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FPA Secondary Summer Bulletin 7/13/26

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Freedom Prep Secondary

# Summer Bulletin

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Hello, FPA Families! I hope your summer has been treating you well. Please read through this summer bulletin carefully and in its entirety. Our offices are now closed for the summer, but will reopen in August. Secretaries check their emails periodically over the summer. Feel free to email any questions or concerns, and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Below you will find our summer hours, suggested supply lists for 6th - 8th grade, important updates to our dress code for the 2026-2027 school year, literacy program information, registration week information, and an introduction of our new Assistant Principal!





As the Freedom Prep Academy community strives to make our school the place to be, we expect all students to come to school dressed for academic success. Parents, we are asking for your support with regard to our dress code. Proper dress positively affects our behavior and our learning, and contributes to a positive school atmosphere. As we prepare for a successful school year, please help your student come dressed for academic success and in compliance with the Freedom Prep Academy dress code. Proper attire supports a positive learning environment and helps students stay focused. Minor dress code issues will be addressed by staff and teachers, while repeated or major violations may result in administrative consequences, including being sent home and/or suspension. We appreciate your partnership in reviewing dress code expectations with your student before school begins. For more details regarding dress code enforcement, please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook at registration.

Also, a few tweaks have been made to the dress code for the upcoming school year, please take note of the following points of clarification and/or changes:

Registration Week is coming! More detailed information will be sent out at the beginning of

-Exposed undergarments, rips, frays, tears, holes, and embellishments are never allowed.

August.



### Dear Freedom Prep Academy Secondary Families,

At FPA's secondary campus, we are committed to ensuring that every student becomes a strong, confident reader and communicator. This year, our schoolwide focus is on **literacy, which is the ability to read, understand, analyze, discuss, and write about complex texts across all content areas.**

Literacy is not just the responsibility of English classes. Students use literacy skills every day in science, social studies, math, and elective courses. Strong readers are better able to learn new concepts, think critically, solve problems, and communicate their ideas effectively.

As part of our literacy initiative, students will experience consistent reading expectations across classrooms. Teachers will help students engage with grade-level texts, build vocabulary, develop reading comprehension strategies, and strengthen their ability to discuss and write about what they read. By using common language and shared instructional practices, we can help students become more confident and successful learners.

### Our Schoolwide Literacy Focus

At Freedom Preparatory Secondary, we believe that literacy is the foundation for academic achievement and lifelong learning. Throughout the school year, students will:

-Pants, Shorts, Skirts - Denim is allowed. Cargo Pockets are allowed.

-Pants, Shorts, Skirts - Can be tan, blue (any shade of blue, no longer restricted to Navy), or black.

-Approved Additional layers (jackets, sweatshirts, cardigans, etc.) and undershirts can be any solid color, no neon. School approved shirt (polo/oxford shirt) must be worn under additional layers.

-Shirts - Must have a collar and sleeves (no neon).

-Hoodies - Only FPA hoodies can be worn Monday-Thursday.

-Hoodies - On Free Dress Fridays, non-FPA Hoodies will be allowed to match our local FPA elementary school dress code standards regarding hoodies on free dress days.

-Undershirts can be any solid color (no neon).

-Human color hair only.

-No facial piercings, hardware, gauges, or chains.

#### 6th Grade Supply List

Welcome to sixth grade! We are excited to teach your child in this upcoming school year! There will be much learning and growing.

The list below includes all materials that will help your student be prepared to succeed in ALL 6th-grade core classes and elective classes listed below. Please come prepared on the first day of school with the items below. Thank you!

#### \*Highly Recommended Student Supplies:

- 1 Accordion folder with 7 pockets
- Pencils for the entire year (about 30)
- 1 large eraser (or eraser tops)
- Glue sticks
- Colored pencils

#### \*Highly Recommended Social Dance Supplies:

- Ladies need to have Latin ballroom shoes - see picture below
- Gentlemen will need ballroom shoes - see picture below
- Gentlemen will need to have black pants and a white dress shirt for performances and competitions
- Ladies will need fishnet tights (dark caramel/toffee color), black spangs (solid black small spandex shorts to wear under the costumes)



#### \*6th Social Studies:

- 1 Composition Notebook

#### \*6th Science:

The Science Fair is OPTIONAL this year.

- 1 Spiral bound notebook
- Tri-fold poster board

#### \*Classroom Donations:

- Tissues
- Clorox wipes
- Glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- College-ruled paper

Read and engage with a variety of complex texts.  
Build academic vocabulary across subjects.  
Practice close reading and text analysis.  
Support their thinking with evidence from texts.  
Participate in meaningful discussions about what they read.

Strengthen their writing by responding to and analyzing texts.

Teachers will provide clear expectations, model effective reading strategies, and offer feedback that helps students grow. Students will learn how to monitor their understanding, ask questions, make connections, and think deeply about what they read.

Our goal is to create a culture where reading is valued, literacy skills are developed every day, and all students are equipped to succeed in college, career, and life.

### How Families Can Help

Families play an important role in developing strong readers. You can support your child by:  
Encouraging daily reading at home.  
Asking questions about what they are reading in school.

Discussing articles, books, current events, or other texts together.

Helping your child build a routine that includes independent reading.

Celebrating growth and effort as they develop their literacy skills.

When students, families, and educators work together, we create a powerful partnership that supports learning and achievement.

Thank you for your continued support of Freedom Preparatory Secondary. We are excited to work together to strengthen literacy and help every student become a confident, capable reader and learner.

Sincerely,

**Freedom Prep's Secondary Admin Team**

#### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Supply List

Welcome to the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade! We are excited to start a new year. Here is the list of supplies that would be most helpful for classes.

##### \*Required items

- Pens, pencils, erasers and 1 pack of colored pencils
- Post-it Notes
- Composition notebook
- Folder or Binder for papers

##### Science

- 1 Notebook (for science fair)
- 1 Tri-fold Presentation Board (for science fair) - Get early in the year! Stores get sold out around science fair time in October.

##### English

- 1 Folder for handouts
- 1 Composition notebook
- 4 pads of sticky notes

##### \*Math (These are all recommended, but not required)

- Scientific Calculator (not the accounting type, it doesn't have the right buttons)
- 1 Ruler, 1 protractor, 1 compass
- Scissors

##### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Art

- 1 Large Sketchbook (8 X 10 to 9 X 12 size range)

##### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Dance

- Ladies need to have heeled shoes with heel guards they can dance in (preferably a ballroom dance Latin sandal- see picture below)
- Gentlemen will need to have slick bottom dress shoes, or they may purchase ballroom shoes from a local vendor (no rubber soles- see picture below)
- Gentlemen will need to have black pants and a white dress shirt for test days and competition days.
- Ladies will need a knee-length black skirt they can move in, a solid black top with no embellishments or black leotard for test days and competition days.



\*The items on this list will be used during the regular school day. They may be brought from home on a voluntary basis, otherwise they will be furnished by the school.

Donations of above listed items are appreciated.



### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Supply List**

Welcome to the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade! We are excited to start a new year. Here is the list of supplies that would be most helpful for classes.

#### **Highly Recommended Items\***

Please purchase enough pencils and pens to last the entire school year. Extra supplies can be kept at home.

- One 100-count package of "college ruled" notebook paper
- 2 – Subject divider packages
- 1 - 3" 3-ring binder
- 1 - Pencil Pouch to clip inside the 3-ring binder
- 1 – Handheld pencil sharpener with cover to hold shavings
- 1 pack of colored pencils
- 1 - 12" Ruler
- 2 erasers
- Composition Notebook – Latin Class

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science**

- 1 science fair journal (notebook with lined paper)
- 1 Trifold presenting board for science fair

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Art**

- 1 Sketchbook 9x12 (Can use one from previous art classes)

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Dance**

- Ladies need to have Latin ballroom shoes - see picture below
- Gentlemen will need ballroom shoes – see picture below
- Gentlemen will need to have black dress pants for performances
- Ladies will need fishnet tights (dark caramel / toffee color), black spangs (solid black small spandex shorts to wear under the costumes)



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**Donations of above listed items are appreciated.**

### **9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Supply List**

Welcome to 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade! We are excited to start a new year. Here is the list of supplies that would be most helpful for classes.

#### **Highly Recommended Supplies\*:**

Pencils (enough to replenish throughout the year)

Pens – blue or black (enough to replenish through the year)

#### **Additional Supplies if taking the following classes:**

##### **9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> Grade English:**

- 1 - Composition notebook

##### **Biology and Honors Biology**

One 3-ring binder for this class specifically and paper for taking notes

##### **Zoology**

Student device must always be charged

##### **Bio 1010 and Medical Anatomy and Physiology**

A notebook or a binder for notes are highly recommended

##### **Chemistry:**

- 1 - Calculator with an exponent button. Look for an EE, E, or EXP button. I do not suggest calculators that use the "x 10^x" format.

##### **Physics:**

- 1 - Scientific calculator. Something with the Sin, Cos, and Tan buttons. You WILL NOT be allowed to use your iPad calculator.

##### **AP Physics:**

- 1 - Graphing calculator. If at all possible, you should get a TI-85 or a TI-86. You can usually buy them cheaply online. Old TI-82s are also just fine. I strongly suggest not buying anything new.

##### **Astronomy:**

A dedicated area in binder to hold notes and assignments will work. You may need a scientific calculator.

##### **US History 11:**

Student device must always be charged

##### **Intro to Visual Art:**

- 1 – Mixed media sketchbooks for 2D art classes are highly encouraged

# Welcome our new Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, Mrs. Lillian Pyper!



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I am thrilled to be part of the Freedom Prep Academy Middle and High School community. I was born and raised in a small ranching town in New Mexico alongside my three older brothers. My husband, daughter, and I moved from Idaho, where I served as the principal of Inkom Elementary and the District Title IX Coordinator, so that I could join the Freedom Prep family as Vice Principal of the Vineyard Campus. Before becoming a principal, I spent seven years teaching students in grades 5–12. Education has always been an important part of my life, as I come from a family that highly values learning and academic growth.

During my time at the Freedom Prep Vineyard campus, I had the privilege of working with incredible students, families, and staff. I truly loved being part of that community and building relationships with so many wonderful families. While I will miss my daily interactions at Vineyard, I am excited to continue working with those students and families as they move up through our school system and join us at the secondary level.

I am excited to begin this new chapter, build meaningful relationships with students, families, and staff, and become an active member of the Freedom Prep Secondary family. I look forward to supporting our students as they learn, grow, and achieve their goals.

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