

GUIDANCE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY

★ Collegiate Sports

Any student that plans to play collegiate sports needs to register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. For more information on the NCAA Clearinghouse process, please see Mrs. Madensky in Guidance.

★ ACT

Juniors and Seniors who registered for the school day ACT will test on Feb. 25th at 8:30 am.

Free Test Prep Resources:
[SAT ACT](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

- ★ SCHOOL COUNSELOR APPRECIATION WEEK
FEB. 2-6
- ★ ACT WORKSHOP
FEB. 11
- ★ HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
FEB. 14
- ★ ACT
FEB. 25
- ★ INTERIMS
FEB 24
- ★ AFTER SCHOOL
FEB 26

★ Seniors

College Acceptance Letters Seniors! Please provide your counselor with a copy of any College Acceptance Letters or Scholarship Award Letters. This information is used for Senior Awards Night.

★ Senior Scholarships

New scholarships have been posted to the Guidance page. Students needing help with applications may make appointments with Mrs. Madensky.

★ IGP

[If Reminder: Individual Graduation Plan \(IGP\) – Sign Up Now](#)

[If you have not yet signed up for your student's Individual Graduation Plan \(IGP\), please use the links below to choose a meeting time with your counselor. This planning meeting is an important step in helping your student prepare for their future.](#)

- [Student IGPs must be completed by March 31.](#)
- [Please contact the counseling office if you need help scheduling or have questions.](#)



PACE

DUAL ENROLLMENT (PACE) — APPLY NOW!
WE ARE NOW TAKING APPLICATION FOR THE FALL 2026 SEMESTER.

- STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE A PACE APPLICATION.
 - APPLICATION LINK: FOUND IN THE PACE GOOGLE FORM. **[PACE GOOGLE FORM](#)**
- WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING STUDENT REQUESTS VIA THE PACE GOOGLE FORM.
- PRIORITY DEADLINE: MAY 1, 2026.
- IMPORTANT NOTES:
 - NOT ALL REQUESTS MAY BE FILLED — SEAT LIMITS APPLY.
 - COURSE PREREQUISITES MUST BE MET FOR ENROLLMENT.
 - MEETING ELIGIBILITY AND DEADLINES DOES NOT GUARANTEE PLACEMENT.

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT THE COUNSELING OFFICE FOR HELP WITH THE APPLICATION OR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.





ASVAB



RESCHEDULED ASVAB — MARCH 3, 8:30 AM

- THE ASVAB HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR MARCH 3 AT 8:30 AM.
 - JUNIORS AND SENIORS WHO WISH TO TAKE THE ASSESSMENT MUST COMPLETE THE GOOGLE FORM.
[GOOGLE FORM](#)
 - SENIORS WHO HAVE NOT YET MET THE CAREER READINESS REQUIREMENT FOR GRADUATION WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REGISTERED FOR THIS EXAM.
 - REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEB 27 AT 3:25 PM.
- PLEASE CONTACT THE COUNSELING OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM UPDATE — NEW DAY, SAME LOCATION
GOOD NEWS — WE'RE RETURNING TO OUR AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM! PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN DAY:
THE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM (ASP) WILL NOW RUN ON THURSDAYS INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAYS.
LOCATION REMAINS THE SAME.

UPCOMING ASP DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR:

FEBRUARY 26
MARCH 19
APRIL 23
MAY 14
MAY 28



Four Years Can Change Forever
High School Program Options

Explore your options!

HCS INSPIRING POSSIBILITIES



Timeline and Application Information

Date	Event
January 22, 2026	Applications open on the high school options website for AAST, AHS-IB, ATA, ECHS, SAHS, SHS-IB. Click here to apply
February 19, 2026	Applications close for AAST, ATA, ECHS, SAHS. IB applications remain open throughout the summer
March 30, 2026	Acceptance letters mailed
April 13, 2026	Student commitment forms due to program schools for accepted students
A waitlist will be maintained for all programs prior to the first day of the 2026-27 school year for AAST, ATA, ECHS, and SAHS.	

Program Information Nights

The following schools will be hosting program informational nights in December, January, and February to allow parents to learn more about options offered for students. All information events will be held from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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HORRY COUNTY SCHOOLS HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS INFORMATION NIGHT DATES
All information night events are from 6:00-7:00 PM.

Academy for the Arts, Science & Technology (AAST)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday, December 9, 2025 Thursday, January 22, 2026 Thursday, February 12, 2026
Academy for Technology and Academics (ATA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, December 8, 2025 Tuesday, January 6, 2026 Thursday, January 29, 2026
Aynor High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, January 26, 2026
Carolina Forest High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday, January 27, 2026
Conway High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday, January 15, 2026
Early College High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, November 17, 2025 Thursday, January 22, 2026 Tuesday, February 10, 2026
Green Sea Floyds High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday, January 27, 2026
Loris High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday, January 15, 2026
Myrtle Beach High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, November 3, 2025
North Myrtle Beach High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday, January 21, 2026
Scholars Academy High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thursday, November 20, 2025 Tuesday, December 9, 2025 Tuesday, January 13, 2026
Socastee High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wednesday, January 14, 2026 Wednesday, February 4, 2026
St. James High School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monday, January 26, 2026

HOBY YOUTH LEADERSHIP
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Attention Sophomores: We are now taking nominations for HOBY Leadership Seminar. If you are interested please stop by the Counseling Office for more information. This is a wonderful opportunity to advance your leadership skills and it looks good on college applications.

Visit HOBY's website
<https://hoby.org/students/>

AHS ATTENDANCE INFORMATION



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201 Jordanville Road Aynor, SC 29511
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www.horrycountyschools.net/Aynor_High_School

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Geneva Winterbottom, Asst. Principal

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EXCUSED ABSENCES

- **Medical notes** are counted as excused absences; however, after 8 medical notes are submitted, students will be required to make up the missed time. Because of the way attendance is coded at the middle and high school levels, a parent may submit up to 8 medical notes (4 per semester) per academic block for the school year.
- **Parent notes** may submit notes for up to 6 school days (3 per semester), and that will count as parent excused. (Students taking dual enrollment courses must follow the attendance guidelines from the credit-granting institution. Parent notes cannot be used to excuse absences from HGTC or CCU classes.)
- **Bereavement** for one's immediate family. An obituary or Funeral Program must be turned in to the Attendance Office within 3 days of the student's return to school.
- **Judicial excuses** must be turned in within 3 days of the student's absence for the legal appt.

EARLY DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

- Students may be picked up in the front office by the Parent/Guardian or by a designated Emergency Contact in PowerSchool. The person picking up the student(s) must present a picture ID at the time of the pick up. **EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENT DRIVERS** All early dismissals must be verified by phone. Early dismissal requests must be sent to:
- **AHSAttendance@horrycountyschools.net** and should be done **at least 30 minutes in advance of the time on the day of the dismissal**. After phone verification, a pass will be created and placed with the sign-out sheet in the front office. Students signing themselves out can come at break, lunch, or their sign out time to pick up their passes. When their dismissal time arrives, students go to the front office to sign out. Due to the volume of sign outs daily, student drivers **will not** be called out of class for pre-arranged dismissal to avoid interrupting instruction.

MAKE-UP TIME/CREDIT RECOVERY

- **Credit Recovery with Teachers:** Make-Up time with teachers before and after school may be applied towards an absence recovery. Absence Recovery sheets can be picked up in the table outside the Attendance Office. These must be filled out and signed by the teacher hosting the recovery session, then turned in to the Attendance Office in a timely manner.
- **Saturday School:** AHS will offer multiple Saturday Schools each year from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm for students whose absences exceed the number allowed by the State of South Carolina. Attendees are required to bring work to do during that time. Transportation IS NOT provided for Saturday School.
- **Wednesday School:** AHS offers an absence recovery on select Wednesdays from 3:30 – 5:00. These will be announced at a later date. Bus transportation is provided if needed.

TRUANCY

A student under the age of 17 is **TRUANT** when they have **3 (three) consecutive unexcused absences, or a total of 5 (five) unexcused absences IN A SCHOOL YEAR**. If truancy occurs, parents will be contacted to arrange a conference with the Administrator to develop an **AIP** (Absence Intervention Plan) which is in effect for one calendar year.

DURING THIS CALENDAR YEAR, AHS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO SIGN DRIVERS LICENSE FORMS ALLOWING STUDENTS TO OBTAIN THEIR LICENSE.

Promotion / Retention (Seat Time)

Promotion/Retention regulations for classes are:

Quarter Classes 3 days.
Semester Classes 5 days
Year-long Classes 10 days.

Absences over these days will result in failure of the class regardless of the numerical grade.

Absence Coding Reference

An absence codes you may see on your student's absence history could include:

SC-UNEX – Unexcused absence
SC-PN – Excused parent note

SC-MED – Medical

UTRD – Unexcused Tardy

ISS – In School Suspension

OSS – Out of School Suspension

FT – Field Trip

UEDM – Early Dismissal (unexcused)

The mission of Aynor High School is to empower each student to be a positive, productive member of society through innovative education that focuses on the individual development of every student in order to become internationally minded and an integral, contributing part of a global society.

AHS Aim: To be the best school in the state of South Carolina. The best place to learn. The best place to work.

AHS Heart: Do to others as you would have them do to you. The Golden Rule.

AHS Vision: 100% of AHS students will graduate on time and be identified as college or career ready by the state of SC.

SUPPORT RESOURCES



TXT4HELP

TEENS
TEXT THE WORD
"SAFE"
AND YOUR
CURRENT LOCATION
(STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE)
TO
4HELP (44357)
FOR IMMEDIATE HELP
WITH THE OPTION FOR
INTERACTIVE TEXTING



Charvis Clinton
Street Outreach
Transition Specialist

C: 702-381-3795
O: 843-626-1446
cclinton@seahavenyouth.org
www.seahavenyouth.org

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