

**FAQ SHEET - 2008**  
*Frequently Asked Questions*  
*from Grade 9 and Newcomers Students/Parents*

1. Where do I drop off my son/daughter in the morning?

From the Strobel Road entrance, turn left and proceed to the rear of the building to drop off students.

From the access road (adjacent to Hillcrest Middle School off Daniels Farm Road), turn right and proceed through Lot #4 to the rear of the building to drop off students.

2. Is my son/daughter allowed to leave school before the end of the day which is 2:25 p.m.?

There is no “open campus” policy; therefore, students may not leave the building during the school day. A parent or guardian may write a note or call the House Office requesting early dismissal for a legitimate reason such as a doctor appointment.

A House – 452-4507

B House – 452-4513

C House – 452-4518

3. Whom do I call if I have a question or concern about a particular course?

Questions and/or concerns related to a particular course should be directed, first, to the teacher of that course. If additional discussion is needed, the Department Chairperson/Guidance Counselor may also be contacted. When necessary, the House Principal and Principal are also engaged in the communication process.

4. Whom do I call if I have a question or concern about a behavioral issue that is not related to a specific course?

Each House Principal is responsible for every student in the respective House (A House: Last name letters A-F, B House: Last name letters G-N, C House: Last name letters O-Z). A question or concern about a behavioral issue that is not related to a specific course should be directed to the House Principal. When necessary, the Dean of Students / House Disciplinarian or Principal / Headmaster also becomes involved in the concern.

5. How do I sign up for clubs during the year?

The Daily News Bulletin will be posted on the Bulletin Boards outside each House Office. Please listen to the public address announcements for meeting times. During the school year, a student will be able to sign up for a club by attending one of the posted meetings or by contacting the club advisor. The Dean is in charge of all clubs on campus.

6. How will I be notified of try-outs for fall, winter, and spring sports?

Fall sports information is available on the Trumbull High School website, [trumbullps.org/th.s](http://trumbullps.org/th.s). When school is in session, sports information will be announced over the P.A. system during morning announcements and will be posted on the daily bulletins.

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7. Do I have the opportunity to take electives or additional academic courses during or after ninth grade?

A student must earn a minimum of 22 credits, have met the credit distribution requirements for graduation, have met community service requirements, and have been successful at CAPT exit requirements. Each student must be scheduled for a minimum of 5 ½ credits per year. The eight period schedule gives students the flexibility to take six or more credits. Each department provides elective and additional academic course offerings beyond the basic/core requirements.

8. Do I have the opportunity to take an honors course (400 level) after ninth grade if I am presently enrolled in a 300 level for the subject area?

Yes ... students have the opportunity to take an honors level course if success has been demonstrated and supported with a teacher's recommendation in the Department's previous 300 level course. Consult the Program of Studies booklet for further information.

9. How important are CAPT exams and SAT (ACT) exams?

The "Connecticut Academic Performance Test" (CAPT) is a grade ten state mandated performance-based assessment exam. It is important to understand how to prepare for it, starting now, in order to meet graduation requirements. The four components of the CAPT exam are reading, writing, math, and science.

The "Scholastic Aptitude Test" (SAT) is a nationally accepted exam used by college admissions offices as a significant component in ranking students during the college selection process. Students learn about the registration process through the Guidance Department.

Students may also elect to take the ACT exams which are gaining in more popularity by some colleges as a measure of their entrance requirements.