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FRESHMEN EXPECTATIONS

Everyone has gone, or has yet to go, to high school. The first day of high school is an important milestone in everyone's life, and freshmen's expectations are what make the first day, and the first year, meaningful. The expectations that freshmen conjure up can be positive, or negative, but either can be very powerful in shaping how freshmen think of their first year. Many freshmen's expectations range from meeting new people, worrying about time management, and fearing the new environment.

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As a freshman, one expects to meet new people and be involved in situations he or she is new

to. A freshman often has worries about fitting in with new teachers and new fellow class members.

This is a result of the transition from middle to high school, but it is not often a major problem, only a minor setback. The upperclassmen roaming the halls of high school is also a new experience for a freshman, and can be quite nerve-wracking for one who has just come from being the oldest at a middle school. This is true because freshmen shy away from those older than them.

A very probable freshman expectation is worrying about time management. A freshman's schedule differs from a middle school schedule, thus it is possibly difficult for freshmen to be as

organized as they were in eighth grade because they have not yet gotten used to the various class schedules. The organizations levels of freshmen are significantly lower than that of older students in

high school, so it is a plausible and sometimes negative expectation. Another popular expectation is that in high school, the school is much bigger than that of middle school, and therefore it is very likely that a freshman would get lost in the labyrinth of hallways. This causes anxiety for freshmen during their first week of school.