



JANUARY 08 - 12, 2024

THE BLAZE

Official Newsletter of HCS Early College High School

"Endless Possibilities"

from the desk of Ms. Williams...

Trailblazers,

Happy New Year! We have had an interesting start to the new year and semester. I hope everyone fared well in the storm and endured no major damages.

By now everyone is aware that Horry County Schools will operate on a two-hour delay on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. To determine the bus pick up times, students should add two hours to the normal pick up time. I recommend arriving at the bus stop about 10 minutes early to avoid missing the bus. ECHS will begin at 9:57 AM. The building will open at 7:15 AM for any student dropped off early.

Horry Georgetown Tech will start on a two-hour delay and classes will begin at 10:00 AM. Professors will work with students for assignments missed Tuesday and part of Wednesday.

Friday, January 12 will be our first early release day of the year. ECHS will begin dismissal at 12:00 PM. Students who wish to leave at 11:30 must have an early dismissal note. Due to the early release schedule, we will not have Advisory on Friday.

Next week will be another busy week as Monday, January 15 and Tuesday, January 16 are student holidays for Horry County Schools. ECHS students enrolled in college courses taught by ECHS teachers (Mrs. Calos, Mr. Powley, and Dr. Carroll) will be off Tuesday, January 16. Students enrolled in HGTC courses taught by professors outside of ECHS will be required to attend class on Tuesday, January 16. Bus transportation is available but students must complete the bus form by Thursday, January 11, 2024. All questions for a bus can be directed to Ms. Macasek.

As we start the spring semester, students are reminded to adhere to expectations for dress code, attendance, and cell phone use. Administration will review expectations with all students during grade level meetings on January 19, 2024. Please take a moment to review the policies.

Please read below for additional important updates and reminders.

Upcoming Events

Semester 2 - ECHS & HGTC

- January 08

HGTC Writing Diagnostic

- January 11
- Freshmen only

Early Dismissal - HCS

- January 12
- 2.5 hrs. early - ECHS

No School - ECHS

- January 15 - 16

No School - HGTC

- January 15

eLearning Day Late Work Due

- January 16

Grade-Level Meetings

- January 19

Quarter 2 Report Cards

- January 23

Important Trailblazer Links

[Lunch Menu](#)

[Student Handbook](#)

[Homework Assistance](#)

[Scholarship Website](#)

[ECHS Website](#)

Safety Protocols ([English](#) / [Spanish](#))

Transcript Request ([ECHS](#) / [HGTC](#))

[Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#)

Advisory: There will be no Advisory Friday, January 12, 2024, due to the early dismissal schedule.

Delayed Start for HCS: Horry County Schools will begin Wednesday, January 10 with a two-hour delay. Students should add 2 hours to the pick up time for their bus and arrive to the stop about 10 minutes earlier than usual.

Delayed Start for HGTC: HGTC will have a delayed start on Wednesday, January 10. Classes will begin at 10:00 AM. Professors will work with students for assignments missed during the two hour delay.

HGTC Writing Diagnostic: Freshman students will take their college placement exam on Thursday, January 11, 2024. Students are reminded to bring their laptops and power chargers. Teachers will let students know

Early Dismissal Day: Friday, January 12, 2024, will be a 2.5 hour early dismissal day. ECHS will dismiss at 12:00 PM. Students who plan to leave at 11:30 AM must have an early dismissal note.

Student Holiday: Monday, January 15 and Tuesday, January 16 will be a student holiday for ECHS students. Students enrolled in classes for Mr. Powley, Mrs. Calos, and Dr. Carroll will not attend school on January 16. HGTC will be closed Monday, January 15.

Bus Transportation: Students enrolled in college classes are required to attend school for HGTC on Tuesday, January 16. Students in need of transportation will complete the Google Form during AVID to indicate if they need bus transportation. All transportation questions for January 16 can be directed to Ms. Macasek.

"To provide a small, personalized learning community that accelerates our diverse student population to become responsible citizens who are strong critical thinkers, collaborators, and communicators who can successfully meet and face the challenges of competing in an ever-changing global society."

THE MISSION OF ECHS



Title I

HCS-Early College High School receives federal funding through Title I. A copy of the Title I school wide plan can be reviewed in our main office. Parents are encouraged to provide feedback with regards to our school wide Title I initiatives.



January 10, 2024

ECHS will begin 2 hours later.

**The building will be open at
7:15 for students who are
dropped off early.**

HGTC will begin at 10:00 AM



January 09, 2024

- Students who attend the Google Meet and complete their assignment will be coded as SC-VTP (Present).
- Completing the assignments posted for each class will be used to document attendance for that class.
- Students who cannot participate due to power outages, lack of internet service, or other barriers will receive an unexcused absence (SC-UNEX) and will have the opportunity to complete assignments by **Tuesday, January 16, 2024.**
- Once students complete the assignments by Tuesday, January 16, their attendance will be modified to reflect a SC-VTP (Present) code.

TRAILBLAZER

DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS



Monday 1/08/24
Mandarin Orange Chicken
PB&J



Tuesday 1/09/24
Beef Soft Tacos
Turkey & Cheese Wrap



Wednesday 1/10/24
Chicken Tenders
Crispy Chicken Salad



Thursday 1/11/24
Pizza Crunchers
Turkey & Cheese Sub



Friday 1/12/24
Cold Lunch Only
PB&J

**EARLY COLLEGE
DECEMBER 2023**

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Nominees

SENIORS

Leighanna Gerald
Faith Mercer

JUNIORS

Naomi Anaya
Natalie Anaya
Brittany Bellamy
Asia Hairston
Meggy Morales Garcia
Adasyn Tackett

SOPHOMORES

Savannah Basile
Kassidy Bellamy
Matthew Bunker
McKay Denham
Jontrel Hall-Hannah
Kevin Moseley
AJ Parker
Marvin Pastelin Ruiz
Koeyn Robinson

FRESHMEN

Stephany Cardenas Salvador
Jarron Dawson
Pablo Morales Gomez
Rio Metallo
Israel Miller
Aiyana Mitchell
Mackenzie Rogers
LeAnn Sites
Lily Taylor Evans

TEACHER OF THE MONTH



MS. WOODARD



**NA'HARI NELSON
SENIOR**



**MYA GOODFELLOW
JUNIOR**



**TIARA WILSON MCLEAN
SOPHOMORE**



**JD BOLDEN
FRESHMAN**

ECHS Students & Parents

Events Calendar

All dates are tentative and could change based on need

[Link to Calendar](#)

| Week of January 8-13, 2024 | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Monday, January 8 | HGTC 2nd Semester Begins First Day of ECHS Second Semester Florida Trip Fundraiser - Lunch |
| Tuesday, January 9 | eLearning Day Schedule Mu Alpha Theta Meeting Florida Trip Fundraiser - Lunch |
| Wednesday, January 10 | 2 Hour Delay for Students & Teachers Florida Trip Fundraiser - Lunch |
| Thursday, January 11 | Florida Trip Fundraiser - Lunch HGTC Writing Diagnostic – 9th Graders Club Day (Student Council, Recycling, Tollywood, InvenTeam, Dungeons and Dragons) |
| Friday, January 12 | No Advisory M/W Florida Trip Fundraiser - Lunch 2 ½ Hour Early Dismissal for Students |

Dress Code Expectations



DRESS CODE - Our dress code has been developed to help students prepare for the world of work/college. The dress code has been developed with modesty and appropriateness in mind. According to the Horry County School District Policy, student dress must conform to the following regulations:

1. Attire must comply with requirements for health and safety. (This prohibits the wearing of chains and studded clothing or accessories.)
2. Hats/Headwear, sunglasses, headphones/earplugs, sweatbands, combs/picks, hoodies, headscarves, headgear, head coverings, and sunglasses are prohibited inside school buildings.
3. The possession of all bandanas is prohibited at ECHS.
4. Shoes must be worn at all times. No bedroom shoes/slippers are allowed at any time.
5. Pants & shirt must overlap at all times. Clothing should be worn so that undergarments are not visible.
6. Attire must not display any sexual behavior, sexual innuendos, or ethnic derogatoriness.
7. Items such as spiked jewelry (including body piercings), padlocks, chains, and metal heel plates are not allowed.
8. Attire must NOT evidence membership or affiliation with a "gang".
9. No vulgar, obscene or otherwise inappropriate symbols, language, pictures, or wording will be permitted on clothing or accessories. Clothing or accessories (ex. Bookbags, jewelry, hats, etc) that display weapons, alcohol, tobacco, or other drug symbols are not permitted. Clothing must not display any information about, representations of, or advertisements for alcoholic beverage(s), tobacco, controlled drugs, illegal drugs, or paraphernalia associated with the foregoing. Clothing which is controversial or disruptive is not allowed.
10. Attire must not be immodest, obscene, profane, lewd, vulgar, indecent, or offensive.
 - a. Shorts, skirts, and dresses, even with leggings, jeggings, etc. must NOT be shorter than the length of a dollar bill from the very top of the knee upward at all times. Slits/holes in clothing must also be no shorter than shorter than the length of a dollar bill from the very top of the knee upward. Leggings/jeggings must be covered with a top that meets the length of the dollar bill from the top of the knee requirement.
 - b. See-through clothing, bare midriff tops, backless blouses, shirts/tops with low necklines, halter-tops, spaghetti-strap tops, muscle shirts, and tank tops are prohibited. All shirts must cover the undergarments. It is never appropriate to show undergarments.
 - c. Gym shorts, cutoffs, bathing suits and short shorts are not appropriate at school.
 - d. Appropriate undergarments should be worn and should be covered by outer clothing.
 - e. No pajamas or pajama bottoms/pants are allowed.

** The ECH community asks that students follow the spirit of the policy and not just the letter of the restrictions. Questionable clothing will be handled on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the administration and teachers.*

Consequences of breaking the dress code:

1st Offense: Student will be asked to come to the office and requested to change the inappropriate clothing, reverse the offending garment, or call parents. The student will not be allowed to return to class until the situation is corrected.

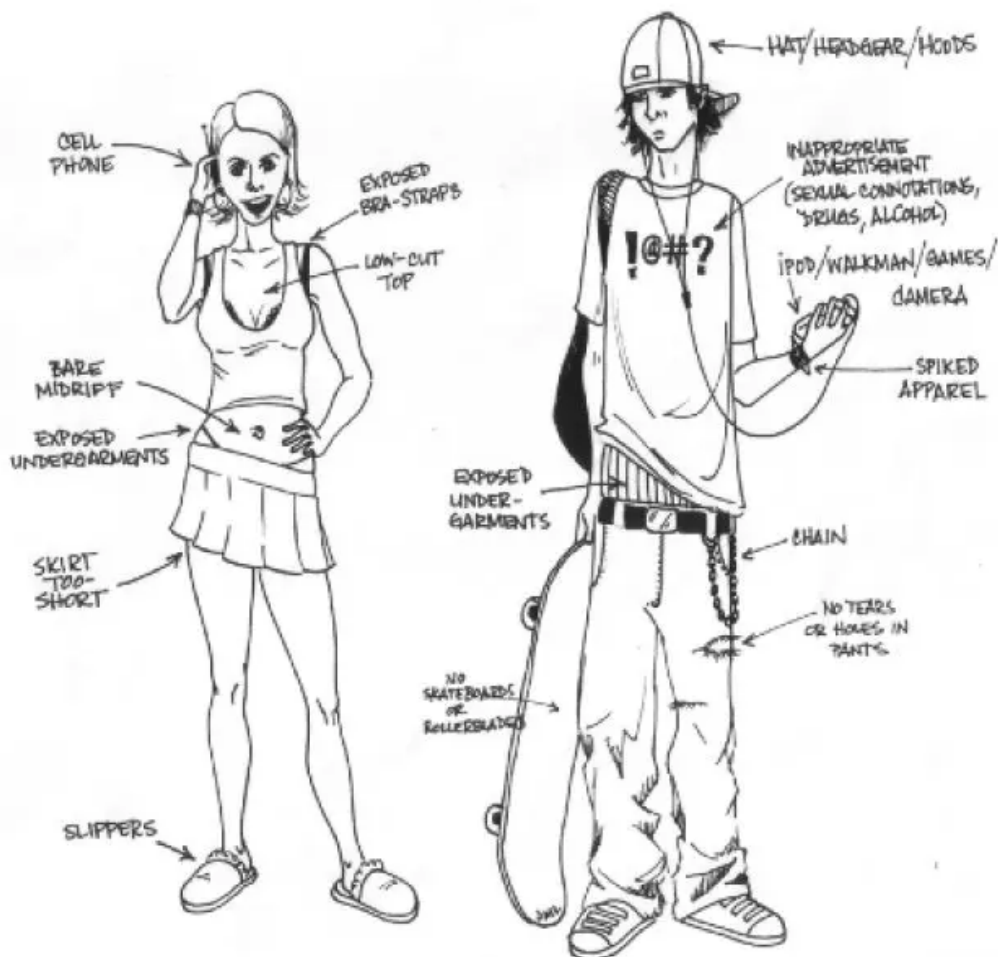
2nd Offense: Student will have to correct the dress code violation, parents will be notified, and the student will be assigned to afterschool administration detention. Additional discipline action will include, but not be limited to OSS and parent conference.

You must follow the instructions of the teacher or administrator regarding your dress. If you fail to do so, you will be written up for insubordination which makes the issue worse. If you feel that your dress was unfairly criticized, you may appeal to the principal.

DRESS CODE

In an effort to maintain a tasteful, academic atmosphere, bare feet, bare midriffs, bare backs, bare shoulders, ragged/shredded clothing, exposed underwear, underwear worn as outer wear, pajama/lounge pants, shirts or hats (caps) with literal figurative references to, or depictions of, illegal activities, sexual activities or performance of bodily functions are prohibited.

Beach and casual attire, such as tube tops, fishnet shirts, tops with narrow straps, backless tops, excessively short shorts/skirts, and sunglasses are also prohibited within the school setting. Shoulders must be covered. The hem of the shorts/skirt must reach the end of your fingertips when arms are down to your sides when standing.



Tardy Policy Expectations

ECCHS Tardy Policy

Students who are tardy to school should report to the main office.

- 1st Tardy – Warning
- 2nd Tardy – Students will be required to take the tardy policy home and have it signed by a parent/guardian
- 3rd Tardy – 2nd Warning
- 4th Tardy – Letter to parent
- 5th Tardy – Administrative Detention: 30 minutes
- 6th Tardy – Administrative Detention: 1 hour
- 7th Tardy – Administrative Detention: 2 hours



School Tardy Due To Late Bus

All students who arrive on a school bus after the 7:55 class start time will be issued a late bus pass from the main office. It is the student's responsibility to obtain this pass and present it to the classroom teacher. **The only excused tardy is for bus riders on a late bus or students with a medical or legal note.**

Excused Pass

Students that arrive to school with a medical or legal note should report to the office upon arrival for an excused tardy pass.

Does traffic and/or car problems count as an excused tardy?

No, traffic and mechanical issues are not excused reasons for tardiness. Be aware that some college courses will count excessive tardies as a full absence regardless of reason. Check your syllabus and plan accordingly.

Cell Phone Policy Expectations

Electronic Devices

CELL PHONES*

Cell Phone Use at School

Students may use cell phones and other electronic devices before 7:55, after 2:25, and during the student's lunch period. Cell phones and other electronic devices are prohibited during all instructional time. Teachers will establish classroom procedures for cell phone and electronic device usage and communicate this information to their students. Phones confiscated by teachers will be turned in to the office prior to the end of the day. The following consequences are in place for a violation:



1st offense: The phone will be confiscated, discipline infraction entered in PowerSchool, and parent notified of the incident.

2nd offense: The phone will be confiscated, discipline infraction entered in PowerSchool. The student's parent or guardian must come to the school to retrieve the device.

3rd offense: The phone will be confiscated, discipline infraction entered in PowerSchool. The student's parent or guardian must come to the school to retrieve the device and the student loses cell phone privileges at any time while on school grounds.

ECHS is not responsible for the loss, damage, or theft of any personal technology devices students choose to bring to school.

ECHS students who violate this policy while in a college classroom will be dealt with at the discretion of the college instructor and HGTC policy.

The unauthorized use of cell phones and other electronic devices to communicate or access information during classes or testing is prohibited. The use of cell phones and other electronic devices in locker rooms or restrooms is prohibited.

The use of audio or video recording capacity of any cell phone and other electronic devices is prohibited in locker rooms, restrooms, or during regular school hours without prior permission from the building administration.

ECHS Attendance Make-up Academy Schedule



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TRAILBLAZERS**

ECHS Attendance Make-up Schedule

Students are in danger of failing due to attendance if they have missed more than 5 unexcused days per course for semester classes.

Quarter Classes- *Students are in danger of failing due to attendance if they have missed more than 3 unexcused days per course for quarter classes. (Government or Economics)*

| December 2023 | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Tuesday, December 5, 2023 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, December 6, 2023 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, December 12, 2023 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, December 13, 2023 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. |
| Saturday, December 16, 2023 | 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. |
| January 2024 | |
| Tuesday, January 2, 2024 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, January 3, 2024 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. |
| Saturday, January 6, 2023 | 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, January 9, 2023 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, January 10, 2023 | 2:30-4:30 p.m. |

Please note: All students who attend attendance make-up school must bring school work to work on. Students must notify Ms. Patti Mojo if you are attending Saturday sessions. All Saturday sessions begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. Students who are late to Saturday school will have to reschedule for another day.

To determine how many hours of makeup you need. Only count the total number of unexcused absences (UNEX/UEPN) in each block then subtract the number 5. This will give you the total number of blocks you have to make up per class.

For Example: A student in a semester-long class has 8 UNEX in block 1, 5 UNEX in block 2, 5 UNEX in block 3, and 6 UNEX in block 4.

- ☐ Block 1 - 3 (8-5 = 3) hours required*
- ☐ Block 2 = 0 (5-5 is no make up required)
- ☐ Block 3 = 0 (5-5 is no make up required)

Congratulations to our EOC All Stars!

They scored a 100 on the test.

Biology EOC All Stars – Fall 2023



Micah Carbaugh



Alexia Stathes



Chloe Denham



Jerry Gordon



Sue-Lyn Young

English II EOC All Stars – Fall 2023



Brianna Flores



Alexia Stathes



Tahra Maynard



Khloe Perkinson



Samantha McKenzie



Polar Plunge 2024

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Plunge Time: 10:30 AM

Sands Ocean Club Resort

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

Join our team or make a donation!

<https://www.classy.org/team/540635>

See Ms. Hecklinger for more information.

Compassion Through Fashion!

Early College is trying something new! Ms. Robinette is leading two Early College teams to create entries in this year's Compassion through Fashion fashion show, benefitting New Directions of Horry County.

If you would like to learn more about New Directions or buy tickets for the fashion show, please follow the link provided.

For Tickets

<https://www.classy.org/event/compassion-through-fashion/e521883>



NEW DIRECTIONS COMPASSION THROUGH FASHION

3 FEBRUARY 2024

6 p.m.

Myrtle Beach Convention Center

Tickets are \$75 each and can be bought through the website for New Directions.

New Directions is a community outreach program focused on meeting the needs of those who may be experiencing homelessness.

For more information on their programs, please visit the website at the link provided.

**NEW DIRECTIONS OF
HORRY COUNTY
1005 OSCEOLA STREET
MYRTLE BEACH, SC 29577
(843) 945-4902**



CLOTHING *Drive*

Help families in need with new or used clothes

Associated Charities of Myrtle Beach

Now through early December

See Mr. Chappell in 221 for more information .



MILLION CAN TAB CHALLENGE

RONALD
MCDONALD
HOUSE

EARLY COLLEGE IS COLLECTING
CAN TABS TO BENEFIT THE LIFE
CHANGING WORK OF THE
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE IN
CHARLESTON, SOUTH
CAROLINA. WE WILL BE
COLLECTING CAN TABS
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

**MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
TODAY**



The background of the poster is white and features several colorful ribbons arranged in a circular pattern around the central text. The ribbons are in shades of purple, black, blue, light blue, teal, green, light green, yellow, and pink. Each ribbon is folded into a loop, resembling a ribbon bow or a stylized infinity symbol.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

4 MAY 2024

3-9 PM

**Valor Park @
Market Common**

Senior AVID News

Updates on Key Information for Seniors Only!

[Newsletter Link](#)

SENIOR AVID NEWS



ACT/SAT DATES AND DEADLINES

- ACT Test-Feb. 10, 2024
- Deadline-Jan.5, 2024
- SAT Test-March 9, 2024
- Deadline-Feb. 23, 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 8, 2024- HGTC Spring Semester Start
- January 25, 2024- FAFSA Workshop at ECHS

BIG CHANGES COMING FOR THE 2024-2025 FAFSA

There are some big changes coming on the 2024-2025 FAFSA form. The new version is going to be much shorter and more streamlined. The income data will be directly imported from the Internal Revenue Service instead of having to have income tax forms available. The students have already completed their FSA ID's in class. The parents will have to create an FSA ID as well, if they don't already have one. Please use this [link](#) to create an account. This will be a requirement to fill out the new FAFSA form.

IMPORTANT

- SC State Scholarships are still requiring ACT/SAT scores. They are NOT test optional!



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High School Parents

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Horry County Schools

still make the difference!



Artificial intelligence can be used to enhance learning

Artificial intelligence (AI) is shaping every aspect of our lives, which means students need to understand how to use the technology responsibly. Knowing what AI can and cannot do will help teens analyze the data it provides—and even use it to enhance their own learning.

Explain that AI systems:

- **Are created and controlled by humans**—they are not conscious or all-knowing.
- **Learn by analyzing** information provided by people. But they can't judge the accuracy of that information or think "outside the box," so your teen may receive incorrect or incomplete answers.
- **Target data for particular users**, which means they can present

biased information. Your teen should always verify information using multiple trustworthy sources.

Encourage your high schooler to use AI to dive deeper into class material. Your teen could ask a chat bot to "explain the Pythagorean theorem" or "tell me about the periodic table of elements." However, be sure to caution your teen against using AI to plagiarize.

Also, have your teen research ways AI is used in careers. From human resources to agriculture to entertainment, many industries now incorporate AI. For example, AI may screen candidates for jobs, power drones that monitor crops, and even generate music and art. What other examples can your teen find? Does working with AI in these ways sound interesting to your teen?

Show your teen how to manage test anxiety



Whether they are preparing for a driver's test or a end-of-unit test, high school students

have to learn how to perform well under pressure.

Studying thoroughly is the best way to go into a test with confidence. In addition, to help your teen keep test stress under control:

- **Put things into perspective.** Remind your teen that tests are just a part of life. It's important to always try your best, but also realize that a test merely reflects what happened on one day. A poor grade on one test doesn't mean your teen is a failure.
- **Share relaxation strategies.** Teach your teen to tense and then relax muscles. Your teen should start by tightening toes, counting to three, and then relaxing them. Then do the same with legs, arms, shoulders and neck.
- **Teach visualization.** Athletes practice "seeing" themselves winning the game. Help your teen do the same, and picture going into the test feeling confident and prepared.

RECYCLING

WE ARE ASKING ALL STUDENTS TO HELP WITH RECYCLING DURING LUNCH.

STUDENTS SHOULD SORT THE ITEMS ON THEIR TRAYS PRIOR TO DUMPING TO ENSURE THEY ARE PLACED IN THE CORRECT BINS.

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE NON COMPOSTABLE ITEMS IN THE COMPOST BIN BECAUSE IT WILL CONTAMINATE THE BIN AND IT CANNOT BE USED FOR COMPOST.

WHAT TO COMPOST

DO COMPOST



- Food scraps
- Fruits & vegetables
- Meat & bones
- Non-liquid dairy (e.g. cheese)
- Grain products (e.g. bread)
- Pizza & pizza boxes
- Coffee grounds & paper filters
- Tea & paper tea bags
- Napkins & paper towels
- Paper to-go boxes (non-coated)
- Items labeled BPI Certified Compostable or ASTM D6400 Certified

DO NOT COMPOST



- Plastic of any kind
- Foam or Styrofoam
- Metal
- Glass
- Liquids
- Foil or plastic-coated products
- Saran wrap & plastic film
- Hazardous & medical waste
- Used facial or toilet tissue
- Plastic bags
- Hand & face wipes
- Dental floss & Q-tips
- Cotton balls & pads

Tips to Successfully Email a Teacher or Professor

Tips for Writing an Email to a Teacher

- Use a Clear Subject Line
- Choose the Correct Greeting
- Structure as a Formal Letter
- Include Only Necessary Information
- Keep Your Tone Respectful
- Use an Appropriate Salutation

HOW TO EMAIL A TEACHER

1 SUBJECT LINE

2-5 word summary of the email

- Missing Grade
- Homework Question
- Late Work

4 CLOSING

- Thank you
- Have a nice day!



5 SIGN YOUR NAME!

2 BEGIN WITH A GREETING

- Good Morning
- Hello
- Good Afternoon

This is in the body
of the email



3 BODY OF THE EMAIL

- I am writing because.....
- I need help help.....
- I am confused by.....



General Tips:

- Be sure to use proper capitalization & punctuation.
- Always use proper grammar.
- Plz spell out ur words.
 - Please spell out your words.

Free Tutoring Available

Help Every Day, Any Time



TutorMe 

FREE online tutoring & study tools, anytime, anywhere!

Learning resources, live online tutoring, test prep, writing lab, and more!

How to access TutorMe? Log into your myHGTC account, then go to the Student Resources card.



STUDENT SUCCESS AND TUTORING CENTER



There's More.

TutorMe provides free, one-on-one online tutoring for HGTC students. Support is available 24/7. To try TutorMe, click the link on the [Student Resources card in myHGTC](#).



Principal Approved Absences

Successful completion of high school courses results in the issuance of Carnegie units needed for a high school diploma.

Since our high schools and program schools operate on a 4 x 4 block schedule, it is crucial that students miss as few days as possible.

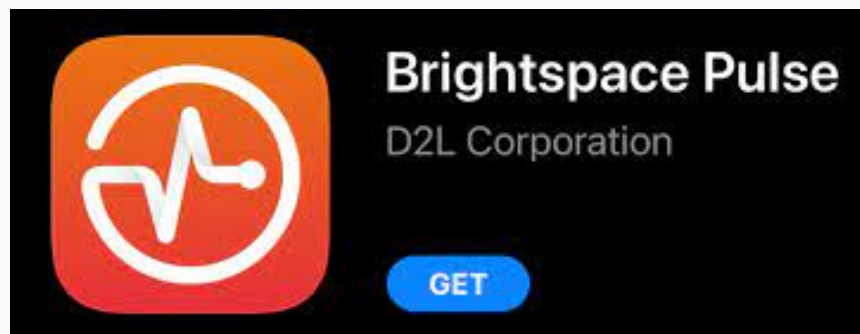
Based on this information, it is not feasible for our secondary schools and program schools to grant principal-approved days effective this year. Religious-based camps, retreats, trips, and conferences are not excused.

Absences due to major religious holidays are excused. Please send notes to the attendance office regarding absences for religious holidays.



Parent Access to College Grades

- Download Brightspace Pulse to your phone.
- Have your students log into their myHGTC account.
- You can view grades & upcoming assignments.



[Brightspace Pulse](#)

Parking Decal for Student Drivers



Drivers must register their cars with HGTC Public Safety and complete the information form for ECHS.

Registered drivers will receive an ECHS placard to place in the window on the dash near their HGTC parking decal.





STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Our school has adopted The "I Love U Guys" Foundation's Standard Response Protocol (SRP). Students and staff will be training, practicing, and drilling the protocol.

COMMON LANGUAGE

The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) is based on an all-hazards approach as opposed to individual scenarios. Like the Incident Command System (ICS), SRP utilizes clear common language while allowing for flexibility in protocol.

The premise is simple - there are five specific actions that can be performed during an incident. When communicating these, the action is labeled with a "Term of Art" and is then followed by a "Directive." Execution of the action is performed by active participants, including students, staff, teachers and first responders. The SRP is based on the following actions: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter.

HOLD

"In Your Classroom or Area"

Students are trained to:

- Clear the hallways and remain in their area or room until the "All Clear" is announced
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Close and lock the door
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



SECURE

"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"

Students are trained to:

- Return to inside of building
- Do business as usual

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring everyone indoors
- Lock the outside doors
- Increase situational awareness
- Account for students and adults
- Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"

Students are trained to:

- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Recover students from hallway if possible
- Lock the classroom door
- Turn out the lights
- Move away from sight
- Maintain silence
- Do not open the door
- Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE

"To a Location"

Students are trained to:

- Leave stuff behind if required to
- If possible, bring their phone
- Follow instructions

Adults and staff are trained to:

- Bring roll sheet and Go Bag (unless instructed not to bring anything with them, dependent on reason for evacuation.)
- Lead students to Evacuation location
- Account for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.



SHELTER

"State Hazard and Safety Strategy"

Hazards might include:

- Tornado
- Hazmat
- Earthquake
- Tsunami

Safety Strategies might include:

- Evacuate to shelter area
- Seal the room
- Drop, cover and hold
- Get to high ground

Students are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies

Adults and staff are trained in:

- Appropriate Hazards and Safety Strategies
- Accounting for students and adults
- Report injuries or problems using Red Card/Green Card method.





STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

PARENT GUIDANCE

In the event of a live incident, parents may have questions about their role.

SECURE

"Get Inside. Lock outside doors"



Secure is called when there is something dangerous outside of the building. Students and staff are brought into the building and the outside doors will be locked. The school might display the Building is Secured poster on entry doors or nearby windows. Inside, it will be business as usual.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A SECURE EVENT?

Probably not. Every effort is made to conduct classes as normal during a secure event. Additionally, parents may be asked to stay outside during a Secure event.

WHAT IF PARENTS NEED TO PICK UP THEIR STUDENT?

Depending on the situation, it may not be safe to release the student. As the situation evolves, Secure might change to a Monitored Entry and/or Controlled Release.

WILL PARENTS BE NOTIFIED WHEN A SCHOOL GOES INTO SECURE?

When a secure event is brief or the hazard is non-violent, like a wild animal on the playground, there may not be a need to notify parents while the Secure is in place.

With longer or more dangerous events, the school should notify parents that the school has increased their security.

LOCKDOWN

"Locks, Lights, Out of Sight"



A Lockdown is called when there is something dangerous inside of the building. Students and staff are trained to enter or remain in a room that can be locked, and maintain silence.

A Lockdown is only initiated when there is an active threat inside or very close to the building.

SHOULD PARENTS COME TO THE SCHOOL DURING A LOCKDOWN?

The natural inclination for parents is to go to the school during a Lockdown. Understandable, but perhaps problematic. If there is a threat inside the building, law enforcement will be responding. It is unlikely that parents will be granted access to the building or even the campus. If parents are already in the school, they will be instructed to Lockdown as well.

SHOULD PARENTS TEXT THEIR STUDENTS?

The school recognizes the importance of communication between parents and students during a Lockdown event. Parents should be aware though, during the initial period of a Lockdown, it may not be safe for students to text their parents. As the situation resolves, students may be asked to update their parents on a regular basis.

In some cases, students may be evacuated and transported off-site for a student-parent reunification.

WHAT ABOUT UNANNOUNCED DRILLS?

The school may conduct unscheduled drills, however it is highly discouraged to conduct one without announcing that it as a drill. That's called an unannounced drill and can cause undue concern and stress.

Parents should recognize that the school will always inform students that it is a drill during the initial announcement.

It's important to differentiate between a **drill** and an exercise. A drill is used to create the "Muscle Memory" associated with a practiced action. There is no simulation of an event; this is simply performing the action. An exercise simulates an actual event to test the capacity of personnel and equipment.

CAN PARENTS OBSERVE OR PARTICIPATE IN THE DRILLS?

The school welcomes parents who wish to observe or participate in drills.



Bus Transportation

Students planning to ride the bus can contact the bus office for their attendance area to get information on route numbers and pick up times.



Bus Transportation Office

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| Aynor | 843.488.7125 |
| Carolina Forest | 843.236.0705 |
| Conway | 843.488.6094 |
| Green Sea Floyds | 843.392.3134 |
| Loris | 843.390.6822 |
| Myrtle Beach | 843.445.2041 |
| North Myrtle Beach | 843.399.8575 |
| Socastee | 843.293.6941 |
| St. James | 843.650.1937 |

District Transportation Office
843.488.6957





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