

Conroe 9th Grade Campus

Freshman Success Guide

You are embarking on a journey that will last for the next four years. The CHS-9 teachers and staff would like to offer you some suggestions to make this a successful year and to help you create a great start for your high school career.



This year, for the first time in your life, you must pass your classes and accumulate credits to graduate in four years. Therefore, passing all of your classes this year is very important. If you fail a required class, you have to make it up, either by forfeiting your elective time, staying after school to earn credits, or attending high school an additional year. We want you to be successful at Conroe High School. The following suggestions can help you have a successful freshmen year, earn all of your credits, and stay on track to becoming a sophomore next year:

- ✓ **Come prepared** for every class with all necessary materials, such as pencil, paper, pen, binder, backpack and books every day!
- ✓ **Be on time** for every class; excessive tardiness results in ASD (after school detention) or worse!
- ✓ **Organization** is the key for success. Keeping your binders and backpack organized will help you find completed assignments and prevent stress and anxiety.
- ✓ **Time management** is essential. When you are given time in class to work, use it wisely to complete assignments and/or to study.
- ✓ **Good attendance** is necessary for you to be successful. If you are absent from school, you miss out on important instructional time. Please make every effort to be in class each day. If you have to miss, please get a doctor's note. Try to get your appointments after school hours or on days we are not in school, if possible. Parent notes are also accepted, but these will still count as absences for exemption and credit purposes. You must turn in your doctor and/or parent notes to the attendance office located in the front office, within three days of an absence. Also, remember that you are responsible to make up any work missed in class due to any absence due to illness or school related activities.

We do have a lot of fun at CHS-9. We have a reward system in place where we reward students who are always on task, turn in all assignments and do not have discipline issues. **Student of the month** is chosen by the teachers and staff using the criteria above. One male and one female student will be selected each month and they each choose a friend to go with them to eat a free lunch with the principal, Dr. Stichler. We also have **Student on a Roll**, an award that recognizes improvement in a student's study habits, behavior and attitude in the classroom. The **Top Tiger** award is given to a large group of students once every nine weeks, which represent CHS-9 in a positive way. **Top Tigers** receive a special lanyard that serves as an entrance ticket to special events held throughout the year. We also have an **Awards Ceremony** at the end of the year for those students who have achieved significant milestones during their freshman year.

This year, you will take the STAAR EOC test in three different areas: Algebra I, English I and Biology. A passing score on these STAAR EOC exams is required in order to graduate from high school. We will work very

hard to give you the tools and knowledge that are essential to being successful on these tests and throughout your freshman year.

CHS-9 has a student dress code that you must follow. Violations of our dress code policy will result in the loss of learning time and could also result in students being sent to the AP's office, ASD or home. To prevent dress code violations, here are some dress code clarifications:

- ID's must be worn at all times. ID's must be worn at chest level. You will be issued an ID and lanyard on the first day of school. You are welcome to use your own unique lanyard, as long as it complies with the CHS dress code,
- **holes in pants may not be above the knee,**
- shorts, dresses, and skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee,
- shirts must have sleeves; no sleeveless shirts or spaghetti straps are allowed,
- the neckline on shirts may not be more than a hand's width from the neck,
- pants/shorts must fit at the waist; they may not bag or sag to show undergarments,
- clothing depicting drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, or that are sexually suggestive or vulgar in any way will not be allowed.

We hope your freshman year at CHS-9 is a great one, and we, the CHS-9 teachers and staff, will make every effort to help you make it successful.



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