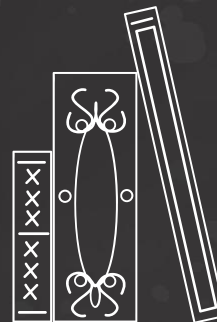




HCS Scholars Academy High School



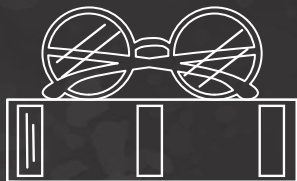
Freshman Open House
August 15, 2024





Student Handbook Information

- Student Guide to Success Handbook
 - ◆ Coming Soon-Webpage and email
- You must log onto the HCS network before your computer will work. Computers will be distributed Monday.
- Powerschool logins and HCS logins are the same.



SCHOLARS ACADEMY MASTER SCHEDULE 2024-2025

Monday, Wednesday & Friday	Tuesday & Thursday	ADVISORY
7:58 - 8:00	7:58 - 8:00	7:58 - 8:00
ANNOUNCEMENTS (Students must be PRESENT at 7:58am)		
8:00 - 8:55	8:00 - 9:20	8:00 - 9:20
1st Block	1st Block	1st Block
9:00 - 9:55	9:25 - 10:45	9:25 - 10:45
2nd Block	2nd Block	2nd Block
10:00 - 10:55	10:50 - 12:15	10:50 - 12:10
3rd Block	3rd Block	3rd Block
11:00 - 11:55	12:15 - 12:45	12:10 - 12:35
4th Block	Lunch	Lunch
11:55 - 12:20	12:50 - 2:15	12:40 - 1:00
Lunch	4th Block	ADVISORY
12:25 - 1:15		1:05 - 2:15
5th Block		4th Block
1:20 - 2:15		
6th Block		
Please note that school start time is 7:58 a.m. and end time is 2:15 p.m.		





School Hours: 7:30 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

School Start Time: 7:58 a.m.

Pledge and Moment of Silence
(tardies will be counted)

No late arrival/early dismissal first
week of school

Transportation Information



Each Attendance Area is Different -

→ Contacts HCS Transportation

Car Riders — Drop Off between 7:30–7:58 a.m.

→ on the side of the building — Front Corner
(Buses and cars cannot drop in the same place—state law)

Drop off Video Link

After 7:58 a.m. — Parent/driver must sign in

PICK UP — BACK OF THE BUILDING
(SEE MAP) 2:15–3:00 p.m.

After 3:00 p.m. — pick up out front

Pick up Video Link

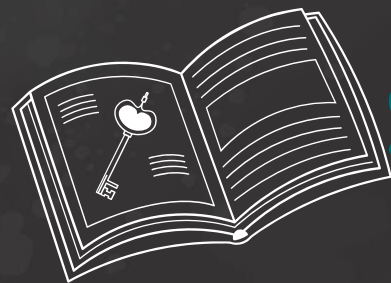


Aerial Map of Scholars



CCU Alert





Scholars Academy Yearbook

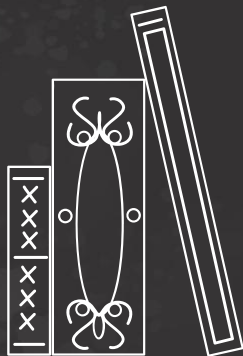
Maya Patel—Editor

Mrs. Herness—Sponsor

More staff members needed

Purchase Online--\$65.00 from now until December

jostensyearbook.com





AEGIS YEARBOOK 2025 on sale NOW!!! \$65



- Go to jostensyearbooks.com
- Select school
- Type info (homeroom teacher not needed; grade level is)
- If you want no personalization, you must click "no thank you" on each page.
- **OR** have your name embossed and get 4 icons free!



MONOGRAMS



M001



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M003



M004

CRESTS



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C002



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C004

GET FOUR FREE ICONS

WHEN YOU PERSONALIZE* YOUR COVER

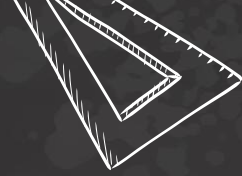
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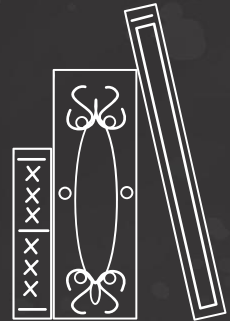
Jostens



School Procedures



- All students will be required to scan a QR code to enter or must check in at the computer up front.
- In the afternoon, car riders should exit by the back door.
- No one should open any doors to allow people in. *ALL access must be through the front doors.*



Open Gate Security System



- Every person will be searched each time they enter the building
- Clear bags required – [see HCS guidelines here](#)
- Procedure:
 - ◆ Walk through with your bookbag strapped on your front
 - Pass your laptop to the adult on duty
 - ◆ Phones, airpods & keys may remain in pockets
 - ◆ Umbrellas, certain glasses cases, binders will make the system alert
 - ◆ If the system alerts on you, you will be required to move to a secondary search area
 - ◆ If the system does not alert on you, you can keep it moving

Open Gate Security System

NEW

- Students without bags will be able to pass through this screening more quickly.
- Students with athletic bags/equipment will “check them” with the security guard and then pick them up when they leave. *Students will not have access to these bags during the school day. GYM Bags will be handled separately.*
- Students should use their lockers and/or leave books at home unless instructed to bring them for a specific day

Open Gate Security System



- ☆ → Parents – please *help us* by not bringing in any unnecessary items
 - If you are picking up your student:
 - Keys, phone, & ID
 - If you are attending a meeting:
 - Keys, phone, ID, notebook
- ☆ → The more stuff you bring in, the longer it will take you to get in.





PLEASE NOTE:

ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO ENTER
HCS Scholars Academy High School

WILL BE **REQUIRED** TO GO THROUGH A
SECURITY SCREENING PROCESS EACH
TIME THEY ENTER THE BUILDING. DUE TO
THIS, WE ASK THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS
REFRAIN FROM BRINGING UNNECESSARY
ITEMS INTO THE BUILDING IN ORDER TO
EXPEDITE THE PROCESS. PLEASE LEAVE
ALL OTHER ITEMS IN YOUR CAR.



HCS CLEAR BAG POLICY CONSEQUENCES

- 1st Offense: confiscation & call home
- 2nd Offense: 1-2 days OSS
- 3rd Offense: 3-5 days OSS
- 4th Offense: Disciplinary Hearing



Please see the link below for the HCS Clear Bag Policy to ensure your student is in compliance.

HCS Clear Bag Policy

Important Dates

August 19th

First Day of School

(No late arrival/ Early Dismissal first week of school)

August 21st

First Day of CCU classes

August 23rd
School

AP Celebration-Lunch/School Wide Meeting &







September 4th

Pictures

September 12th

School Pictures/Senior Pictures

9th Grade Level Meeting with Guidance/Principal



Digital Device & Textbook Information

DIGITAL DEVICE—School issued Dell Laptops

\$25.00 fee – payable at front desk if you did not pay during online registration

You may bring your own device but there could be issues with access.



HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to use HCS issued device

Computers will be distributed Monday.

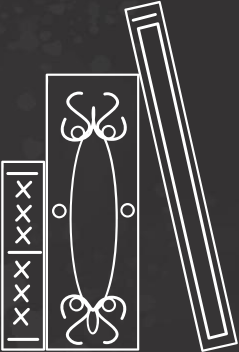
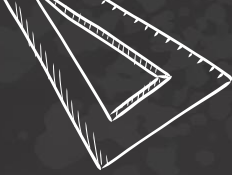
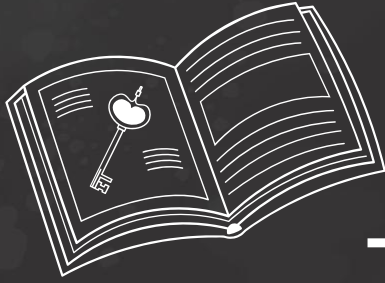
Printing—must have a flash drive

SA TEXTBOOKS —Any issues with books—see Mrs. Holland






Campus Restrictions

- Dorms, Dining Facilities, HTC Center, Game Room in Student Center are **OFF LIMITS TO ALL STUDENTS**
- **NO** Starbucks or Einstein's Bagels
- First Semester with an Adult
- To be on campus **AFTER SCHOOL** - students **must have SA permission** or accompanied by parent/guardian (sporting events, theater....)





Scholars Academy Dress Code

- 
- Located in SA Guide to Student Success
 - Pants, Shorts, Skirts and Dresses
 - Tops
 - Undergarments, Leggings
 - Pictures and writing on clothing/masks or other items
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- 



Community Service Hours



You can turn in up to 8 from the summer due August 31st.

- All documentation must be submitted using the online process.
- Access must be from student HCS gmail account



Complete 7/8 hours each term (total of 15)

*You may complete more in first term to finish requirement

All hours are due by April 30, 2025 (last school day of the month)



ALL hours must be submitted monthly

- Targeted
- Purposeful
- Supportive to a community who has given to you

"To Whom Much Is Given Much Is Required"





ATTENTION!


STATE REPORT CARD

EARLY SPRING

PARENT SURVEY

80% COMPLETION RATE

10 POINTS ON THE STATE REPORT CARD
(anything less than 80% is entered as a zero)



School Improvement Council



- Nominations due by AUGUST 31st, 2024
- SIC Nomination Form located in announcements this week
- Must be 2 parents, 2 faculty/staff, 2 students, 2 community members, and
- 1 CCU representative
- Limited to two terms
- Initial Meeting September 26th
- All meetings will be held virtually

Current Openings:



- Freshman/Sophomore student
- Freshman/Sophomore

PTSO

President: Nadine Duerr
Vice President—Miriam Bradshaw

Scholars Academy Apparel

Get yours now!



Lots of Options - Colors, Designs
Customizable with Graduation Year (if Desired)

Shirts, Hoodies,
Sweatpants,
Performance Wear,
Hats, Bags,
Accessories...

Sizes running from infants to XXXL!
Suggest ordering a size larger than normal as some
products run a little small!

12% of every sale goes to the Scholars Academy PTSO

To Order: <https://apparelnow.com/scholars-academy-gear>



SCAN ME

Bullyin

- A behavior that hurts or harms another person physically, socially, or emotionally
- An inability for the target to stop the behavior and defend himself/herself
- An imbalance of power that occurs when the student doing the bullying has more physical, emotional, or social power than the target
- A repetitive behavior (However, bullying can occur in a single incident if that incident is either very severe or arises from a pattern of behavior)



What is Bullying?

"Harassment, intimidation, or bullying means a pattern of electronic communication or a written, verbal, physical, or sexual act that is reasonably perceived to have the effect of causing a student physical or emotional harm or damage to a student's property or placing a student in reasonable fear of personal harm or property damage, or causing or causing a student or group of students cowardly substantial disruption in, or substantial interference with, the orderly operation of the school."

As defined by the South Carolina State Schools Climate Act, Section 59-63-120.

"Unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time."

As defined by stopbullying.gov

Horry County Schools is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students and staff members, and part of that is creating a climate where bullying is neither accepted nor tolerated. We believe that a safe and supportive school environment can help prevent bullying behaviors. We must clearly communicate expectations for student behavior as it relates to bullying, and then we must appropriately deal with those who violate those expectations. Likewise, we must provide appropriate support to those who are victims of bullying.

Our Bully Prevention online resources will help you understand the roles and responsibilities of the District and its schools, with helpful resources for parents and students. The South Carolina State Schools Climate Act requires public schools to take steps to prevent school harassment, intimidation, or bullying. The Act requires each district to adopt prevention policies and provide training for all persons who work in public schools.

How Do I Report Bullying?

Anyone can report bullying. Students who experience bullying or those who observe bullying, are encouraged to tell an adult who can help. Parents are encouraged to tell the school principal or assistant principal if they have concerns that their child, or another child, has been subjected to bullying in any form.

Horry County Schools takes bullying very seriously and will investigate all reports thoroughly. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken if an investigation determines that a student, or group of students, have engaged in bullying, regardless of the tactics used or the time of day the incident occurred. Additionally, the District will involve local law enforcement, as needed, to assist with the investigation and to determine if a crime has occurred.

If parents continue to have concerns after making a report at the school level and after the school has been afforded the time to conduct an investigation, a written complaint may be submitted to Horry County Schools' Executive Director of Student Affairs for further review at:

No Bullies@HorryCountySchools.net

Anonymous reports can be made at any time by calling the School Crime Tip Line at:

(843) 915-5805 (7767) or by accessing the reporting tools on the HCS website or mobile app.

If parents feel they are not getting a prompt response to their concerns from the Office of Student Affairs, they may contact the Office of the Ombudsman in the South Carolina Department of Education for assistance in resolving the concerns. The SDOE's ombudsman does not take sides in the investigation, but rather assists with communication regarding the district's adherence to defined policies and appeal procedures.

**SPEAK OUT
AGAINST BULLYING!**

**UNITED
AGAINST
BULLIES &
VIOLENCE!**

Scholars Academy Bullying Contacts

Norman McQueen 843-349-6565
nmcqueen@horrycountyschools.net

Genelle Williams 843-349-2967
gwilliams006@horrycountyschools.net

HCS
Horry County Schools

**Bully Prevention
& Reporting**

Visit: horrycountyschools.net/stopbullying

Horry County Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, immigrant status, English-speaking status, or any other characteristics protected by applicable federal or S.C. law in its programs or activities. For questions regarding the nondiscrimination policies call 843-488-6700, or write Horry County Schools, 335 Four Mile Rd., Conway, SC 29526.

Norman McQueen 843-349-6565
NMcQueen@HorryCountySchools.net

Michele Macasek 843-349-4117
MMacasek@HorryCountySchools.net

Genelle Williams 843-349-2967
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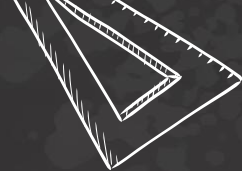
Scholars Academy Schoology

- Schoology as our instructional platform. This platform provides fingertip, remote, and constant access to assignments and assessments. Assignments will be submitted using Schoology.
- Information will be shared during the first week of classes with students and how parents can monitor progress.
- There is a homework calendar feature in Schoology to assist students with balancing workloads and monitoring when assignments are due.





Important Phone Numbers



- Scholars Academy Front Desk - (843) 349-4117
- Norman McQueen (office) - (843) 349-6565



Norman McQueen - Principal - nmcqueen@horrycountyschools.net

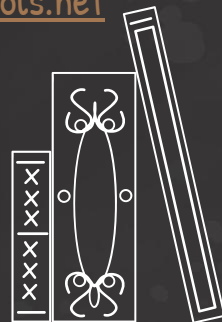
Michele Macasek - Assistant Principal - mmacasek@horrycountyschools.net

Genelle Williams - Guidance - gwilliams006@horrycountyschools.net

Amber Holland - Front Desk/Attendance - aholland001@horrycountyschools.net

Michelle Gavilan - Data Quality/Bookkeeper - mchevaliergavilan@horrycountyschools.net

Ashley Johnson - Front Desk/Guidance Secretary - ajohnson015@horrycountyschools.net



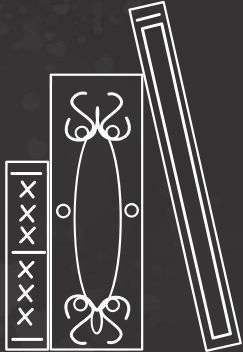
Scholars Station

Scholars Station Schedule:

(55 Minutes on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday)

(75 minutes on Tuesday, and Thursday)

- Designed to provide an opportunity for purposeful, individual, and/or collaborative work
- Is key to management of the rigors of Scholars Academy
- NOT MEANT TO BE:
 - ◆ a time for relaxation and free time
 - ◆ a time for socializing

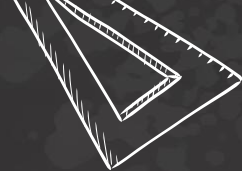


Cell Phone Policy

- Cell phones may be used before school, during lunch, and during the 10 minute break between classes
- Cell phones may be used in classes **ONLY** if instructed to do so by the teacher
- Cell phones may **NOT** be used during Scholars Station

Electronics Usage

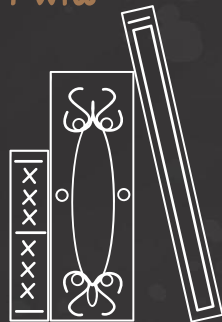
- Electronics may be used in class with teacher permission
- Electronics may be used in Scholars Station for academic purposes only
- Electronic devices may **NOT** be used to access social media, TV shows, games, or other non-academic sites

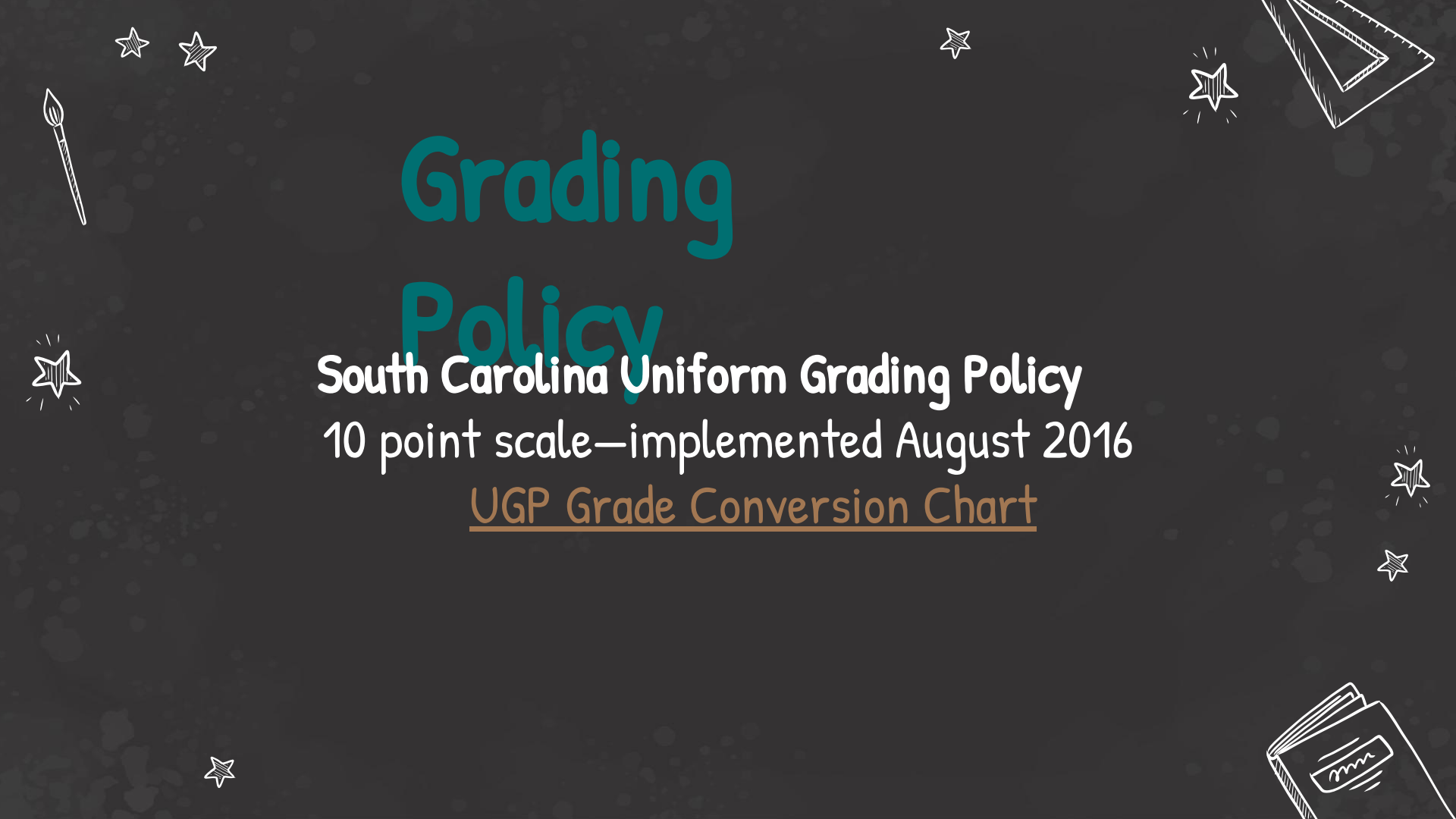


HONOR CODE PLEDGE

As a student who has chosen to attend Scholars Academy, I understand that I belong to a community of learners dedicated to the pursuit of academic excellence and personal integrity.

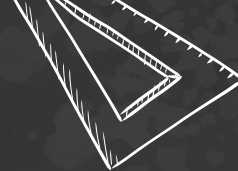
I accept my responsibility to promote academic honesty and pledge all materials submitted under my name are my work. I promise to uphold the Scholars Academy Honor Code, and I will foster an atmosphere of integrity. As a member of the Scholars Academy community, I will not participate in or tolerate academic dishonesty.





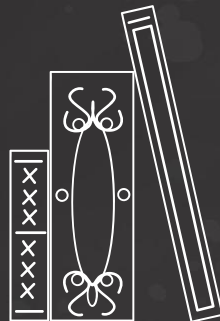
Grading Policy

South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy
10 point scale—implemented August 2016
UGP Grade Conversion Chart



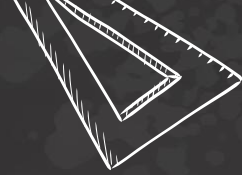
Remember...

- Students at Scholars Academy High School will **NOT** be ranked
- To qualify for Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Opportunities, student must
 - ◆ score at least 1400 on the SAT (31 on the ACT) by the November national test administration **and**
 - ◆ earn a minimum 4.00 cumulative GPA on the SC UGP at the end of the junior year

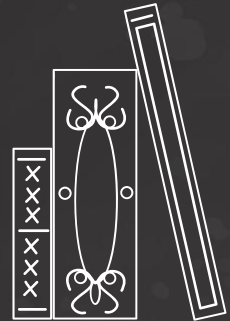




Lunch Options



- Students may bring their own lunch.
- Several microwaves are available for student use.
- Students may order lunch daily from HCS Early College High School.
- Mr. McQueen sends out each menu on our weekly announcements, along with the link for ordering. **Lunches *MUST* be ordered before 8:30 a.m.**
- Students will eat in the commons area or outside. Students may also eat in a classroom as long as a teacher is present and a club is not meeting.



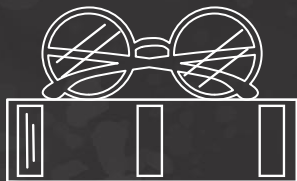


★ Packet Information

Packets contain the following information:



- Schedules
- Late Arrival/Early Dismissal
- District Forms
- Any outstanding balances
- All paperwork must be turned in by August 23rd.



The Freshman Experience

Day 1



River Island
Adventure



DIVE DEEPER

Jellyfish

King Crab

Swordfish

Dolphins

Stingrays

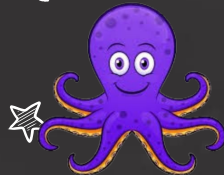
Sharks

Octopus

Sea Turtles

Seahorses

Orcas



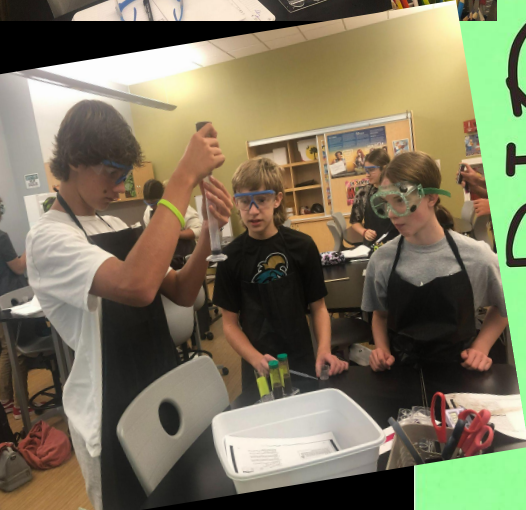
Introductions of Faculty & Staff



Whitney Stancil, Honors Biology

- Wife
 - Married to Scott for 30 years
- Mom
 - Jess, 27, Labor & Delivery Nurse, Married to Corey
 - Addie, 25, Director of Youth, Masters student at Southern Seminary, Married to Kevin
 - Pepper & Charlie, two miniature schnauzers, majoring in napping
- Teacher
 - Began in 1994, teaching Biology in Dallas, Texas
 - This is my 6th year at Scholars, teaching Biology and Chemistry





BIOLOGY

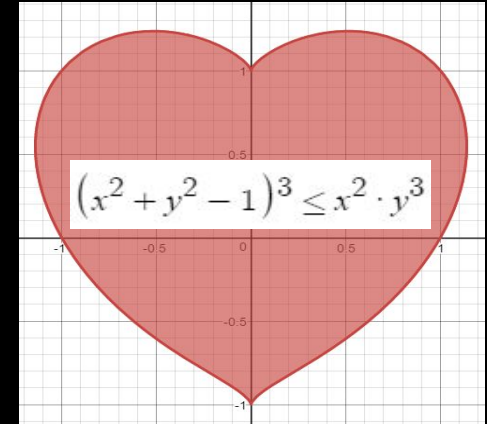
About Honors Biology

- EOC Tested Course
- Please email me with any questions or concerns, WStancil@horrycountyschools.net
- We use a problem based curriculum to study **Sustainability, Ecology, Cells, Genetics, and Evolution**
- Tutoring is available Tuesday- Thursday after school by appointment
- Students will keep an interactive science notebook
- Students are expected to follow the SA Honor Code



Mrs. Lambert

- ❖ Conway native
- ❖ married for almost 20 years
- ❖ daughter 17 years old
- ❖ 17th year teaching
 - ❖ Whittemore Park Middle - 4 yrs
 - ❖ Scholars Academy - 12 yrs
 - ❖ Conway High School - 1 yr
- ❖ have taught everything from PreAlgebra to BC Calculus



Algebra II Honors

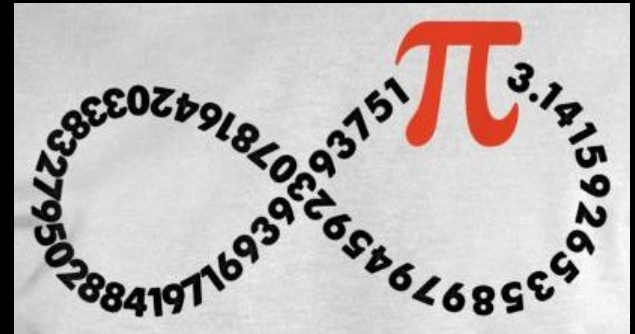


- ❖ Algebra II Honors will be more challenging than your previous math courses. In Algebra I and Geometry, you learned in a year what a high school class would learn in a semester. This means you had twice as long to practice.
- ❖ Because we align our schedule with CCU's, we have 325 minutes per week in class as opposed to other high schools where they have up to 450 minutes per week. The pacing will be much faster than your previous math courses.
- ❖ In Algebra II, the topics are more difficult, and the problems require more thinking/work to complete.
- ❖ Consequently, you will have homework everyday and you may need to put in more effort than you are used to giving.

Algebra II Resources

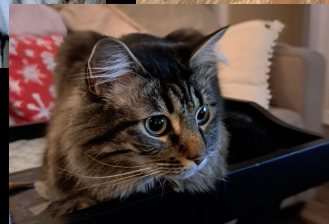
Please review my welcome letter by clicking [here](#). There is important information regarding access to Schoology, our digital learning platform.

In Schoology, students have access to videos, PowerPoints, review practice, etc. It also outlines my expectations and provides tips on how to be successful. Students can communicate with me and one another. Schoology will not be accessible until Monday 8/19.



Derek Deremer, English 2 & Freshman Seminar

- Originally from outside Pittsburgh, PA
- Teacher since 2010
 - Aynor High School
 - IB English (AP Lang and Lit)
 - Theatre 1-4
 - English 1 & 2H
 - Aynor & Conway Middle Schools
 - English 1 H
 - English 7-8H
 - Propel Montour Charter School
 - History 7-8
- Married since 2017
- Three Beasts at home
 - Jane (Jane Eyre)
 - Darcy (Mr. Darcy)
 - Malcolm (Dr. Ian Malcolm)



English II Honors

- Yearlong, EOC tested class on Monday-Thursday
- We will examine a variety of complex literary and nonfiction texts; therefore, students will always be reading and marking sticky note annotations - usually at home.
- Students will have three paper submissions across four domains (narrative, expository, argumentative[research, literary analysis]); they ALWAYS have a writing assignment due.
- Most assignments are given well in advance, so students are encouraged to budget time their time as to not become overwhelmed.
- Tutoring is available for assistance with novels, papers, and grammar analysis.
- Scholars Honors Code applies to all work. I'm aware of the temptation of utilizing AI in 2024. Don't

Freshman Seminar

- Class for this course will be on Fridays (and very occasionally on other days if needed)
- Students will be supplied a planner and using it will be a grade.
- We will focus on study skills/habits, organization, overcoming procrastination, socialization, and adapting to the Scholars environment
- We will complete a College and Career Project during 3rd and 4th semester. This project will serve as your Final.
- Through Freshman Seminar, we will schedule your first college course, receive your CCI ID, and tour the campus

Paul Sargent - AP U.S. Government and Politics

- I'm from, well, all over!
 - California (LA, SF, SD)
 - Jacksonville, FL
 - West Germany
 - Charleston!!
 - Boston, MA
 - Washington, DC
 - Fredericksburg, VA
 - San Diego, CA
 - Centreville, VA
 - Hershey, PA
- 21 years of teaching experience
- 18 years teaching AP Gov
- Married with 2 daughters
- Happy to be here in Myrtle Beach!



AP U.S. Government and Politics

APGOPO is the only Advanced Placement course SAHS 9th graders take during their first year here (students must take 7 during 4 years...usually take 9-10)

- is reading intensive...nightly reading and questions
- has difficult assessments...formatted in the same manner as College Board exam
- agitates thought and opinion...it's not just class; it's reality!

Some examples of the critical questions that will carry our inquiry:

- How democratic is the United States?
- What are the core American political values?
- How do we reconcile liberty and security in an age of global terror?
- Who does our political system represent?

#WeGetTo2025

