Harbor Learning Center (HLC)
August 2025
Welcome to the 25-26 School Year!

August/SeptemberCalendar

August 11 First Day HLC Office opens to the public
August 21 Grays Harbor Academy Back to School Family Night 5- 7 PM
August 27 First day of school- HLC Family Orientation 8 AM - 1 PM
August 28 First day of classes at Harbor Junior/Senior High
August 28 HLC School Pictures
September 1 Labor Day- No School
September 13 Aberdeen High School Homecoming Dance 9- midnight
September 24 Early Release District Wide Collaboration 12:45 PM

We are so excited for our FIFTH YEAR as the Harbor Learning Center, HLC. This campus is a busy learning center for ages 0-21! This Hopkins Building contains:

- Aberdeen Schools' Therapy Office
- Promise **Private** Day Care and Preschool
- Snug Harbor Day Care (Aberdeen School District's Teen Parenting Program and ASD Employee Daycare)
- Grays Harbor Academy (Aberdeen School District's OnLine/Virtual K-12 School)
- Open Doors/GED + Diploma Program (Ages 16-21)
- Harbor Junior/Senior High School (Grades 7-12)

Harbor Junior/Senior High Grade 7 and 8- Year FIVE!

Our mission is to provide a smaller, more personalized/individualized learning environment for a few of our district's 7th and 8th graders. Our district's junior high, Miller Junior High, is an amazing, vibrant school! However, its large size (500 - 600 students) promotes an active and energetic place that might not be the optimum learning environment for a few of our district's youth. Let us know if someone in your family is interested in applying for the junior high component of Harbor Junior Senior High. Our middle school students are together in the same classes, but they have 6 different teachers. They travel from room to room like our high school students do. Some of our 8th grade students take classes with high school students which gives them the opportunity to start earning high school credit. Our middle school students also have the same lunch period as the high school students.

ASB (Associated Student Body) Activities!

ASB is back at the HLC for year THREE with another new ASB Advisor, Alison Cline. Congratulations to our 25-26 ASB officers and class representatives. Co-presidents: Angel Covault and AJ Malone, Vice President: Eli Harriman, Treasurer: Brooklyn Larson, Secretary: Danica Alexander. Our class representatives are 12th Grade: Lizzie Wagner and Nyeli Rodriguez-Torres, 11th Grade: Carson Johnson and Pedro Lopez-Lopez, 10th Grade: Madison Leopard and Cyn Aiken, 9th Grade: Makayla Howard and Sophie Malone, and 8th Grade: Liliana Drake and Liam Polley. **We look forward to the activities our student leaders are planning for the year!**

AHS Homecoming Dance 9/13/25

Our HLC high school students (Grade 9-12) can purchase tickets and attend the Aberdeen High School Homecoming Dance. Homecoming is early this year, so if you are planning on attending you only have a couple of weeks of school before the big event!

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Staff changes for 2025-2026

We were sad to see one of our teaching staff move to Aberdeen High School to teach Criminal Justice in the Twin Harbor Skill Center. We say goodbye to Mr. Trusty, but are excited to introduce you to our new Social Studies teacher, Eric Semanko. We are sharing a Spanish Interpreter with Aberdeen High School and Miller Junior High. Welcome, Crystal Sanchez.

2025-2026 School Supplies

Our district expects students to provide their own school supplies. HLC does not require many individual student supplies, and we provide classroom supplies to students if needed to successfully complete an assignment. **IF you are school supply shopping, you might look for: Backpack (we do not have school lockers), Paper, Pencils, Blue/Black Pens, Highlighter, Markers, Colored Pencils, and a Binder (something to keep your student's papers/contracts organized).**

2025-2026 Bell Schedule

Our bell schedule is the same as last year. You will find it at the end of this newsletter. We have seven class periods including advisory. All students are in the same thirty minute lunch period.

2025-26 Communication

There are many ways to get information about the Harbor Learning Center. Check out our school website! It includes a school calendar that stays updated. HLC sends out electronic monthly newsletters and keeps a paper copy of the newsletter at our front desk. We use our auto dialer to remind families of changes to the schedule like early release days. We meet with families three times a year- the beginning of the year Orientation, Fall Student Led Conferencing, and Spring Student Led Conferencing. Students' progress in classes can be viewed on Skyward. Feel free to call or email your student's teachers. Let's stay in contact to better support your student.

Student Meals

Our school serves free breakfast and free lunch to all of our Harbor Jr/Sr High students. Students attending our After School Program also get a snack.

Safe and Supportive Campus Expectations: That's What Dragons Do!

Our school is a choice school. Students and families **CHOOSE** to attend. We follow the same district policies and expectations as our other district schools. We continue to work with our students to follow these expectations which in turn supports a safe learning environment. We enforce our state, district, and school policies and expectations around Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying **AND** Gender Inclusive Schools. Many of our students chose our school knowing that it is a safe place to just be themselves. We expect all of our students to be respectful of students' gender and gender expression. That includes using a student's preferred name AND not discussing other students' gender or gender expression. It is important that our teens are always respectful of others and make it right when they forget to do so. We have limited bathrooms at our tiny school. We appreciate your student being patient and understanding while waiting in line. We also appreciate that your student does not linger unnecessarily in the bathroom since others are waiting.

On-line Updating of Student Information

All families in the Aberdeen School District are expected to use Skyward before school starts to update their student's information and fill out required back to school paperwork. Let us help you get it done!

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Wednesday, August 27: HLC Orientation

The Harbor Learning Center starts on August 27 with Orientation from 8 AM to 1:30 PM. We encourage families to attend with their students. Orientation takes **at least** an hour. Orientation includes:

- Check out a district chromebook/laptop
- Check your class schedule and make sure it is correct
- Learn about school breakfast and lunch (All students receive free breakfast and lunch!)
- Review campus/school expectations
- Meet your teachers and other staff members (**Teachers NOT available from 11:30-12:15 for their lunch time)**
- Conference with your advisory teacher and review your progress towards graduation
- Learn more about how student contracts and "work at your own pace" is managed and how parents/guardians can more closely monitor their student's progress in Skyward
- Complete, if needed, the online Back to School Paperwork
- Get any and all questions about the year answered!

Open Doors/GED Program

We are starting Year 5 of our Open Doors/GED program, and it is very successful! If your student is at least 16 years of age by September 1st and behind in credits, they might be eligible to enroll in our GED program.

Students in Open Doors/GED are assigned to cohort groups (called flights) in order to better provide much needed teaching staff support. This ensures that students can access the academic interventions and guidance needed to pass the GED tests. There will be additional Harbor Jr/Sr High staff assigned periods of the day to support our GED students and the Harbor High students hoping to change from In Person/Harbor High classes to GED. Open Doors expanded last year to include the Open Doors Diploma Program. This includes a more flexible way for students in our Open Doors Program to meet our school district's high school graduation requirements and earn a high school diploma. In the last four years over 140 students earned their GED through our Open Doors program. Many went on to earn a high school diploma at Harbor High, Open Doors, or other schools. Need some GED information or currently working on the GED? You can contact Emma Wimberley, our GED Mentor, at **ewimberley@asd5.org**

Grays Harbor Academy, GHA

We host our district's online school, GHA. At the end of the 2024- 2025 school year, we had almost eighty K-12 students enrolled in this online option. It is important to talk to us before considering this online option. We contract with an online school, Edgenuity. It is a 100% ONLINE school with ONLINE teachers who do not work for the Aberdeen School District, and the expectations are **VERY HIGH!** It works best for students who are self motivated, self starters, and love working on a computer for over 5 hours a day. Students who struggle online are required to come to the HLC and receive support as part of an intervention. Students who do not make progress online will be returned to an in person school. It is possible to earn a high school diploma through Grays Harbor Academy, and we have had several graduates over the years. Some of our Harbor Jr/Sr High students will take a GHA class if the class they want to take is not offered at Harbor Jr/Sr High. We are still enrolling students into our online school. Let us know if you are interested. Contact **rsutlovich@asd5.org**

HLC Main Office- Reopens August 11!

The HLC Office Service Window is open Monday- Friday from 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM. You can also call the main office at (360) 538-2180. A secure drop box is available for after hours drop off of materials. Most "business" can be conducted through our HLC service window.

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HLC 25-26 Normal Bell Schedule

Students may enter school	**7:30**
Students may visit classrooms	**7:35**
Breakfast served	**7:35-8:05**
1st Period - Flag Salute	**8:10-9:00**
2nd Period	**9:05-9:55**
3rd Period	**10:00-10:50**
4th Period/Advisory Announcements	**10:55-11:25**
Lunch	**11:30-12:00**
5th Period	**12:05-12:55**
6th Period	**1:00-1:50**
7th Period	**1:55-2:45**