

JANUARY 22 - 26, 2024

# THE BLAZE

Official Newsletter of HCS Early College High School

"Endless Possibilities"

*from the desk of Ms. Williams...*

Trailblazers,

I cannot believe we are starting the third week of the spring semester. Report cards for the first semester will be available on Tuesday, February 23, 2024. If a student receives a failing grade in a high school or college course, parents are asked to be on the lookout for a letter from the school explaining the impact of failing grades on the student's overall grade point average (GPA).

As students settle into the routine of second semester, the administration held grade-level meetings on Friday, January 19, 2024. Information was provided on attendance, grades, work integrity, college courses, dress code, cell phones, transportation, time management for College Coverage, medication, mental health support, food and beverages, HGTC buildings after hours, organization, and school safety. Parents are asked to take a moment and review the presentation shared with students. All questions about the information shared can be directed to Ms. Williams or Ms. Macasek. [Grade-Level Presentation](#)

We will recognize the academic achievements of our Trailblazers from the fall semester on Friday, January 26, 2024, in the ECHS cafe. The ceremony will begin at 8:15. We invite family and friends to join us. Our celebration will include recognition of achievement in high school and college courses. Parking will be available in front of our school.

We are excited and honored to have Dr. Kristy Floyd represent ECHS as Teacher of the Year. She was recognized as one of the Top Ten Teacher of the Year Semifinalists for the HCS Teacher of the Year distinction. We wish her the continued success.

Please read below for additional important updates and reminders.

## Upcoming Events

### Quarter 2 Report Cards

- January 23

### FAFSA Workshop ~ Seniors

- January 25
- 5:30 - 7:00 ~ ECHS Cafe

### First Semester Awards Ceremony

- January 26
- 8:15 ~ ECHS Cafe

### Polar Plunge

- January 27
- 10:30 - Plunge Time

### Sophomore Class Ring Meeting

- February 02
- 8:15 - ECHS Cafe

### Compassion Through Fashion Watch Party & Alumni Social

- February 03
- 6:00 - 8:00
- \$5.00 Admission

# 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:** Friday, January 26, 2024, will be an AM Advisory and a Monday/Wednesday day.

**HGTC Writing Diagnostic:** Freshman students who missed the college placement exam will take the make-up exam with Dr. Adams on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. Students are reminded to bring their laptops and power chargers.

**First Semester Report Cards:** Report cards for the first semester will be available to students and parents on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

**Financial Aid Workshop:** There will be a financial aid workshop for seniors and their parents on Thursday, January 25, 2024, from 5:30 to 7:00 in the cafe. Students and parents are reminded to bring their tax information. All assistance is confidential.

**First Semester Awards Ceremony:** Students and their parents are invited to the awards ceremony on Friday, January 26, 2024, in the cafe at 8:15. Students will be recognized for their first-semester academic achievement--high school and college courses.

**Polar Plunge:** Ms. Hecklinger will be taking a team to participate in the annual Polar Plunge on Saturday, January 27. If you would like to donate to the team, please use this [link](#). If you want to plunge, you can join the team, create your fundraising page, and donate \$50 to yourself. The \$50 grants you the privilege to plunge. All proceeds will benefit the Special Olympics

**Sophomore Class Ring Presentation:** Students will attend a presentation on Friday, February 02, 2024, to learn about ordering rings from Herff-Jones. The Herff-Jones representative will be available on February 7 and February 14 to assist with orders.

**Candy Grams:** Key Club will be sponsoring a candy grams sale for Valentine's Day February 05 - 09, 2024, during lunch. Candy Grams will be delivered on Wednesday, February 14.

**Blood Drive:** ECHS has partnered with Blood Connection and will be sponsoring a drive on Tuesday, February 06, 2024, from 8:30 to 12:30. Students must be 17 or older (16 year olds must have parent permission) to donate and weigh at least 110 pounds.

"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.

# **TRAILBLAZER**

## **DAILY LUNCH SPECIALS**



**Monday 1/22/24**

**Smash Bowl**

**PB&J**



**Tuesday 1/23/24**

**Chili/Baked Potato/Roll**

**Turkey & Cheese Wrap**



**Wednesday 1/24/24**

**Bosco Sticks**

**Turkey Chef Salad**



**Thursday 1/25/24**

**Baked Ziti**

**Turkey & Cheese Sub**



**Friday 1/26/24**

**Pulled Pork Sandwich**

**PB&J**



# 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.

# **Congratulations, Dr. Kristy Floyd!**



**Top 10 Teacher of the Year  
Semifinalist**

# **Congratulations, Ms. Patti!**



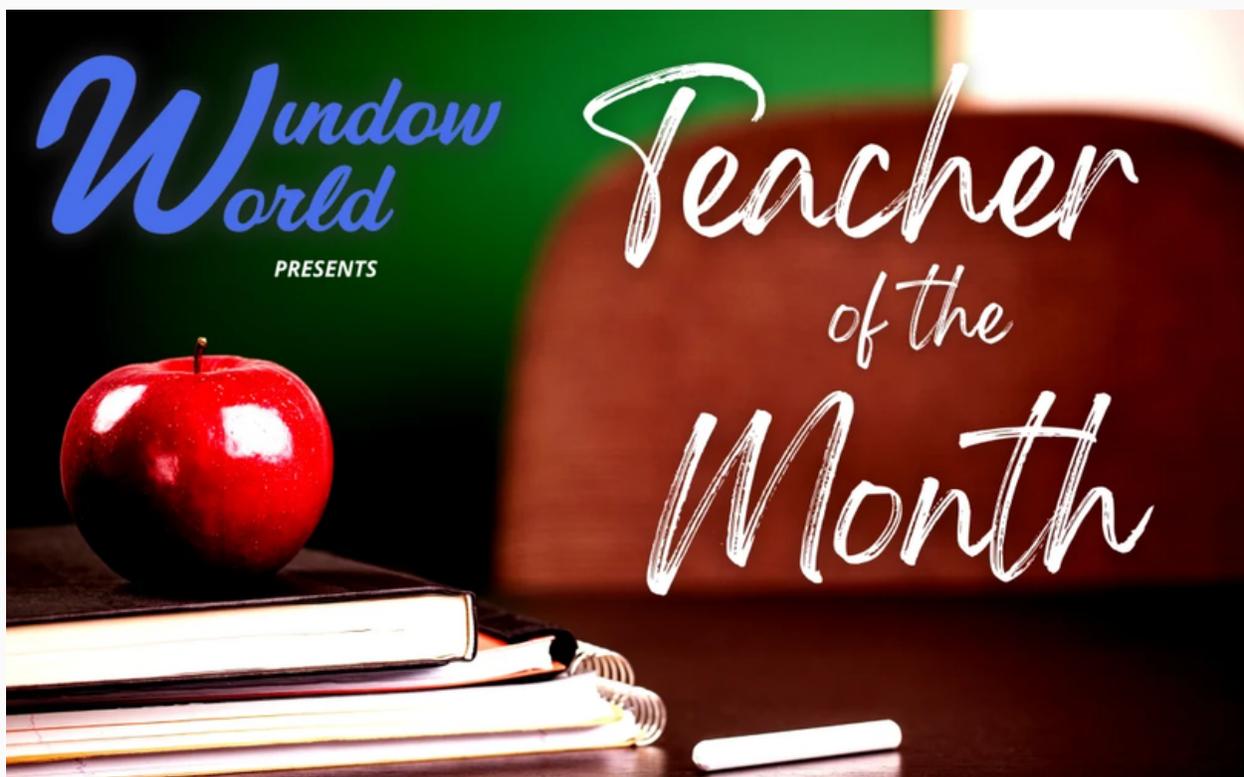
**ECHS 2023-2024  
Support Staff of the Year**

**Thank you for all you do for ECHS  
and all students!**

# Congratulations, Ms. Woodard!



**December 2023**



# College of the Week

## Furman University



Greenville, South Carolina

*“Furman’s academics combine classroom learning and premier majors with experiences in research, internships, study away and community-centered learning. The result? A hands-on approach that empowers you to personalize your education, refine your goals and shape your future.”*

### WHAT SETS FURMAN APART?

- ✓ Engaged learning
- ✓ Reflection
- ✓ Belonging
- ✓ Mentoring

[HTTPS://WWW.FURMAN.EDU/](https://www.furman.edu/)

# College of the Week

## Lander University



# Lander University

Greenwood, SC



***“LANDER UNIVERSITY OFFERS HIGH-DEMAND  
AND MARKET-DRIVEN PROGRAMS TO  
AMBITIOUS AND TALENTED STUDENTS IN  
SOUTH CAROLINA AND BEYOND.”***

<https://www.lander.edu>



# College of the Week

## HCS Early College High School 2006

ECHS began as a program school for students all over the county 18 years ago.



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 22-27, 2024	
Monday, January 22	
Tuesday, January 23	HGTC Writing Diagnostic Make-up – 9th Graders Report Cards Issued for Q2 National Honor Society Meeting
Wednesday, January 24	
Thursday, January 25	FAFSA Workshop–Seniors & Parents 5:30 - 7:00 pm Club Day (Key Club, Student Council, Recycling, Tollywood, InvenTeam, Art Club, Girls' Fitness Club)
Friday, January 26	AM Advisory M/W Fall 2023 Awards Ceremony
Saturday, January 27	Special Olympics - Polar Plunge (Plunge Time 10:30)

# 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:***

**1<sup>st</sup> 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.

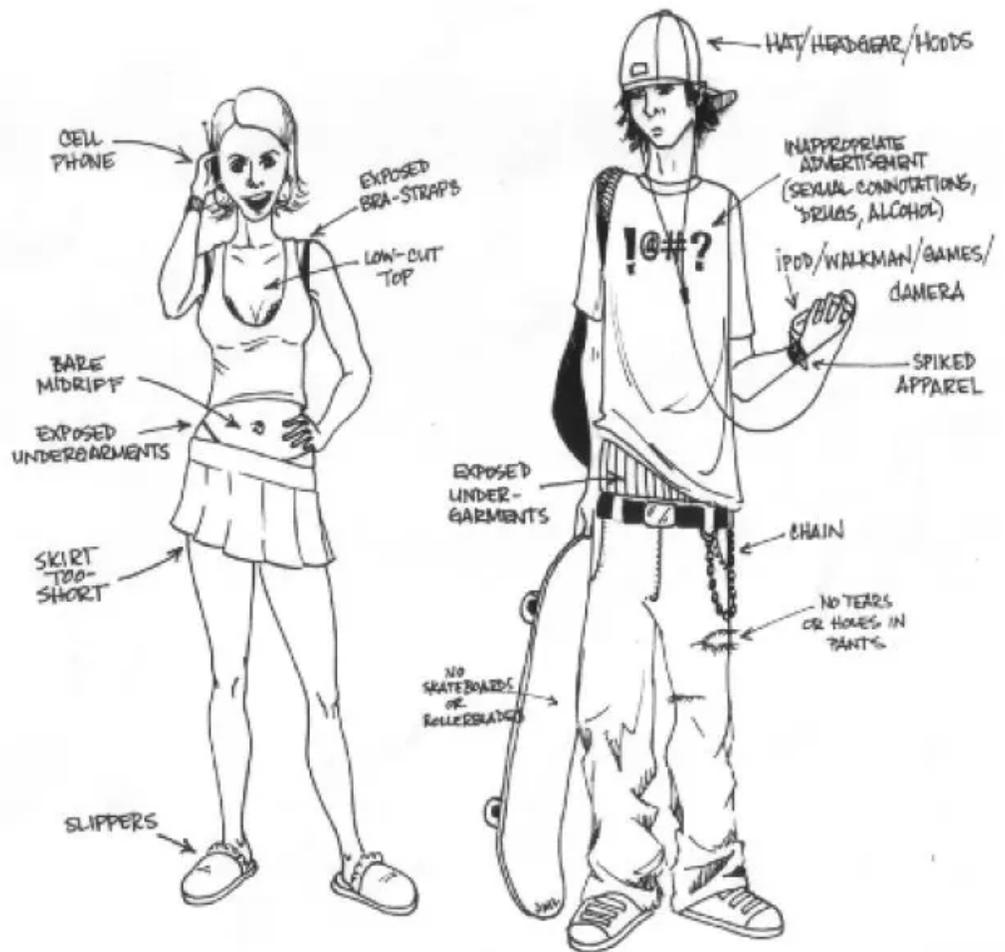
**2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:** Student will have to correct the dress code violation, parents will be notified, and the student will be assigned to afterschool administration detention. Additional discipline action will include, but not be limited to OSS and parent conference.

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

## ECHS 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.

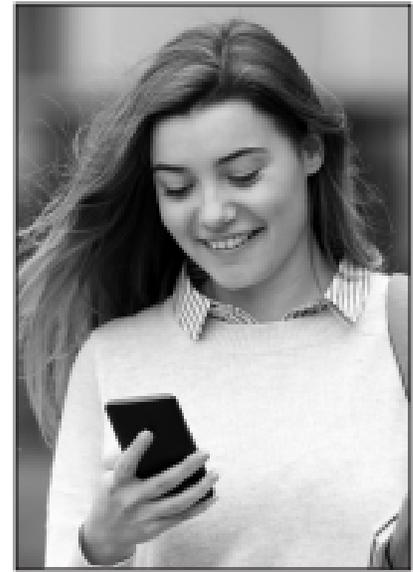
# Cell Phone Policy Expectations

## 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.*

# 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**

# Kiwanis Pancake Supper Fundraiser

February 23 - 24, 2024

Conway High School

\$9.00 per ticket

TICKET PRICE:

**\$9.00**

Early College High School Key Club

**KIWANIS PANCAKE  
SUPPORT AND  
BREAKFAST**

Friday, February 23rd from 5pm until 8 pm  
and  
Saturday, February 24th from 7 am until 9:30 am

Located at Conway High School



# 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**





**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!



# Title I Newsletter

January 2024

[English](#), [Spanish](#)

## High School Parents

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Horry County Schools

*still make the difference!*



### Three learning resolutions boost academic success

The start of a new calendar year is a great time for families and students to review the first half of the school year. How is your high school student doing? Are learning and performance where your teen—and you—would like them to be?

If not, it may be time for your teen to make learning resolutions.

Here are three to suggest:

- 1. Be in every class on time** every day. Students who consistently miss class or who arrive late, miss out on important information. Teachers don't have time to reteach material every time a student is absent or late.
- 2. Read for pleasure.** Teens benefit from time spent reading. Pleasure reading strengthens writing skills, comprehension, vocabulary and

more. According to the most recent report by from the National Assessment of Educational Progress, only 14 percent of students say they read for fun every day. So, encourage your teen to spend time each day reading something enjoyable.

- 3. Reduce recreational screen time.** We all spend time on digital devices—whether it's for school, work or socializing. However, students need plenty of screen-free activities in their schedules. Suggest your teen turn off screen devices for at least one to two hours each day, and use that time to read, be active or relax.

Source: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress, 1971–2023 Long-Term Trend (LTT) Reading and Mathematics Assessments.

### Help your teen handle disappointment



Life doesn't always go as planned. Whether your teen earns a bad grade on a test or finds

out that social plans have been cancelled, learning to accept and cope with disappointment is a necessary part of life.

To help your teen bounce back after things go wrong:

- **Ask, "How are you feeling?"** Often, teenagers tend to either overreact or to clam up entirely. Help your teen express disappointment using words.
- **Don't try to fix things.** You won't help your teen learn coping skills. Instead, be sympathetic and supportive: "I'm so sorry that event was cancelled. I know you are disappointed. What else could you do?"
- **Demonstrate coping skills.** It may not be easy to share your personal disappointments. But it's one of the best ways to show your teen how you have learned to cope. "I am so disappointed that I didn't get that promotion," you might say. "I'm going to keep trying."

## 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

# 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

# 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!



### 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.....



### 5 SIGN YOUR NAME!

#### 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.



**SSC**  
STUDENT SUCCESS AND TUTORING CENTER



**HORRY GEORGETOWN TECHNICAL COLLEGE**  
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.



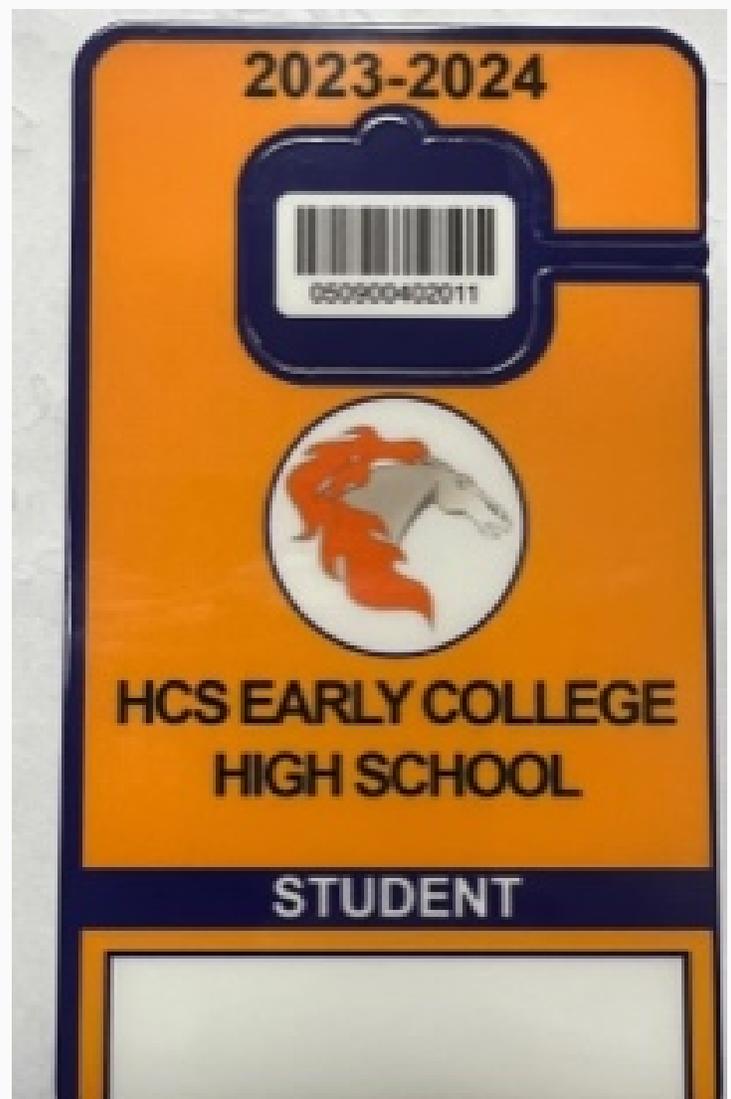
[Brightspace Pulse](#)

# 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

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
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District Transportation Office  
843.488.6957





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