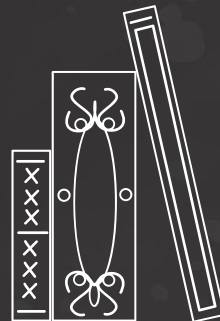


Open House  
August 13, 2024

# HCS Scholars Academy High School





# Student Handbook Information

- Student Guide to Success Handbook
  - ◆ Coming Soon-Webpage and email
- NOTE: Junior Marshals will be determined by Top 12 GPAs in the Junior Class.
- You must log onto the HCS network before your computer will work. Everything was reimaged.
- Powerschool logins and HCS logins are the same. Parents make sure you can access Powerschool



# 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.

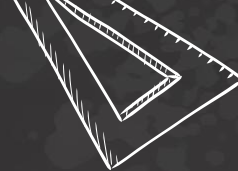
After 3:00 p.m. — pick up out front

Pick up Video Link Please use **BLINKERS!!**





# Aerial Map of Scholars






# CCU Parking



Student parking decals are now available for the 2024-2025 academic year (Fall 2024 through Summer II 2025). All vehicles, including motorcycles, mopeds, and motor scooters must be registered annually with the University and have a current parking decal permanently affixed to the vehicle to be parked on campus.



To order your decal please follow the link to the [Online Decal Purchases - Manage Vehicles](#) page. You will need to upload your current vehicle registration. Make sure you have a clean picture or scan of your registration when submitting the form. If you will be living in University Housing, you will enter your housing assignment as your local address.



Order your decal **before Aug. 1** to have it mailed to your home address. If you order on or after Aug. 1, you will need to pick up your decal from the Department of Public Safety, 255 University Blvd.

You are also encouraged to register your bicycle with the University. Follow this link to the [Online Decal Purchases - Manage Bicycles](#) page to complete your one-time bicycle registration. If you have registered your bicycle previously, you do not need to register it again.

All students, faculty, and staff are responsible for reading and abiding by the University's Traffic and Parking Regulations. The regulations can be found on the [Traffic and Parking](#) page.

For assistance or questions regarding your decal order, please call 843-349-2697.

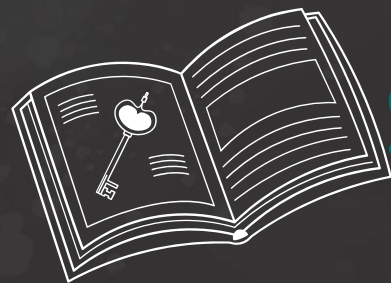
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# CCU Alert







# Scholars Academy Yearbook

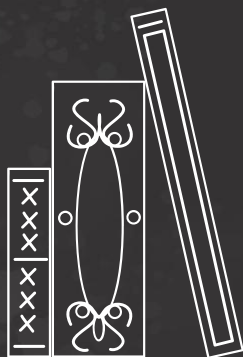
Maya Patel—Editor

Mrs. Herness—Sponsor

More staff members needed

Purchase Online--\$65.00 from now until December

[jostensyearbook.com](http://jostensyearbook.com)





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



- Go to [jostensyearbooks.com](https://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



## CRESTS



## GET FOUR FREE ICONS

WHEN YOU PERSONALIZE\* YOUR COVER

\*Purchase name, monogram or crest personalization for your yearbook, then choose up to four free icons.

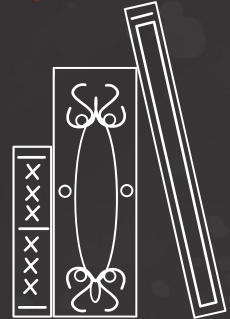


Jostens



# School Procedures

- All students will be required to scan a QR code to enter or must check in at the computer up front
- Students will exit through the front doors to attend CCU classes and must scan out as they leave during the school day.
- 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 book bag 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



- 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.*
- 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 &

August 27th

Pictures

11th and 12th Grade Level Meeting with  
Guidance/Principal 6:00-7:00

September 4th

School Pictures/Senior Pictures

September 10th

10th Grade Level Meeting with







Guidance/Principal

September 12th

9th Grade Level Meeting with Guidance/Principal

October 8th

CACRO Ed-Op Day-HCS Scholars Academy HS



# 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

Sign on before leaving tonight to download new info.

Printing—must have a flash drive

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

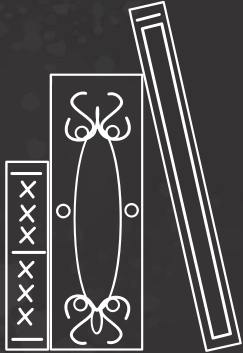
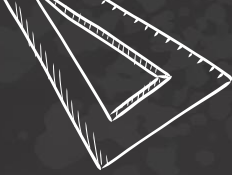
**CCU TEXTBOOKS**— Contact Cindi Salmon—CCU Bookstore





# Campus Restrictions

- Dorms, Dining Facilities, HTC Center, Game Room in Student Center are **OFF LIMITS TO ALL STUDENTS**
- Sophomores – **NO** Starbucks or Einstein's Bagels
- 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



# Community Service Hours



You can turn in up to 8 from the summer due August 31<sup>st</sup>.

- 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"**

**\*students in an honor society must complete an additional 10 hours of community service.**





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)  
YOU MUST HAVE A POWERSCHOOL LOGIN

# 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

**Scholars Academy Apparel**

Get yours now!



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

Shirts, Hoodies,  
Sweatpants,  
Performance Wear,  
Hats, Bags,  
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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>



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# 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.

UNITED  
AGAINST  
BULLIES &  
VIOLENCE!

SPEAK OUT  
AGAINST BULLYING!

### Scholars Academy Bullying Contacts

Norman McQueen 843-349-6565  
[nmcqueen@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:nmcqueen@horrycountyschools.net)

Genelle Williams 843-349-2967  
[gwilliams006@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:gwilliams006@horrycountyschools.net)

**HCS**  
Horry County Schools

**Bully Prevention  
& Reporting**

Visit: [horrycountyschools.net/stopbullying](http://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  
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Michele Macasek 843-349-4117  
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# Introductions of Faculty & Staff



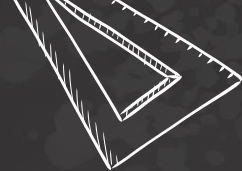


# Scholars Academy Schoology

- 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](mailto:nmcqueen@horrycountyschools.net)

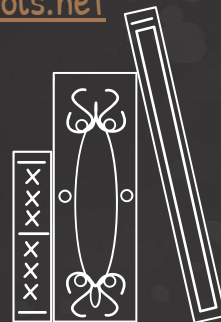
Michele Macasek - Assistant Principal - [mmacasek@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:mmacasek@horrycountyschools.net)

Genelle Williams - Guidance - [gwilliams006@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:gwilliams006@horrycountyschools.net)

Amber Holland - Front Desk/Attendance - [aholland001@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:aholland001@horrycountyschools.net)

Michelle Gavilan - Data Quality/Bookkeeper - [mchevaliergavilan@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:mchevaliergavilan@horrycountyschools.net)

Ashley Johnson - Front Desk/Guidance Secretary - [ajohnson015@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:ajohnson015@horrycountyschools.net)





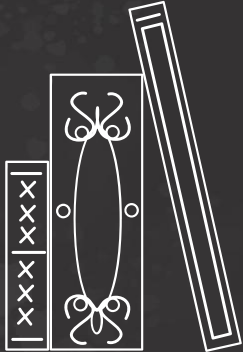
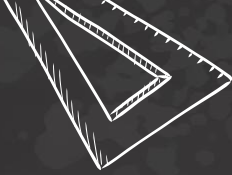
# Scholars Station

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

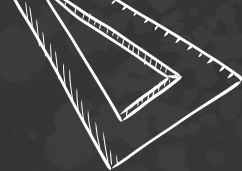


# Cell Phone Policy

- 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

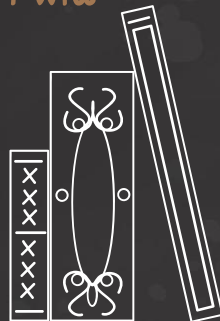
- Electronics may be used in class with teacher permission
- Electronics may be used in Scholars Station for academic purposes only
- Electronic devices may **NOT** be used to access social media, TV shows, games, or other non-academic sites

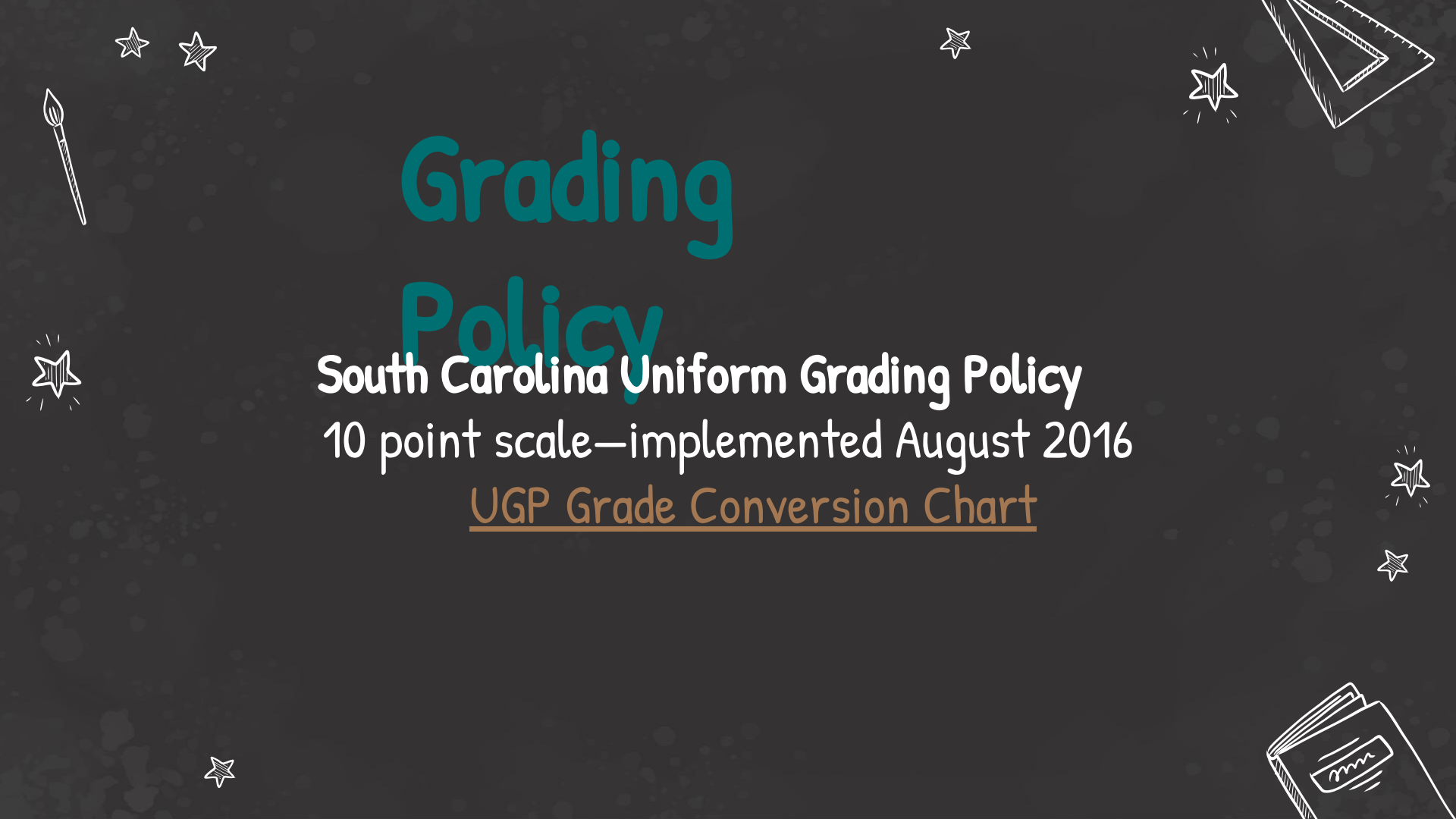


# HONOR CODE PLEDGE

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.

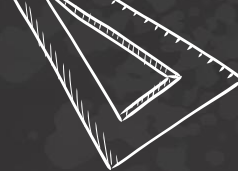




# Grading Policy

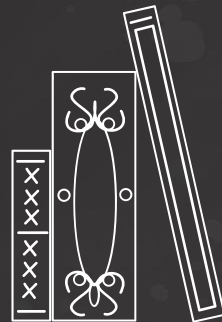
South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy  
10 point scale—implemented August 2016

UGP Grade Conversion Chart



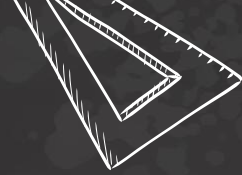
## Remember...

- 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

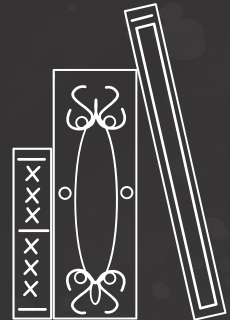
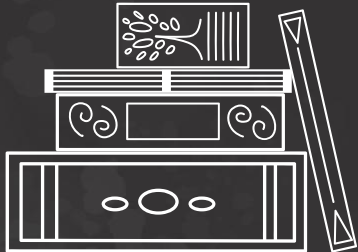




# Honor Societies



- The National Honor Society was established in 1921 to recognize those high school students who stand out amongst their fellow classmates by going above and beyond what's typically expected of them.
- NHS membership is open to Juniors/Seniors who meet the required standards in four areas of evaluation: scholarship, leadership, service, and character.
- National English Honor Society, Rho Kappa (Social Studies), Mu Alpha Theta (Math) and National Science Honor Society are also offered to qualified applicants.



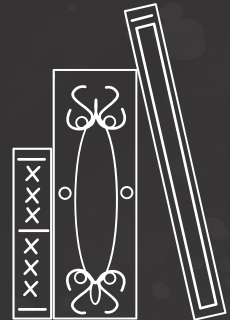




# Lunch Options



- 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 11th and 12th Grade
- District Forms
- Any outstanding balances
- All paperwork must be turned in by August 23rd.



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Jellyfish

King Crab

Swordfish

Dolphins

Stingrays

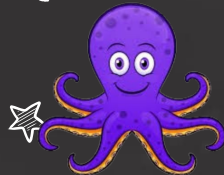
Sharks

Octopus

Sea Turtles

Seahorses

Orcas



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