

Freedom Academy
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Dear Parents/Guardian(s),

Since the inception of Freedom Academy, all stakeholders have insisted higher standards be met in the school. Because of this direction given by the governing board and parents like yourself, we as an administration have been working tirelessly to ensure that high standards have been instituted and preserved to maintain the integrity of Freedom Academy. The administration and teachers alike do all they can to provide the best education, the best educational environment, and the best pathway to student success available. In order to continue in that tradition, the administration has adopted a plan to help our lower achieving students keep up with their school work and put forth the effort to achieve greater success in each of their classes.

As our eighth grade students complete their final year at Freedom Academy, many hours of preparation go into organizing their end-of-year activities. Our Eighth Grade Graduation offers not only a formal graduation program honoring our students, but also several activities that instill within each graduate happy memories spent with fellow classmates, teachers, and administration as a final send-off. We feel that these activities are a great privilege for our students and each student should earn the right to participate. Consequently, student academic success, along with good citizenship, will be a prerequisite for their end-of-year participation. The standard that was decided upon for students to achieve is a C- or higher in ALL classes on each mid-term progress report and quarterly report card.

We, as an administration, realize the magnitude of this challenge could intimidate many students. However, it is our desire to provide the opportunity for every student to be successful in attaining grades above a D+. In order to allow students who, for whatever reason, fail to meet the set standard we will provide a secondary pathway, which will be available two times per quarter, if a student is unable to achieve at least a C-.

If a student earns a D+ grade or below in any class, they may choose to participate in a Saturday School. Our Saturday School will be offered twice per quarter, once following mid-term reports and once prior to the end-of-term report cards. The terms of the Saturday School are as follows:

- Saturday School hours will be from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Doors will be locked at 8:30 AM. No student will be admitted once the doors are locked.
- Students will be supervised by a Freedom Academy teacher. Parents are welcome to attend and provide help and support for their students on an as-needed basis. No other children, other than the attending student will be admitted.
- A mandatory fee of \$10.00 must be paid upon arrival (checks are to be made out to Freedom Academy) along with the Behavioral Contract signed by a parent or guardian and the student, which is required in order for students to attend.
- Transportation to and from the school will not be provided.
- No lunch will be provided.
- Makeup work packets will only be distributed at the Saturday School.
- Once all assignments are completed to the satisfaction of the attending teacher, students will be allowed to leave pending the arrival of a parent or guardian.
- If a student fails to accomplish the assigned work within the packets, they are automatically unable to attend Eighth Grade Graduation activities.
- Students will be notified at mid-term and at the end of each quarter about the need to attend Saturday School.

Please note that Saturday School attendance will be the ONLY opportunity provided to the students to make up missing/late homework for any class. Students will no longer be able to approach individual teachers to make up missed work. Saturday School will not apply to students who have been absent and are making up missed work in the allotted time set forth by the Freedom Academy Handbook. Saturday School is for students who have had several opportunities to turn in homework and have simply chosen not to do so. Student makeup packets will

ONLY be issued to those students who take the opportunity to attend the Saturday School. Please remember to utilize the SIS website. Your child's grades are available for you to look over and keep track of daily. Missing assignments will be listed and current grades in each class are there for your review. If you need assistance using the site, please contact your child's advisor.

Saturday School is being instituted in the spirit of wanting to assist our students to be the best they can be, allowing us, at year's end, to honor their accomplishments and reward their efforts. Saturday School is not a means whereby we wish to aggravate or make life more difficult for parents or students. If, by chance, you have further questions or concerns, please contact LaMarr Nielsen, our Assistant Director over student operations, by calling his office directly at 801-437-3143.

Thank you for your support,

Freedom Academy Administration