

**FITCHBURG HIGH SCHOOL**

**140 Arn How Farm Road**

**Fitchburg, MA 01420**

**The School Within a School (SWS) is a freshmen transition program that aims to provide a new school experience for the student and their families who have struggled to reach their academic potential. The model program has caring teachers, administrators and counselors whose mission is to help students recommit themselves to social and academic success.**

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**The SWS team follows a cohort model with up to 80 students. The team has the autonomy to support their students in a collaborative manner through their weekly team meetings and common planning. The curriculum and teaching of the SWS program constructs a differentiated experience through individualization, clearly communicated learning goals/objectives, prompt student feedback, monitoring and gathering of student success and providing the student with an active role in their learning. With the help of their teachers and guidance counselor, students are supported with an individualized course of study that prepares them for future success.**

**The success of the SWS model follows four principles: *A Caring, Personalized school climate*; *Parental involvement and communication in schooling*; *Clear rules and consequences in the school and family; High expectations from teachers and parents.***

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