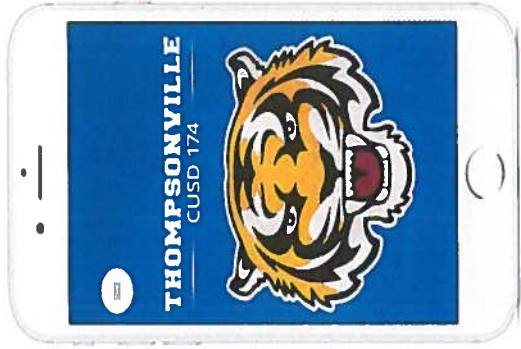


Freshman Orientation

Class of 2024

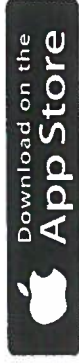


School Website and App



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Freedom

Your students will have more freedom in high school.

With more freedom comes more responsibility.

We are not only teaching your students Math English, History... Etc. We are teaching them how to be successful when they leave here.

If we have not taught them how to be successful by the time they graduate then we are not doing our job.

Homework

There are no study halls in high school.

There are no guided study halls if your student does not get their homework done.

Homework is a very important part of the grading process.

Make sure your students are doing it. If they have trouble encourage them to talk to their teachers.

Teachers

We do not have any teachers here that will not like your student.

We do not have any teachers here that will not help your student.

We have an amazing staff at the high school.

There may be occasions when things do not go your students way in a class. Have your student discuss that with their teacher first.

If the situation is not handled that way please email your teacher.

If the situation is still not resolved please contact school administration.

Teachers

Encourage your students to get to know their teachers.

I encourage you to get to know their teachers.

Please come to parent teacher conferences

Email your students teachers and ask how they are doing... Use the App..

Discipline

We use progressive discipline for most things here.

The more severe the infraction, the more severe the punishment.

We take each situation based on the offense and the students past history.

Cell phones, if out during the school day will get your student an after school detention. Students can use their cell phones during their lunch hour. When a cell phone is taken the parent/guardian will need to pick it up.

Social Media

Social Media has caused more issues with drama at high schools than anything else.

Remind your students that whatever they post on social media never goes away.

Students are under the impression that Snapchat messages disappear. They do not. Students can screenshot and if the situation warrants it law enforcement can get a court order to have all snaps uncovered

Cyber Bullying will not be tolerated.

Driver's Ed

Drivers education is not required here and is a privilege.

When your student is taking drivers education it is governed by Illinois School Code.

There are a specific number of hours that have to be spent in class and behind the wheel.

If a student misses more than 5 classes of drivers education they will not pass the course.

Pitfalls and Some Truths

Please keep a close watch on your student's life. These are the times that your students could make some very bad decisions.

Know who they hang out with and what they are doing. Stay in their business. Check their phones and search their rooms when they are not around.

Do not assume that your "sweet little boy or girl" would not do certain things.

I have witnessed good kids do bad things and end up in big trouble for it.

Vaping!!

Athletics and Clubs

We offer many different sports and clubs for your students to participate in.

We will possibly be revising our eligibility procedures this summer so make sure you read the handbook on that

Please be respectful to the coaches. It is not an easy job.

Parents and Guardians

Please help us make your student the best person that they can be.

Support the school and staff.

Please believe the staff when they tell you things.

Again there is no one here out to get anyone.

We are all on your student's team!!!

Graduation Requirements

- 25 total credits
 - English: 4 credits
 - Math: 3 credits
 - 1 year must be Algebra I
 - Science: 2 credits
 - Social Studies: 2 credits
 - World History and American History
 - Civics: ½ credit
 - Consumer Education: ½ credit
 - Health Education: ½ credit
 - Driver's Education: ½ credit
 - Business Computer Applications: 1 credit
 - Fine Arts or Vocational: ½ credit
 - Physical Education: 4 credits
 - Electives: 6 ½ credits

College Core Curriculum

- English: 4 credits
- Math: 3 credits
 - Algebra 2 or higher
- Science: 3 credits
 - Courses must contain a lab component
- Social Studies: 3 credits
- Foreign Language: 2 credits
 - Must be 2 credits in the same language
 - Not required for all four year universities

These are minimum requirements. Top tier universities will require 4 years in each content area.

If you have an idea of where you would like to attend college, please let me know. It is very difficult to make up requirements at the last minute!