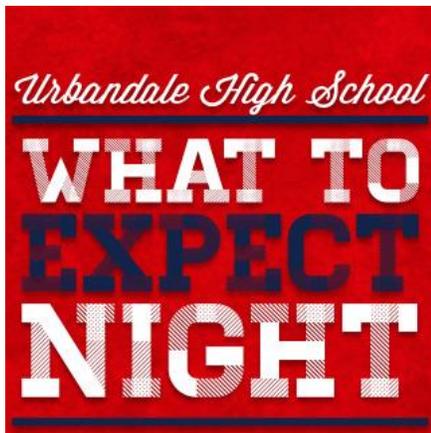


Urbandale High School Announces What To Expect Night For Incoming Freshman

Urbandale High School will host a “What To Expect” evening for eighth-grade students and parents to learn more about what students can expect this fall as they enter high school

URBANDALE, Iowa – February 25, 2015 – [Urbandale High School \(UHS\)](#) understands that making the transition from middle school to high school can feel stressful for students, which is why UHS is hosting a “What To Expect” event on Thursday, March 5, 2015, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the UHS Performing Arts Center (PAC). All Urbandale eighth-grade students and parents, or those considering open-enrollment, are invited to attend in order to learn more as high school students share their experiences about transitioning from middle school to high school, how to get involved at UHS and receive answers to questions from counselors and administrators. UHS has a foundation of being a welcoming and accepting culture with a diverse student body and a keen focus on achieving excellence in academics and activities. In order to strengthen that foundation, UHS believes that every student who walks through its doors needs to feel a sense of connection and belonging. It’s that spirit, the [J-Hawk Way](#), which is essential for building a culture where all students feel valued.

“Urbandale High School is an exciting, fascinating place to earn your high school diploma. In the matter of about an hour, our staff and students hope to welcome incoming freshman and their parents and give them a snapshot of the J-Hawk Way and what it is like to walk the halls at UHS,” said Dr. Brian Coppess, Urbandale High School Principal.



The one-hour agenda is packed full of engaging speakers including high school students, teachers and administrators; with performances by instrumental and vocal music groups. Attendees will also have the opportunity to view a video developed by UHS students to help express their sincere “welcome” to all incoming eighth-grade students.

“I can’t say enough about UHS. I have great memories here, and I feel my teachers are really preparing me for my next educational experience. I can’t wait for the What To Expect night to show the incoming freshman and their parents how interesting and fun it is to be a J-Hawk,” said Kelly Kue, junior at Urbandale High School.

In Urbandale, teachers and students are [partners in education](#) where teachers serve as “facilitators of learning” by giving students greater ownership and voice in the process. By incorporating [Quality and Continual Improvement \(Q/CI\)](#) practices, Urbandale is redesigning learning environments to become more purposeful, relevant and inspiring. As the Urbandale Community School District celebrates the highest achievement scores the district has seen for over a decade and a graduation rate above 98%, UHS is pleased to welcome incoming freshman as they continue their journey of lifelong learning. To learn more, visit: [UrbandaleSchools.com](#)

About Urbandale Community School District

The Urbandale Community School District includes portions of Des Moines and Urbandale, Iowa. The district serves over 3,900 students in six elementary schools, one middle school and one comprehensive high school. The Urbandale district supports an increasingly diverse student population where 50 languages are spoken. Building on the existing foundation of excellence in education, Urbandale is transforming education throughout the district. By implementing innovative [Quality/Continual Improvement](#) strategies that create learning environments that more fully engage, challenge and motivate students, Urbandale is taking transformation from theory into practice. Urbandale prepares students for becoming lifelong learners and is a school district that brings learning to life for everyone. To learn more, visit: [UrbandaleSchools.com](#)

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