

Urbandale High School Welcomes Eighth-Grade Students During A What To Expect Night

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

URBANDALE, Iowa – February 26, 2016 – In order to help ease the transition from middle school to high school and create a greater sense of connection for all incoming freshman, [Urbandale High School \(UHS\)](#) is hosting a "What To Expect Night" on Thursday, March 3, 2016, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the UHS Performing Arts Center (PAC). Urbandale eighth-grade students and parents will have an opportunity to listen to UHS students share their experiences about transitioning from middle school to high school, learn more about how to get involved at UHS and receive answers to questions from counselors and administrators.

"Transitioning to a new building can be daunting and even a little bit intimidating," said Urbandale High School Principal Dr. Brian Coppess. "Our 'What To Expect Night' is designed to provide incoming freshman a snapshot of what UHS has to offer. We want students to feel welcome, comfortable and excited to join the UHS family."



The one-hour agenda is packed full of engaging speakers including high school students, teachers and administrators; with performances by the UHS Jazz Band and vocal music. Attendees will also view a video developed by UHS students to help express their sincere welcome to all incoming eighth-grade students, as well as a video to learn more about the breadth of activities offered to all students.

"I've had a great career at UHS," said Kelly Kue, senior at Urbandale High School. "I'm excited to tell the eighth graders about J-Hawk Pride and how important it is to take advantage of all the great programs and traditions of Urbandale High School."

Since 2010, the Urbandale Community School District has been embedding [Quality and Continual Improvement \(Q/Ci\)](#) theories and practices throughout the district in order to increase engagement, improve achievement, encourage collaboration and ignite a renewed passion for learning. Teachers and students are [partners in education](#) where teachers serve as facilitators of learning by giving students

greater ownership and voice in the process. 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. UHS is pleased to welcome incoming freshman as they continue their journey of lifelong learning. To learn more about how Urbandale is transforming education, 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 51 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 and follow on Twitter [@UrbandaleSchool](#).

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