worn visibly on your shirt.
- Detentions will be issued for each day that you do not have an ID.



# Dress Code

- No hoods-you can wear hoodies, but keep the hood off! And hats ARE allowed!
- No ski masks
- No sunglasses
- No inappropriate wording or logos(including but not limited to anything associated with drugs,alcohol,weapons and/or violence)
- Dress appropriately for a school setting

# Bathroom Protocols

- Students must sign out before leaving class. They also must have an ID around their neck and a pass from their teacher to be allowed into the restroom.
- Students cannot take their phone to the bathroom. It must stay in the box in their classroom.
- Only 1 student per bathroom stall.  
Consequences will be issued if students do not comply.

# Academic Expectations



# Credits

- There are two semesters

Semester 1=August 26th through January 23rd

Semester 2=January 24th through June 16th

- You have the opportunity to earn 17.5 credits each semester for a total of 35 credits.
- A **minimum** of 20 credits must be earned by the end of the 9th grade in order to move to grade 10
- If you do not earn a **minimum** of 20 credits, you will be considered a 9th grade repeater
- 65% or above is passing



# Academic Support

We encourage all students to access some sort of academic support.

Support can be accessed in multiple ways:

- Before/after school tutoring in the main building. The days/times/locations will be shared with students and this typically starts later in late September or early October.
- Students can check in with their teachers to see if there are tutoring opportunities with them. Some teachers may come early or stay late. Although they are not obligated to do so, many do offer this kind of support. It's worth it to ask!
- Create a study group with peers from class. Ask questions and learn from one another!

# More opportunities!

## **Early College**

Our partnership with Middlesex Community College allows students to take college credit courses through MCC while attending LHS. You can also participate in MCC events and activities by being part of this program.

The majority of freshman students take Seminar and will earn 1 credit through MCC upon passing that course.

## **After Dark**

Our partnership with Greater Lowell Technical High School allows students to take classes at LHS during the day and learn a trade in the evening at the Voke. This opportunity is available your junior year.

## **Dual Enrollment**

Our partnership with Umass Lowell allows students in their junior and senior year to take classes for FREE through Umass Lowell. You could leave Lowell High with your high school diploma and lots of college credits under your belt if you take advantage of this program!

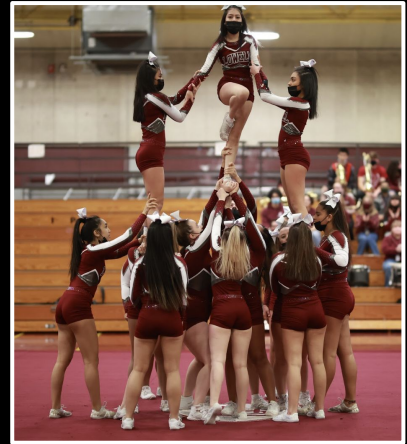
You can also explore Advanced Placement classes and specific Pathways for academic and pre-career experiences are

# How do I get involved in Lowell High School?



# Get Involved: Sports

- Fall Sports: Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Soccer, Swimming, Girls Volleyball, Rowing  
**\*\*Pre-season practices and tryouts start on 8/15 for most fall sports, 8/18 for girls volleyball.**
- Winter Sports: Basketball, Cheerleading, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Indoor Track, Wrestling
- Spring Sports: Outdoor Track, Softball, Baseball, Tennis, Boys Volleyball, Lacrosse, Rowing



# Get Involved: LHS Clubs(Not a complete list)

- ★ Band
- ★ Black Unity Club
- ★ Business Professionals of America
- ★ Chess Society
- ★ Dance Ensemble
- ★ Environmental Club
- ★ Hispanic Club
- ★ Gay Straight Alliance(Rainbow Connection)
- ★ Jr ROTC Drill Team
- ★ Jr ROTC Elite Honor Guard
- ★ Math League
- ★ Mock Trial
- ★ National Honor Society
- ★ Pep Club
- ★ Science/STEM Club
- ★ Theatre Arts
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# Get Involved: THE COMPASS PROGRAM

- ★ My Mind is Beautiful Art Class
  - ★ Lowell Lookout Squad
  - ★ Photography Club
  - ★ LHS Knowledge Bowl Team
  - ★ Environmental Adventures
  - ★ Compass Poetry/Slam Team
  - ★ Green Dragons: Archery, Martial Arts,  
& Culinary
  - ★ Coursera & Career Exploration
- Monday - Friday  
2:30 - 5:00  
Free of Charge  
Field Trips  
Snacks provided

# Community School

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Kate Keefe



## Contact



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# We want to hear from you!

With our continued efforts to engage with our LHS families, you will find the QR codes and links to connect with us through WhatsApp as well as our social media platforms in the packet you received today.

If you have any questions or issues in trying to connect with us, please email Kate Keefe *and* Gina Martel and one of us can assist you!

# Questions?

Email FA Director Gina Martel  
[gmartel@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:gmartel@lowell.k12.ma.us)