

James F. Byrnes Freshman Academy



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Todd Hardy, Principal • Pat Monteith, Assistant Principal • Grade 9
School Colors: Royal Blue and Grey • School Mascot: Rebels
School Theme: Turning Tigers and Cougars into Rebels

MISSION

- The mission of the James F. Byrnes Freshman Academy is to provide the fundamental steps for successful transition into high school and encourage life-long learning by maximizing student potential through a variety of educational and social opportunities to meet the needs of all students presented in a culturally positive, emotionally safe, and physically secure environment.

PROFILE

- The James F. Byrnes Freshman Academy was initiated within the confines of James F. Byrnes High School beginning in August, 2005. Its founding purpose was to serve the needs of the ninth grade students living in Spartanburg School District Five. In August, 2007, the Freshman Academy moved to its own campus, the former site of D.R. Hill Middle School. Students and core academic teachers are assigned to teams to better facilitate the learning process as well as ease the transition from middle to high school. We have 46 full-time faculty and staff members as well as ten teachers we share with Byrnes High School to serve our 570 students in a spacious building renovated to meet the needs of the ninth grade curriculum. Our faculty averages eleven years of teaching experience. Our student population consists of 67% Caucasian, 24% African-American, 5% Hispanic, and 4% other ethnicities.



COURSE OFFERINGS

- Honors level course work available in English, Math, Science, and Social Studies is designed to prepare students for AP and/or dual courses at Byrnes High School
- Fine Arts offerings include Art, Band, Color Guard, Orchestra, Chorus and Drama
- Modern World Languages study is offered in French, German, and Spanish
- Career and Technology Education courses are offered in Keyboarding/Intro. to Computers, Computer Applications, Technology Systems, and Pre-Engineering
- Air Force Junior ROTC, Creative Writing, Journalism, Freshman Focus, Rebel Book Club, Speech and Communication, and Physical Education are available to our students
- A variety of programs support our students to ensure academic success

OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF

Degrees Held:

- 5 National Board Certified Teachers
- 1 National Board Certified Counselor
- 1 Teacher with a Ph.D.
- 9 Teachers with a M.Ed. plus 30 hours
- 10 Teachers with a M.Ed.
- 4 Teachers with a Bachelor Degree plus 18
- 8 Teachers with a Bachelor Degree
- 32 Full-time Freshman Academy Teachers
- 10 Teachers shared with Byrnes High School
- 2 Guidance Counselors
- 1 Media Specialist
- 2 Shared Technology Coordinators
- 1 Curriculum Facilitator
- 1 School Nurse
- 1 School Resource Officer
- 4 Clerical Staff
- 4 Teaching Assistants

