



LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Dear Members of the Class of 2023:

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We are writing to welcome you to Lowell High School and to extend our best wishes for a rewarding first year. Your first day at Lowell High School will be **Tuesday, August 27, 2019**, when you arrive at the Clement Gregory McDonough Freshman Academy. If you would like an opportunity to tour the building and meet LHS staff and students prior to August 27th, please consider registering for **Step Up Day on August 22, 2019**. Registration is available online at <https://forms.gle/EbHBS7xXbKES8kr79> or by visiting our website at lhs.lowell.k12.ma.us. You can also follow us at <http://www.facebook.com/LowellHSHFreshmanAcademy> for more updates.

A copy of your class schedule is enclosed. At the top of the schedule you will see that you are assigned to an **Advisory** room. The Freshman Academy doors will open at **7:40 a.m.** Please arrive at your **Advisory** room as indicated on the enclosed schedule by **7:50 a.m.** Students entering the clusters and Lyceum are assigned advisories in the Freshman Academy. Ninth grade ELL students may be assigned advisories in the main building. Please check your advisory room at the top of your schedule.

Upon your arrival to advisory, you will meet your advisory teacher, complete several registration forms, review the bell schedule, be assigned a locker and a lock, and receive important information about Lowell High School. **Your advisory teacher will explain your entire day in detail.** All students must purchase a school lock for \$5. For safety reasons any other locks will be removed from lockers.

On your first day, you will meet with the Freshman Academy administration team to learn about student expectations at Lowell High School and the Freshman Academy. You will meet all of your scheduled teachers and your guidance counselor to learn more about the various academic programs, student activities, and athletic opportunities available to you at Lowell High School. You will also be photographed for ID Badges to ensure a safe environment for all. Your parents can choose to purchase these photos if they would like to. If you have not received a mailer from O'Connor Studios, please contact them at **978-640-6250 for an information packet.**

You will be given an **Agenda Book** to assist you in keeping track of important academic obligations as well as the fun activities offered at LHS. This Agenda Book will be an important tool for you to use as you work towards academic success.

This should be an exciting time for you and we are here to help you get accustomed to your new school. We are confident that you will feel comfortable traveling around LHS in no time. You will meet many new friends and you'll learn about the social and athletic opportunities we have to offer you. We encourage you to actively engage in all aspects of the Lowell High School community.

As the administrators and teachers work continually to improve curriculum and student activities, the most critical element in obtaining a quality education is your commitment and participation on a daily basis. Success is its own reward, and to truly succeed, effort and regular attendance are crucial! **Please note:** To earn credit in any course, a student must meet state mandated requirements of 95% attendance. This mandate is reflected in the Lowell School Committee policy that allows for **no more than eight absences per semester.** Additional information regarding attendance policies is clearly stated in the LHS Student/Parent Handbook which you can access by visiting our school website at lhs.lowell.k12.ma.us.

Until **August 27th**, enjoy the remaining days of the summer and prepare yourself for a new and exciting experience. Refer to the LHS website for frequently asked questions about the Freshman Academy (identified as FAQ's on the web site) including information about transportation. Additional information about bussing appears on the next page. Please be advised there will be **NO School on Friday, August 30th and Monday, September 2nd** due to the Labor Day holiday weekend. You will return on **Tuesday, September 3rd**. Until August 27th, enjoy the remainder of the summer!

Sincerely,

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Head of School

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Director of the Freshman Academy