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Spring 2024 Newsletter

HHS expands College in the High School program for 2023-24

Hockinson High School is preparing students for post-high school pathways by offering new College in the High School (CiHS) courses for students in the 2023-24 school year. Students now have access to 35 free university credits at the high school with courses like environmental science, pre-calculus, statistics and more.

“This is a very accessible way for our students to gain rigorous academic experience and earn university credits in high school,” said Tim Fox, Principal at Hockinson High School. “Not only are the college credits free to Hockinson High School students, but they’re also all offered in-person at Hockinson High School. This means there is no interruption to their normal high school experience.”



This expansion is a response to feedback received in the 2021-22 Parent Perception Survey. The survey revealed that college and/or career exploration opportunities at school did not fully meet family expectations. In response, we increased outreach to the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Council, applied for a CTE grant, created a new College and Career Counselor position to guide students more effectively, expanded work-based learning, and introduced the Guaranteed Admission Program for nearly all in-state universities.

Thank you, parents. These improvements were, in part, prompted by your feedback and will help us to enrich educational experiences and ease the transition from high school to post-secondary options for our students.

HSD TEAM SPOTLIGHTS

Welcome back, Rick Steele!

Rick Steele coached the high school football team to two state titles before stepping down in 2021. Now, he’s back to help to improve our safety program across the district.



Welcome, Kat Supka!

We’re excited to welcome Kat Supka to the Hockinson School Board. Kat and her family recently moved to Hockinson from Texas in 2022. Kat and her husband have one child at HHS and another in TK at HHES.



Thank you, Greg Gospe!

Greg Gospe served on the Hockinson School Board for 20 years. His legacy of strong leadership and support will have a lasting impact at Hockinson School District. Our deepest thanks and well wishes go to Greg!





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Superintendent's Message

Hockinson Community,

Hockinson is a great place to live and learn. Our community is special because it preserves all the charm of a small rural town while also supporting our schools' innovations and improvements so we can build up our next generation for a bright future.



This school year, our school and district teams have sharpened our focus on the things that matter most to our community. Our families' feedback in the Parent Perception Survey last year revealed overall positive perceptions of family engagement and district fiscal responsibility. It also inspired a stronger focus on shaping positive school culture and academic rigor in 2023-24.

I'm proud of our school teams for several accomplishments this year. At HHS, we've expanded our College in the High School program to even better prepare students for post-high school pathways. Across our K-12 continuum, volunteers have helped to promote career exploration, preparation, and launch. We also saw our community come together this year for events like the HMS Food Drive and the HHES Giving Tree Drive.

I often say that a high-quality public education doesn't just happen, it requires a team effort. That team consists of four important groups: community, parents, staff and students. I'm encouraged by what we've accomplished so far and, moving forward, I'm excited to see what we can achieve together.

Sincerely,
Steve Marshall

Committee identifies, plans to address facilities needs

With an enrollment of 914 students, HHES is the largest elementary school in Clark County

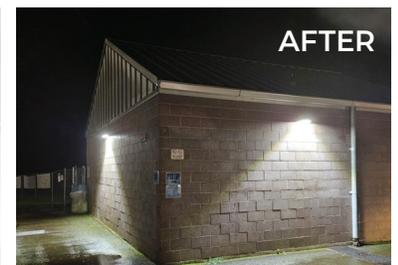
Enrollment numbers are increasing in Hockinson, particularly within the elementary school. This trend highlights the need for proactive planning by school leadership and the Hockinson community. We want to hear from our community, and families are encouraged to respond to questionnaires from the Facilities Planning Committee. Community feedback and collaboration is essential to finding solutions for our growing student population and facilities needs.

Want to learn more about the Facilities Planning Committee? Scan the code!



FACILITIES HIGHLIGHT: New lights installed at HHS stadium

New energy-efficient LED lights installed around the HHS stadium entrance and walkways this winter enhance safety and security at the school by improving visibility and surveillance capabilities.



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