



Barrington High School

Freshman Academy



Freshman Academy Purpose

The transition from middle school to high schools is a **BIG** jump! A student's first year in high school can sometimes present difficulties. The Freshman Academy will offer a personalized approach that offers academic and social-emotional support for students as they begin to adjust to the high school setting. In order to support students with this transition, a metaphorical bridge between middle and high school will be created.

Freshman Academy is a Team approach that is aimed at improving student achievement and facilitate social emotional growth that creates an environment that embeds a strong sense of community.

Freshman Academy Model

The Freshman Academy Team consists of interdisciplinary teaching teams of English, Math, Science and History as well as Special Education Co-teachers, School Counselors, the Library Media Specialist and High School Administration.

Teachers share common planning time on a regular basis that will;

- Create the ability to have a strong RtI (Response to Intervention) program.
- Create the ability to create authentic common assessments to ensure student achievement.
- Create the ability to build strong student teacher relationships that work to support individualized learning at all levels.

Freshman Academy Model (con't)

The Freshman Academy will focus on;

- Promoting positive relationships
- Identifying keys to success
- Investigating academic and extracurricular opportunities
- Fostering partnerships with students and their families
- Providing academic and social-emotional support

2021-2022 School Year

How will this impact students?

Student class selection will NOT change - once schedules are created, teacher schedules will be adjusted to allow for common planning time for the members of the Freshman Academy team. Students will not be scheduled into a cluster like the middle school.

It is important note that for the 2021-2022 school year, the Freshman Academy team will be researching best practice as they develop a Freshman Academy model that will be presented to the School Committee, Central Administration and the Barrington school community.