



DECEMBER 09- 13, 2024

THE BLAZE

Official Newsletter of HCS Early College High School

"Endless Possibilities and Opportunities"

from the desk of Ms. Williams...

Greetings, Trailblazers!

This week (December 11) and next week, students will be taking their End of Course (EOC) tests in English II Writing (Dec. 11), Biology I (Dec. 17), Algebra I (Dec. 18), English II Reading (Dec.19), and US History (Jan. 07). The results from the EOC will serve as the final exam grade for the class and count as part of the school's report card data. All students are encouraged to do well on the tests by getting plenty of rest the night before, eating a good breakfast, and taking their time.

Our final cell phone blackout day is Monday, December 16. Students will be instructed to power off their phones and place in their bookbags. Students will be allowed to use their cell phones during lunch. As always, we appreciate your support as we prepare students for the cell phone change coming January 2025.

As we approach the holiday season and students prepare to end college courses, I wanted to remind our families about Care Solace, a mental health resource provided by Horry County Schools at no cost. Care Solace is a free, confidential service that connects students, staff and their families to mental health providers and substance use treatment matched to their needs - regardless of insurance. If you have additional questions about this valuable resource, please do not hesitate to contact the school to speak with Dr. Adams, our school counselor.

Please take a moment to review this edition of the newsletter for updates.

Upcoming Events

Toys for Tots Donations

- December 02 - 12

Cell Phone Blackout Day

- December 16

English 2 EOC - Writing

- December 11 - Gr. 9-10

Biology I EOC

- December 17 - Gr. 10

Algebra I EOC

- December 18 - Gr. 9

English II EOC - Reading

- December 19 - Gr. 9-10

US History EOC

- January 07 - Gr. 11

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, December 13, 2024, will be an AM Advisory and a Tuesday/Thursday day.

End of Course Tests: Students in Algebra I, English II, Biology I, and US History will take EOC's December 11, 17, 18, 19, 2024 and January 07, 2025. The EOC will count as the final exam for the course. Students are encouraged to do their very best, get plenty of rest the night before the test, and eat breakfast on the morning of the test.

Cell Phone Blackout Day: Monday, December 16 will be the final blackout cell phone day before the winter holidays. Students will power off their cell phones and place their smartwatches with data plans on airplane mode for blocks 1, 2, 3, and 4 beginning at 8:30 am. Cell phones will be powered off and not in use during the instructional class periods, hallways, and restrooms. Students will be able to use their cell phones and smartwatches during their lunch period and will be instructed to power off at the end of the lunch period. Students will be able to communicate with parents during the lunch period via their cell phones. If parents need to get a message to students before their lunch period, they can call the front office and we will get the message to them. Our front office number is (843) 349-3131. This blackout has made provisions for students who must have their devices to monitor documented medical conditions.

Toys for Tots: ECHS is a drop-off location for the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy and make someone's holiday a little brighter. The last day to bring in items is December 12, 2024. Deposit boxes are located in the lobby and cafe.

After School Clubs/Activities: Students remaining after school for clubs or activities must wait inside ECHS for their rides. Students are not allowed to wait inside buildings on campus for safety and supervision reasons.

Winter Wonderland Winter Formal: The annual winter formal dance is Friday, January 10, 2025, at the Marina Inn-Grande Dunes. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased online using mypaymentsplus.com or during lunch. The permission slip is included in mypaymentsplus with online purchases. Students purchasing tickets during lunch must have the signed permission slip. Permission slips are included on the ECHS Activity Calendar on the date January 10. Tickets will be sold only during lunch. The dance is for ECHS students only. The last day to buy tickets is December 19, 2024.

"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 12/9/24
Teriyaki Chicken Bowl
PB&J



Tuesday 12/10/24
Cheeseburger
Turkey & Cheese Croissant



Wednesday 12/11/24
Corn Dogs
Crispy Chicken Salad



Thursday 12/12/24
Bosco Sticks
Turkey & Cheese Wrap



Friday 12/13/24
BBQ Pork Sandwich
PB&J

Your Donation Makes A Difference



Toys for Tots of Horry County
Collecting new, unwrapped gifts
now through December 12, 2024



Relay for Life of the Grand Strand
Collecting donations now through
Saturday, April 12, 2025



ECHS Events Calendar

All dates are tentative and
could change based on need.

Calendar Link

December 9-13	
9	
10	After School Tutoring - 2:30 -4:30
11	English II Writing EOC After School Tutoring - 2:30 -4:30
12	
13	TTH Friday - AM Youth Advisory Board (YAB) Meeting - 8:00 - 9:00 ~ cafe
14	Community Event Conway Christmas Parade @ 10:00 (Blaze will be there)
December 16-20	
16	Holiday Spirit Day - Candy Cane Day (wear red & white)
17	Biology I EOC After School Tutoring - 2:30 -4:30 Holiday Spirit Day - Snowflake Day (wear blue or white) National Honor Society Meeting SC Governor's School for the Arts & Humanities Presentation @ Lunch
18	Algebra I EOC After School Tutoring - 2:30 -4:30 Holiday Spirit Day - Green vs. Red (wear green or red)
19	English II Reading EOC Holiday Spirit Day - Ugly Christmas Sweater (wear your ugly holiday sweater)
20	MW Friday - PM Advisory Holiday Celebration Holiday Spirit Day - Favorite Character Day

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



SENIOR AVID NEWS



THE 2025-2026 FAFSA FORM IS NOW AVAILABLE

The 2025-2026 FAFSA form is now available online at studentaid.gov. This version is much shorter and more streamlined than in previous years. 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 FAFSA form.

ACT/SAT DATES AND DEADLINES

- ACT Test-Feb. 8, 2025
- Deadline-Jan.3, 2025
- SAT Test-March 8, 2025
- Deadline-Feb. 21, 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 13, 2025- HGTC Spring Semester Start
- January 20, 2025- Martin Luther King Jr. Day-No School

IMPORTANT

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



EOC

Test Schedule

EOC Schedule	
English II Writing	Wednesday, December 11, 2024
Biology I	Tuesday, December 17, 2024
Algebra I	Wednesday, December 18, 2024
English II Reading	Thursday, December 19, 2024
US History High School	Tuesday, January 07, 2025

Key Reminders

- **Start Time:** Approximately 8:00 when buses arrive
- **Before the Test:** Get plenty of rest the night before
- **Morning of the Test:** Eat breakfast

Cell Phone Blackout Day

Monday, December 16

8:30 - 2:25

Phones can be used during lunch only



Students will be able to communicate with parents during lunch.

This blackout has made provisions for students who must have their devices to monitor documented medical conditions.

Congratulations to our
November
Students of the Month!



NOVEMBER 2024
STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

WILLIAM REEMSNYDER

Senior

DAYSHAUN MARKS

Junior

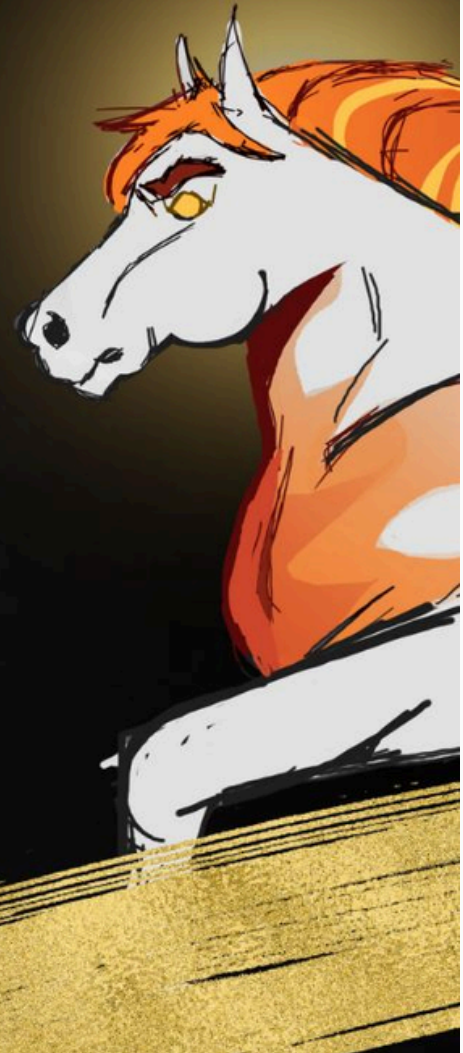
GRACEY LLAKA

Sophomore

LIAM CATRICALA

Freshman

Congratulations!



Congratulations , Mrs. Calos!

November

Teacher of the Month!



TEACHER OF THE MONTH

NOVEMBER '24

MRS. CALOS

SPANISH

"I BELIEVE THAT MRS. CALOS SHOULD BE THE TEACHER OF THE MONTH BECAUSE WHEN I WAS STRUGGLING IN CLASS, SHE STAYED EVERY TUESDAY TO HELP TUTOR ME SO I COULD BRING UP MY GRADE."

Early College
Trailblazers



Title I Newsletter

December 2024

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High School Parents[®]

Horry County Schools

still make the difference!

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Five strategies boost your teen's analytical thinking skills

When students develop their analytical thinking skills, they are better prepared to face academic and personal challenges. To provide practice using these essential thinking skills, encourage your teen to:

1. **Explain situations**, examples and problems in detail. To describe an issue effectively, your teen will need to learn vocabulary and practice expressing thoughts clearly.
2. **Analyze information**. When reading something online or in print, your teen shouldn't just take it at face value. Suggest finding credible sources to determine the actual facts.
3. **See all sides of an issue**. Is your teen passionate about a particular issue? Ask your student to develop arguments defending opposing

viewpoints with equal dedication. This will help your teen look deeply at an issue and understand different perspectives.

4. **Participate in "thinking"** extracurricular activities. Working on a school newspaper will teach your teen to conduct interviews and write articles based on information. A drama club will expose your teen to great works of literature. A chess club will teach strategic decision-making. All of these skills enhance analytical thinking abilities.
5. **Embrace people's differences**. Throughout life, your teen will interact with people from all kinds of backgrounds. Trying to understand differences will help your teen gain insights about others and the world.

Family meals foster strong relationships



Where's the best place to connect with your high schooler? It may be over a meal.

To make the most of family mealtimes:

- **Schedule them**. If you can't eat together every day, try to sit down together a few times each week.
- **Be flexible**. If evening meals are often difficult to schedule, share breakfast with your teen instead. You'll have the same opportunity to connect.
- **Include your teen** in mealtime conversations. Ask your high schooler specific questions to get more than a *yes* or *no* answer. "What's one interesting thing you learned in science class today?"
- **Keep it pleasant**. Don't use mealtimes as opportunities to criticize your teen or start arguments.
- **Laugh**. Humor can make mealtime fun for everyone.
- **Go low-tech**. Turn off digital devices and enjoy family meals free from distractions.

Source: S.G. Wallace, "The Art and Science of Family Dinner," *Psychology Today*, Sussex Publishers, LLC.

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Spanish

Escuela Secundaria

Los Padres

Horry County Schools

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¡aún hacen la diferencia!



Cinco estrategias para mejorar el pensamiento analítico de su joven

Cuando los estudiantes desarrollan sus habilidades de pensamiento analítico, están mejor preparados para enfrentar desafíos académicos y personales. Para proporcionar práctica en el uso de estas habilidades de pensamiento esenciales, anime a su joven a:

1. **Explicar situaciones**, ejemplos y problemas en detalle. Para describir un problema de manera eficaz, su joven deberá aprender vocabulario y practicar cómo expresar pensamientos con claridad.
2. **Analizar la información**. Al leer algo en internet o en papel, su joven no debería tomarlo al pie de la letra. Sugiera que encuentre fuentes confiables para determinar cuáles son los datos reales.
3. **Ver todos los lados** de un problema. ¿A su hijo lo apasiona un tema en particular? Pídale que desarrolle argumentos para defender los

puntos de vista opuestos con igual dedicación. Eso ayudará a su joven a profundizar en el tema y comprender distintas perspectivas.

4. **Participar en actividades** extracurriculares "analíticas". Trabajar en el periódico de la escuela le enseñará a su joven a hacer entrevistas y escribir artículos basados en información. Un grupo de actuación expondrá a su joven a grandes obras literarias. Un club de ajedrez le enseñará a tomar decisiones de forma estratégica. Todas estas habilidades mejoran las capacidades de pensamiento analítico.
5. **Aceptar las diferencias** entre las personas. A lo largo de su vida, su joven interactuará con personas de todo tipo de contextos. Intentar comprender las diferencias lo ayudará a comprender mejor a los demás y al mundo.

Comer en familia fomenta las relaciones sólidas



¿Cuál es el mejor lugar para relacionarse con su joven? Podría ser durante una comida.

Para aprovechar al máximo las comidas familiares:

- **Prográmelas**. Si no pueden comer juntos todos los días, intenten sentarse unas cuantas veces por semana.
- **Sea flexible**. Si suele ser difícil programar una cena, comparta la hora del desayuno con su joven. Tendrán la misma oportunidad de conectarse.
- **Incluya a su joven** en las conversaciones durante la cena. Hágale a su escolar de secundaria preguntas específicas para obtener más que una respuesta de *sí* o *no*. "¿Qué cosa interesante aprendiste en la clase de ciencias hoy?"
- **Asegúrese de que sea agradable**. No use el horario de la comida como una oportunidad para criticar a su joven o iniciar una discusión.
- **Ríanse**. El humor puede hacer que las comidas sean divertidas para todos.
- **Deje de lado** la tecnología. Apague los dispositivos digitales y disfrute de las comidas en familia sin distracciones.

Fuente: S.G. Wallace, "The Art and Science of Family Dinner," *Psychology Today*, Sussex Publishers, LLC.

Contests

Student of the Month

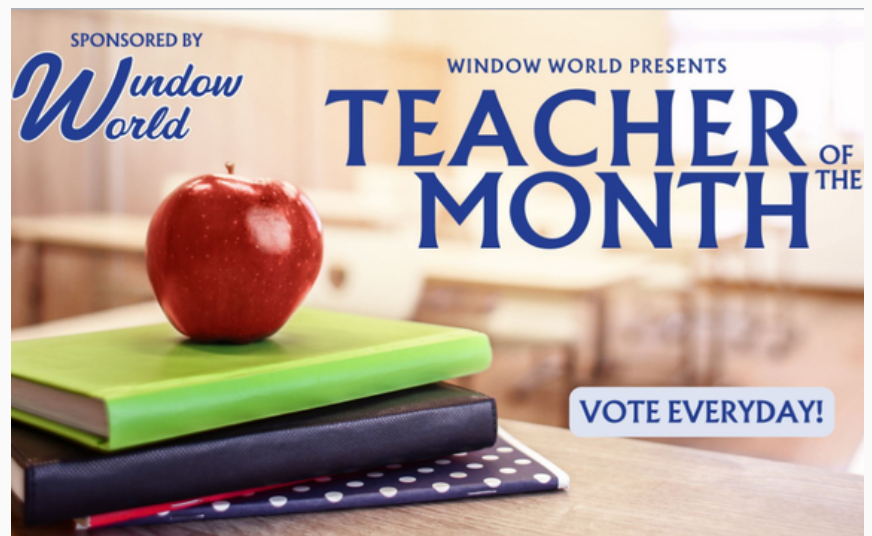
Make your nominations for the November 2024 Student of the Month! Vote & Nominate EVERYDAY! The student with the most votes will win a plaque, prize from Beazer Homes, and a follow up story in our local papers! Vote & Nominate: 11/1-11/30 Winner Contacted: 12/1

Football Fans Choice

The 2024 Horry County Football Fans' Choice Awards are HERE! Now is the time to nominate & vote for football players, coaches, cheer squad, athletic directors & more across all of Horry County! One random participant will win \$500 from Grand Strand Nissan just for voting! Voting & Nominating: August 19 - November 17 Winner Contacted: November 18 Awards Ceremony for Winners: Early December (invitation to follow) Don't forget to vote EVERYDAY!

Teacher of the Month

Make your nominations for the November Teacher of the Month! The teacher with the most votes at the end of the month wins a plaque, prize from Window World and a follow up story in our local papers! Nominate & Vote: 11/1 - 11/30. The Winner will be contacted: 12/1



Ms. Jonelle Benton

ECHS
**Teacher
of the
Year**

2024-2025



Mental Health Matters

care/solace.

Help is Available

Care Solace is available 24/7/365 to connect you to the help you need.

care/solace.

It's okay to ask for help.

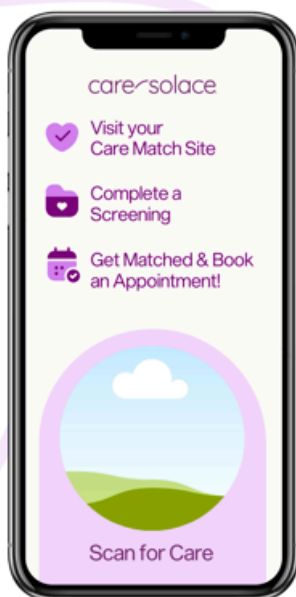


(888) 515-0595

Care Solace is a free, confidential service that connects students, staff and their families to mental health providers and substance use treatment matched to their needs – regardless of insurance.

Scan the code or use your link:
caresolace.com/

If you have a life-threatening emergency, please call 911 or the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988. Care Solace is not an emergency response service or mental health services provider.



care/solace.

Esta bien pedir ayuda



Llame al (888) 515-0595

Care Solace conecta a los estudiantes, el personal y sus familias con el cuidado. Sin costo alguno para usted, Care Solace encontrará rápida y confidencialmente proveedores de salud mental y uso de sustancias disponibles que coincidan con sus necesidades.

Escanee el código QR para conectarse con atención hoy.

O ir a este sitio web:
caresolace.com/

Tenga en cuenta: Care Solace no es un servicio de respuesta a emergencias ni un proveedor de servicios de salud mental. En caso de una emergencia que ponga en peligro la vida, llame al 9-1-1 o a la Línea Directa Nacional de Suicidio 1-800-273-8255.



InvenTeam

The InvenTeam is in need of your help to collect several items for an upcoming project.

These items can be dropped off in the box in the main lobby.

We need the following items:

- tall aluminum cans (Arizona, Monster, etc)
- plastic lids (all sizes, colors)
- bottle caps
- cd/dvd
- Capri Sun pouches
- chip bags (all sizes)
- candy bar wrappers (M&M, Skittles, Sour Patch, etc. all sizes)

Please make sure all items are clean, dry, and undamaged

February 28, 2025 - last day to donate

WINTER
WONDERLAND

Winter Formal

JANUARY

Friday 10th | Marina Inn Grande Dunes | 7:00 PM

\$15 ADMISSION

TICKETS ON SALE TILL DECEMBER 19TH

8121 AMALFI PL,
MYRTLE BEACH, SC, 29572



SCAN HERE

- Tickets can be purchased online or in person during lunch.
- Permission slip required with in-person purchase.
- Online sales - MyPaymentsPlus.com (permission slip included).

Tickets are nonrefundable.

[Permission Slip](#)

ECHS Talent Show

February 21, 2025

1:15

B & C Auditorium



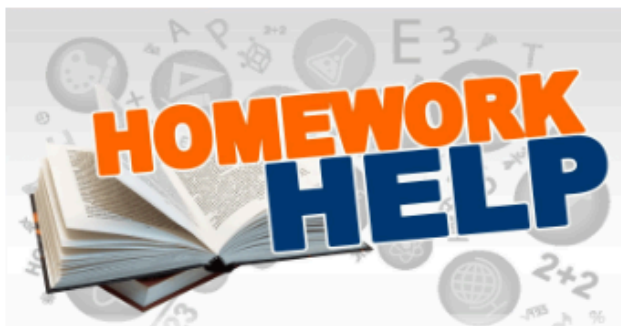
[Sign up](#)

Trailblazer Tutoring Program

Tuesdays & Wednesdays 2:30 - 4:30



**HCS EARLY COLLEGE
TRAILBLAZERS**



Homework Help Guidelines:

- **In Person Help** is available after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:30 - 4:30.
- Students will meet the teacher at the designated location and remain there until they are picked up.
- Students must be picked up by 4:30

After School Assistance			
English			
Room 230	Ms. Robinette	Tuesdays	2:30 - 4:30
Math (Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry)			
Room 207	Mrs. Bishop	Tuesdays & Wednesdays	2:30 - 3:30
<i>*no math tutoring with Mrs. Bishop on the 2nd Wednesday of the month*</i>			
All Subjects, Group Projects, & Math			
Room 152B	Ms. Rautsaw	Tuesdays	2:30 - 4:30

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



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.

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
North Myrtle Beach	843.399.8575
Socastee	843.293.6941
St. James	843.650.1937

District Transportation Office
843.488.6957





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.





2024-25 Calendar

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Testing

Dates for SCREAY and SCPASS assessments are May 9 - June 6, 2025.
 Dates for EOCs - English II Reading, Algebra, Biology, and USHC assessments are the last 15 days of each semester. English II writing is the last 20 days of each semester.
 Final exams for high school students are the last two days of the semester.

Interim Report and Report Card Dates

Interim reports will be issued on September 20, 2024, December 4, 2024, February 25, 2025, and May 4, 2025.
 Report cards will be issued by October 30, 2024, January 27, 2025, April 2, 2025, and June 10, 2025.

Emergency Closings

If at any time HCS determines the need for a delayed opening, early dismissal, or school closure, notification will be made via our mass notification system, HCS-TV, the HCS website, the HCS Mobile App, all forms of HCS social media, as well as the local news media. Please ensure that your student's records contain current contact information that will enable HCS to reach you during the school day and after hours. Report changes of information to your school.

Make-Up Days

October 14, 2024, October 15, 2024, and February 18, 2025, are possible make-up days. Any non-instructional day, including Saturdays, may be considered a make-up day due to school cancellation.

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