

Freshman Connection

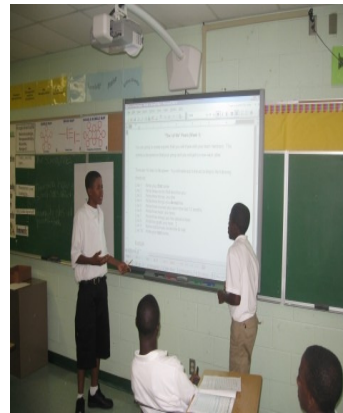
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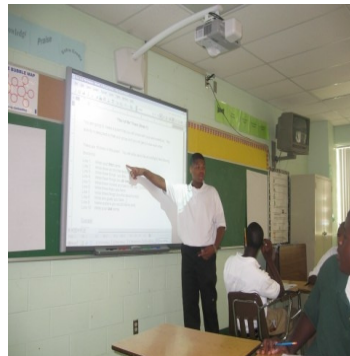
The Freshman Academy

Focusing on the Weekly Advisory

The weekly Advisory period in each Freshman Academy serves as another opportunity for 9th grade students to interact with one another in a student-centered class environment. Students are given a topic with activities relating to the topic. Students then collaborate with one another to complete the activities and report to their classmates.



Booker T. Washington High School students discuss an issue during an Advisory



Building relationships is the essence of the Freshman Academy.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Freshman Academy?

The Freshman Academy is a year-long transition program for all *first-time* 9th grade students. Each student is assigned to a team composed of core academic teachers and a common group of students. These teams meet two times a week to discuss student progress as well as to plan strategies to support student success.

Why has MCS created these academies?

Most research supports the Freshman Academy as a transition program that truly helps students to have a more successful high school experience. Superintendent Cash sees the Academy as one way of supporting a more positive transition to high school, and he has named this transition program as one of his major initiatives.

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Did you know?

- This year's freshman class will be the first to graduate under the Tennessee Diploma Project.
- This class must have a mathematics course during each year of high school.