

CONWAY HIGH SCHOOL

THE WEEKLY ROAR

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FROM THE DESK OF Dr. McKissick





Dear Students and Families,


I hope this message finds you well and you are enjoying the final moments of summer break. As we get ready to begin the 2025–2026 school year, I wanted to take a moment to share a warm welcome and a few helpful reminders before we officially kick things off on Monday!


We are so excited to have you as part of our school community. The first week of school is a time for new beginnings, fresh routines, and setting the tone for a year full of learning and growth.

Here's what you can expect this first week:

 **Getting Settled:** We'll focus on helping students feel comfortable, build relationships, and learn their classroom routines and expectations.

 **Creating a Strong Start:** Our teachers will spend time building classroom communities. These early days are essential in creating a positive learning environment.

 **Things to Bring:** Please remember to pack any school supplies, lunch/snack (if needed). Students need to ensure that they are getting home each day. Please reach out to us if you have any questions about arrival or dismissal procedures.

 **Arrival Time:** School begins promptly at 8:10 a.m, and doors open at 7:40 a.m. We encourage students who are car riders and drivers to arrive at school by 7:50 a.m. daily.

Communication: Be sure to check your email, the school website, and our social media pages for daily updates, reminders, and photos from our first week back!



Our team is here to support every student and help make this transition a smooth and joyful one. Thank you for being such an important part of our school family. We can't wait to see everyone tomorrow and begin a fantastic year together!

With warmest regards,

Dr. Tanika McKissick

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Announcements

Attendance

It is imperative that you read our Attendance Guidelines so that you are informed of our expectations, procedures, and protocol. Please view the guidelines [here](#). This document provides information about truancy, promotion/retention, principal-approved absences, and more!

Bell Schedule

Please view our bell schedule [here](#). All students must enter through metal detectors upon entering the building. Therefore, it is important that car riders and student drivers **arrive at school by 7:50 a.m.** to make it to class before the tardy bell, which rings at 8:10 a.m. Also, students will have lunch during 3rd block based on the location of their third block class.

Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy

Please find the Horry County Schools Personal Electronic Device Policy [here](#). I encourage you to read it in its entirety. Students are required to **power off and put away** cell phones and other electronic devices in their bookbag and electronic devices prior to the 8:10 bell, and students will not be able to utilize cell phones and electronic devices until 3:15 p.m.

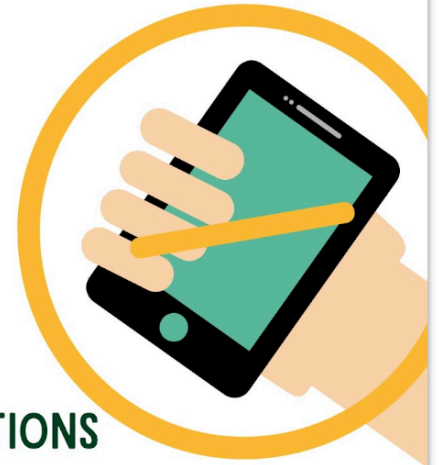
Cell phones and other electronic devices should not be visible in students' hands, seating areas, etc. Cell phones and electronic devices should not be visible, unless seen in their clear book bags. Students will not be able to use cell phones or electronic devices during lunches or during transition.

In addition, the consequences of cell phone use will be changed to align with the HCS Personal Electronic Device Policy. Please see the consequences

ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE PROHIBITED FROM 8:10-3:15

DEVICES MUST BE TURNED OFF AND IN BOOKBAGS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SCHOOL DAY

Personal electronic devices, such as cell phones, earbuds, and smart watches are not permitted during the school day



DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

1st Violation: Warning
2nd Violation: 1 Day ISS
3rd Violation: 2 Days ISS
4th Violation: 1 Day OSS
5th Violation: 3 Days OSS

6th Violation: 5 Days OSS
7th Violation: Evidentiary Hearing
All violations will result in confiscation of the device. A parent is required to pick up the device before or after school.

below. When confiscated, cell phones/electronic devices will be stored in a secure location until the parent is able to retrieve it. A parent/guardian must pick up the cell phone/electronic device from the main office.

Consequences for Cell Phone Violations

- 1st violation: Warning and Confiscation
- 2nd violation: 1 day ISS and Confiscation
- 3rd violation: 2 days ISS and Confiscation
- 4th violation: 1 day OSS and Confiscation
- 5th violation: 3 days OSS and Confiscation
- 6th violation: 5 days OSS and Confiscation
- 7th: Evidentiary hearing and Confiscation

If a student refuses to give up their cell phone or electronic device, the student will receive a referral for (270) Refusal to Obey and the following consequences will apply:

- 1st violation: 1 day OSS
- 2nd violation: 3 days OSS
- 3rd violation: 5 days OSS
- 4th violation: Evidentiary hearing

Clear Backpack Protocol

HCS has implemented a clear backpack protocol. Please click [here](#) to find the HCS FAQs to ensure you are aware of what is allowed. Students who do not adhere to this safety measure will receive consequences as outlined in the Student Handbook and the graphic on the next page. Also, there are size limitations for **purses and lunch boxes**. Any non-transparent pouch, purse, or lunch kit should be no larger than approximately **6" x 9" x 5"** and will be subject to search. This information is found in the last entry titled, "What about Privacy."

Electronic Vape Detectors

Electronic vape detectors will be installed in student restrooms in the near future. This will also be discussed at class meetings this week.



Morning Searches/Clear Backpacks

Each morning, students will walk through weapon scanners upon arrival to school. So that the weapon scanners operate efficiently, students must remove specific items from their clear backpacks upon arrival daily. Please see the graphic below. Also, please review a video that provides a simulation of the screening process by clicking [here](#).

Devices

Student devices will be distributed on **Monday, August 25** and **Tuesday, August 26**. Please be reminded that the PDL form must be signed for students to receive a device. **Please submit the form to Ms. Amy Bauer in Room B102.** The PDL form can be found in the links below. **Please do not email the form.**

- [English](#)
- [Arabic](#)
- [Chinese](#)
- [Portuguese](#)
- [Russian](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [Uzbek](#)
- [Vietnamese](#)

The HCS Device Handbook can be found [here](#). Also, **technology fines** must be paid before receiving a device. Technology fines are added to students' accounts for damages or lost charges and devices. Also, the **\$25 technology fee** must be paid to take the device home. The \$25 technology fee minimizes repair costs for damages. If students do not pay the technology fee and their device gets damaged at school, students are liable for the **full cost of repairs**.

Technology fines and fees can be accessed and paid online at www.mypaymentsplus.com.

You will need your student's ID number to create an account if you don't have an existing account. Please contact our front office if you do not have your student's ID number. If you

MORNING SEARCHES

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE BAGS:



3 RING BINDERS



COMPUTERS



UMBRELLAS



- ALL DRINKS MUST BE SEALED
- WATER BOTTLES MUST BE COMPLETELY EMPTY.
- ICE IS NOT ALLOWED.

ALL BOOK BAGS MUST BE CLEAR!

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

- 1ST OFFENSE: WARNING AND CONFISCATION
- 2ND OFFENSE: 1 DAY ISS AND CONFISCATION
- 3RD OFFENSE: 2 DAYS OSS AND CONFISCATION
- 4TH OFFENSE: EVIDENTIARY HEARING



have questions about technology fines added to your account, please contact Mrs. Amy Bauer at 843.488.0662.

Dress Code

Our dress code policy can be found [here](#) in our student handbook. Students will review these procedures during the first week of school and class meetings. **Please read it to familiarize yourself with the dress code policy to ensure that we are being proactive and avoiding dress code violations.** Students who are not in dress code will receive a dress code violation, be required to change, and receive further consequences depending on the number of violations previously received.

Schedule Change Requests

Students will have an opportunity to submit schedule change requests via an online Google Form the first five days of this semester. Please find the Google Form [here](#). Please understand that submitting a request does **not** guarantee a schedule change. Each request will be reviewed carefully, taking into account course availability and the reason for the request.

Staff Directory

You can access the faculty and staff directory by clicking [here](#). You are encouraged to communicate with your student's teachers throughout the year. The school-home partnership is essential for student success.

Student Activity Fee

The \$10 student activity fee is no longer mandatory. **It is optional.** The activity fee supports various student activities.

Student Handbook

The Student Handbook can be found [here](#). There is also a link to the handbook on the first page under Important Links.

Student Meals

All students in Horry County Schools will receive **free breakfast and lunch** during the 2025-2026 school year as part of the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program. Please click [here](#) to read more information about the CEP program.

Student Parking

Students have until **September 2** to purchase parking permits. After this date, tickets will be issued to non-permit holders. Please see Ms. Randall and Mrs. Causey in the main office to purchase parking permits.



Attendance Information



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Earning Credit in Courses

- In order to receive credit for a semester course, a student cannot be absent for more than five unexcused or unverified days.
- In order to receive credit for a year-long course, a student cannot be absent for more than ten unexcused or unverified days. Students can complete attendance recovery to recover missed days.

Early Dismissals

- In order to expedite the early dismissal process, students must submit parent notes to the attendance office by 10 a.m. to be verified for early dismissal.
- If parent notes are not received by 10 a.m., the parent will have to report to the building for student dismissal.
- Once verified, students will receive an early dismissal slip from the attendance office so that they may leave at the scheduled dismissal time without class interruption.
- CHS will not allow parents to call into the attendance office or email the attendance clerks to release their student except in emergencies. **If it is an emergency, the parent will be required to speak with the grade-level administrator for approval.**



Lawful absences are considered medical, judicial, and bereavement. Documentation will need to be provided within **three** school days after the student returns for these absences to be lawful. There are no principal approved absences.



Parents may submit notes for up to 6 school days, 3 days per semester, for a total of 6 days for the school year. These absences will count as parent excused. Parent notes will **not** be accepted during designated State testing dates and the last 3 days of each semester due to final exams. Parent notes cannot be used to excuse absences from HGTC or CCU classes.



Parents must submit a note within 3 days of the student's return to school from an absence. Notes not submitted within the 3 days will not be accepted and the absence will be coded as unexcused. Notes may be submitted prior to the student's absence.



Medical notes are counted as excused absences; however, after 8 medical notes, students will be required to make up the missed time. At the high school level, a parent may submit up to 8 medical notes per academic block for the school year.



Students who miss 3 consecutive, full-day, unexcused or 5 full-day unexcused absences must have an AIP. Administration cannot complete the required paperwork for obtaining a driver's license unless the student is in compliance with the SC Truancy Law.



Parents and students have access to attendance through PowerSchool. This is a helpful tool to keep up with grades, attendance and discipline.

Attendance Recovery Information

Attendance make-up school is offered each semester for students who need to make up absences for credit purposes.

- Students can recover attendance by participating in Tiger Extension Tutoring sessions.
 - Students can attend Tiger Extension Tutoring on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:30-4:30 in the Media Center.
 - Students can earn one hour each day at Tiger Extension.
- Students can earn four hours by attending a session of Saturday school.
- Absences from the first semester must be recovered by March 21, 2026.
- Absences from the second semester must be recovered by June 1, 2026.
- **VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE RECOVERY IS NOT A GUARANTEE. IT IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRINCIPAL. PLEASE ATTEND SCHOOL AND ADDRESS YOUR ATTENDANCE ROUTINELY.**

Please visit the Horry County Schools website to view the entire attendance policy.

Saturday School

1st Semester Dates

12/6, 12/13, 1/10, & 1/24
8:00 am- 12:00 pm

2nd Semester Dates

5/2, 5/9, 5/16 & 5/30
8:00 am- 12:00 pm

Students must be on time for admittance into make-up school. Students are expected to bring work to complete to Saturday School.

Questions?

Fred Davis, Attendance
fdavis@horrycountyschools.net
843-488-0662

Nakisha Frazier, Attendance
nfrazier@horrycountyschools.net
843-488-0662

Shamae Johnson, Assistant Principal
sjohnson010@horrycountyschools.net
843-488-0662

Safety

Please discuss the importance of school safety with your students. The guidelines below should be adhered to at all times.

- All visitors must report to the main office.
- Students are not to open exterior doors for visitors.
- Students should never prop open an exterior door with objects or intentionally leave an exterior door ajar. Exterior doors should be pulled closed and locked at all times, except during transition.
- All safety drills are to be taken seriously. Students must conduct themselves in an orderly fashion and take direction from staff members.
- Along with the district, we have adopted the “I Love U Guys” Foundation’s Standard Response Protocol. The standard response protocol utilizes clear common language for emergency situations. It is important that students and staff familiarize themselves with this protocol. Our standard response protocol can be found [here](#) in English and [here](#) in Spanish. Please see copies of the protocol below.



Guidance Updates

Counselor Assignments

Lead: Amber Shubrick, ashubrick@horrycountyschools.net
Freshmen: Brooke Shepherd, bcampbell001@horrycountyschools.net
Sophomores: Shonda Owens-McKnight, smcknight002@horrycountyschools.net
Juniors: Meghan Maxwell, mmaxwell@horrycountyschools.net
Seniors: Timothy Jones, tjones006@horrycountyschools.net
Various Programs: Ed Naus, enaus@horrycountyschools.net

SAT/ACT Waivers

To determine eligibility to receive a reduction or waiver for the ACT and SAT, please complete a Request for Fee Reduction or Waiver Form, which can be found [here](#). Please submit the form to our bookkeeper, Mrs. Dennison. Once the form is received, it will be processed, and eligibility will be determined. Parents will be notified.

SAT/ACT Test Dates (Non-school administered)

SAT	ACT
August 23	September 6
September 13	October 18
October 4	December 13
November 8	February 14
December 6	April 11
March 14	June 13
May 2	
June 6	

Register at the following websites:
SAT Website: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>
ACT Website: www.act.org

Transcripts

Please visit this [link](#) to request an unofficial transcript from your counselor. If you need an official transcript, you must request it from [Parchment](#).



Mental Health Matters

Mental Health Crisis Lines

- Text HELLO to 741741 to speak with a crisis counselor
- Call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK(8255)
- Chat with the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/>
- If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health emergency, contact the 24/7/365 Statewide South Carolina Crisis Response dispatcher at 833-364-2274, or call 911.

RBHS

Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services (RBHS) is designed to serve students who have emotional and/or behavioral needs. The program is a school-centered, goal-directed, family-supportive counseling service to help stabilize or strengthen the child's placement and improve student academic and social performances. RBHS is regulated by the standards set forth through the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

RBHS services include:

- Screening/Assessments
- Therapy (Group, Individual, Family)
- Psychosocial Rehabilitative Services (Group and Individual)
- Behavior Modification
- Family Support
- Crisis Management

Our RBHS Counselors are Bobbi Dawn Inabnit and Christopher Gilbert.

Care Solace

Horry County Schools partnered with Care Solace to support the well-being of students, staff, and their family members. Care Solace is a complimentary and confidential care coordination service that can help you quickly find mental health or substance-use treatment options matched to your needs regardless of circumstances. If you would like to use Care Solace to help you find a provider: Call 888-515-0595 available 24/7/365 in any language, or visit www.caresolace.com/horrycounty and either search on your own OR click "Book Appointment" for assistance by video chat, email, or phone.

