

Freshman Academy

Our Vision of Success

We promise to support all students in becoming confident and accomplished learners by building strong educational foundations through collaboration.

Our Mission Statement

Our mission is to empower students by creating small learning environments that personalize and support their social, emotional, and academic development. Through meaningful and relevant curriculum, students will discover and contribute to the shared values of the community. With the support of rich resources and high expectations, members of the Academy will become accomplished learners prepared to embrace their roles as productive students and citizens.

The Academy Experience

The Freshman Academy team of teachers is comprised of one member of each of the core subject areas, one special education case manager, and one member of the school counseling office. The Freshman Academy team is the only cross-curricular collaborative team at RHS. The goal of the Academy is to ease the transition from middle school to high school. With all of the Academy teachers housed in the same wing of the building, we will be able to offer flexibility of time during the school day. We will build a stronger advisory program. We will be able to do more team building activities and possibly build in a community service component. With the Academy we can offer a reteach program that is geared towards just the Academy students.

The Academy structure will help foster a sense of belonging, improve student attendance and achievement, develop stronger student-teacher relationships, and provide opportunities to team teach.

Freshman Seminar is a course designed to promote a successful transition between middle school and high school. Preferably taught by Freshmen High School teachers, the course provides students with opportunities for academic enrichment and assistance, as well as the chance to improve organizational and communication skills.

Since every freshman is in a seminar class, it provides the perfect venue for sharing information, touching base with goals and grades, and participating in common school activities. In addition, part of the course is dedicated to future planning and course selection.