

JUNIOR HIGH FAQ's

When are applications due?

Open enrollment for prospective students begins mid-February. To avoid being placed on a waiting list, we recommend that applicants submit their applications prior to that date and complete an assessment. Fairmont has a rolling admissions policy—after March, qualified students are accepted as space allows.

How many classes do junior high students have each day?

Seventh and eighth grade students have 8 classes: literature, English, math, science, history, world languages/comprehension skills, physical education and an elective.

How are students placed into classes?

Placement is based on teacher recommendation, grade in the class, and placement tests in math and English. Students transferring from a Fairmont campus will take the placement tests at the end of the year, whereas students new to Fairmont will take placement exams through our Admissions department.

What is the average class size?

Class sizes range from 18 to 25 students. Honors classes tend to be smaller: 15 to 18 students.

Do junior high students have a dress code?

Yes. Fairmont students are required to wear school uniforms purchased through True Grits uniform company. Junior high students wear a uniform distinctly different from the elementary students.

Is there an after-school program for junior high students and does it accommodate the schedules of working parents?

Supervised care is available for junior high students in a designated classroom from 4 – 6 pm, Monday through Friday. Students have the opportunity to study and complete homework after school.

Is it possible for my child to have more than one test in a day?

Two tests per day are allowed at the junior high level.

How much homework can a Fairmont junior high student expect?

Homework is an essential part of a successful education. It is necessary for academic growth and the development of good study habits. Students in grades 7 – 8 will be given nightly homework assignments Monday through Friday. Honors classes will require more time.

Will I know when my child is not doing well in a class?

Teachers regularly call parents when students' grades drop or change drastically. Communication with parents is a priority on our campus

How can I check my child's grades?

Each parent/guardian will have access to our online system, Netclassroom, which displays your student's most up-to-date grades, along with comments from the teachers. Netclassroom can be accessed through our website at www.fairmontschools.com. Your username and password are provided at the start of school and can be obtained through Ms. Norma Montelongo, Registrar.

What is the best way to communicate with teachers?

Each teacher has his/her own phone extension as well as email address. Teachers check voice mails and emails on a daily basis. If you have questions regarding your child's grade in a class or a specific question regarding class work, please contact the teacher directly. Blackboard is another great option for teacher communication. Log on at <http://fairmontschools.blackboard.com>

Does each student receive a locker?

Each student will be assigned a locker and will purchase a lock from our PE department. Since each student has a place for books and folders, a large backpack is not necessary.

Do students have physical education each day, and do they need to dress out?

Students have PE five days per week and need to dress out each day, or as instructed by their PE coach. PE clothes should be purchased at True Grits along with regular uniforms. Students will have ample time to change in and out of their PE clothes during that period. All students will change in their appropriate locker room next to the gymnasium. It is advised that your child bring his/her gym clothes home each week to be washed. It is also recommended that students keep hygienic supplies (such as deodorant) in the locker to reapply if needed.

In which sports can my child participate?

Boys may participate in flag football, basketball and/or soccer. Girls may participate in volleyball, basketball and/or soccer.

Do junior high students attend travel trips?

Study trips are an integral part of Fairmont's instructional experience. Seventh graders traditionally travel to the Grand Canyon for a week in the spring. Eighth graders travel to Washington D.C. for one week in the fall. These trips are subject to change from year to year.

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