



New Student FAQs

City High New Student Frequently Asked Questions

THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

When is the first day of school?

- The first day of school is **Thursday, August 29th**. Only 9th graders and transferring 10th graders will be here that day.

When should I get there?

- The building opens at 7 AM. When students arrive, they will go straight to the auditorium for a Welcome and to get their team assignments and schedules.
- Students are marked tardy after 8 AM.

What should I bring with me?*

- Students only need a pen or pencil and a positive attitude.
- Students may want to pack a lunch if they opt out of eating the free school lunch.
- Phones will be placed in Yondr pouches upon entering the school.
- Personal items (purses, wallets, etc.) will be placed in lockers once students are released from the Auditorium.
- **PRO TIP: Bring a small bag to carry your dress shoes in if you don't want to wear them to school. You will get a backpack on the first day!**

How do I get there/get home?*

- Students will have to get themselves to school on the first day. If students are to get a ConnectCard from their district, it will be distributed on the first day of school.
- PPS students - make sure you have submitted the [online request form](#).
- Review the [transportation information provided at Orientation](#) to make sure you have followed the transportation procedure for your school district.
- **PRO TIP: If you are taking a PRT bus, plan your route ahead of time, and do a test run to make sure you are comfortable with your bus stop and the route. Use Google Maps to see closet PRT routes to and from school.**

SCHEDULE

How do I know my schedule?

- Schedules, team assignments & advisor information will be handed out on the first day of school.

When does school start and get out?

- Classes begin promptly at 8:00 AM and 9th grade ends at 3:45 PM (all other grades end at 3:40). Be sure to arrive a little early to settle in before classes begin.
- **PRO TIP: Although there isn't breakfast served on the first day of school, on all other school days breakfast is served in our Cafeteria between 7 AM and 7:35 AM, so get here early and enjoy a healthy start to the day!**

Is there really no school on Mondays?

- No School on any Monday. It is always a three-day weekend!
- One Monday a month is a 4PLUS Monday, with access to teachers, wellness services and student activities. The first 4PLUS Monday is Monday, September 9th. Activities will be posted during the first week of school.

DRESS CODE

Can I wear a hoodie or gym shoes to and from school?

- Yes, you can wear a hoodie or coat and gym shoes to and from school. You may not wear casual clothes and change in the building.

LUNCH/CAFETERIA

How do I pay for lunch?

- Breakfast and lunch are FREE! But you will still need to swipe your school ID (which you will get on your first day) when you get these items.
- Additional snack items can be purchased from the school store.
- Information on our new payment system will be provided during the first week of school.

How do I know what is for lunch?

- The daily lunch menu will be emailed to students, [posted online](#) and on grade-level floors and in the cafeteria.

TECHNOLOGY

When do I get a laptop?

- You will receive your laptop during the first week of school. Instructions on how to set it up and use it for your classes will be provided. After the first few weeks of school, and provided that your parent/guardian has completed the [Acceptable Use form](#), you will be allowed to bring your laptop home.

How do I check my grades?

- You can check your grades online through the StudentVUE website and app. You'll receive login information and instructions during the first day of school. Parents can see attendance, discipline, grades, and other information through [ParentVUE](#).

FUN STUFF

What activities can I get involved in?

- City High offers a variety of clubs and extracurricular activities, both during the school day and after school. Clubs meet twice a week during the school day. All students must join a school-day club. Information on how to join will be provided in the first few days of school.
- After-school clubs include Art Club, Fitness Club, Boxing Club, and Study Club.
- **PRO TIP: There is an Activities Fair at the end of September. It allows you to check out all of the ways that you can get involved at City High!**

Where can I get City High merchandise?

- City High merchandise is available for purchase [online through the school's website](#).

I never got a City High t-shirt. How can I get one?

- If you didn't get your Class of 2028 or Class of 2027 t-shirt email Ms. Fossum at fossum@cityhigh.org.

How can I follow City High on social media?

- Follow [@CityHighPgh](#) on social media platforms like Instagram and Facebook for updates, events, and school news.
- Join our [Facebook Parents and Families](#) page!

IMPORTANT LINKS

- [ParentVUE](#)
- [24-25 School Year Schedule](#)
- [9th Grade Trimester Schedule](#)
- [10th Grade Trimester Schedule](#)
- [Dress Code Infographic](#)
- [ParentVUE Set-Up](#)
- [Transportation Information](#)
- [Cafeteria & Lunch Information](#)
- [CityHigh.org/Store](#)
- Orientation Information
 - [Orientation Agenda & Survey](#)
 - [Virtual Orientation Information](#)

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