



What is HAM RADIO?

According to the National Association for Amateur Radio (www.arrl.org), Amateur Radio (ham radio) is a popular hobby and service that brings people, electronics and communication together. People use ham radio to talk across town, around the world, or even into space, all without the Internet or cell phones.

Involvement in Ham Radio

There are numerous benefits of involvement in a “ham” radio school club. Practically, engaged students learn about electronic communication while increasing individual operating efficiency. Socially, skills in leadership and teamwork are developed during “contests” and club activities. The club may also serve to provide emergency communication in the event of a natural disaster in the community.

Our School Club Specifics

Our club members usually meet once a month to discuss opportunities and events and practice our amateur radio skills. We also participate in local, state-wide, and national competitions in an effort to obtain as many contacts as possible. Every club member has the opportunity to use the club radio, even without a license, but is encouraged to pursue at least a technician’s license*.

You do not have to invest a lot of money to be a ham radio operator! In fact, there are handheld radios for as little as \$25 on Amazon. WMHSARC members are NOT required to purchase any equipment. However, if you want to improve your skills and communicate outside of school, you are encouraged to spend as much as you want!

*licensed amateur radio operator information will become part of a public FCC database



Requirements for Joining the WMHSARC

Any WMHS student in grades 9-12 with an interest in Ham Radio and no behavior referrals may join the club. There may be fundraising events to help offset club activities.

About our Sponsors

School clubs have sponsoring community clubs. One of our local clubs, the NorthEast Louisiana Amateur Radio Club (NELARC) has been the driving force behind our students' involvement so far. They would continue to provide support by assisting with equipment, organizing "Ham Crams" designed to prepare students for licensing exams, and ensuring that our club follows all required FCC regulations. The Louisiana Delta Radio Club is also very welcoming to students and encourages participation in radio events.

Steps to Join

1. Fill out the Membership Application →
online: bit.ly/wmhsham
2. Join the Google Classroom:
join code: hkmhdxx
3. Pay the \$10 fee (*by Sept 30*) online at gorebs.org ->
Online School Payments

