



FAMILY WELCOME BACK NEWSLETTER

2026-2027

Dear Hampton County Families,

As we begin a new school year, I am filled with excitement, gratitude, and optimism for the journey ahead. On behalf of the Hampton County School District, I want to welcome you and thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We are honored to partner with you as we prepare for another year of growth, learning, and success.

Last year, our district focused on "Gears to Success," recognizing that meaningful progress happens when everyone works together with purpose and commitment. This year, we will continue to strengthen the three essential pillars that drive student success: Culture, Systems, and Instruction.

A positive culture ensures that every student feels valued, safe, supported, and connected. Strong systems provide the structure, consistency, and accountability needed to help every child thrive. High-quality instruction remains at the heart of our work, ensuring that every student is challenged, inspired, and prepared for future success.

As we build on this foundation, our district theme for the year is:

WE ARE ONE

- WE ARE ONE District united by a common purpose.
- WE ARE ONE Team committed to excellence.
- WE ARE ONE Community working together to support every child, every day.

This theme reminds us that our greatest strength is found in our partnership. When families, educators, students, and community members work together, there is no limit to what our children can accomplish.

We encourage every family to stay involved throughout the school year by communicating with your child's school, participating in school events, supporting learning at home, and celebrating your child's achievements. Your partnership plays an essential role in creating a positive educational experience for every student.

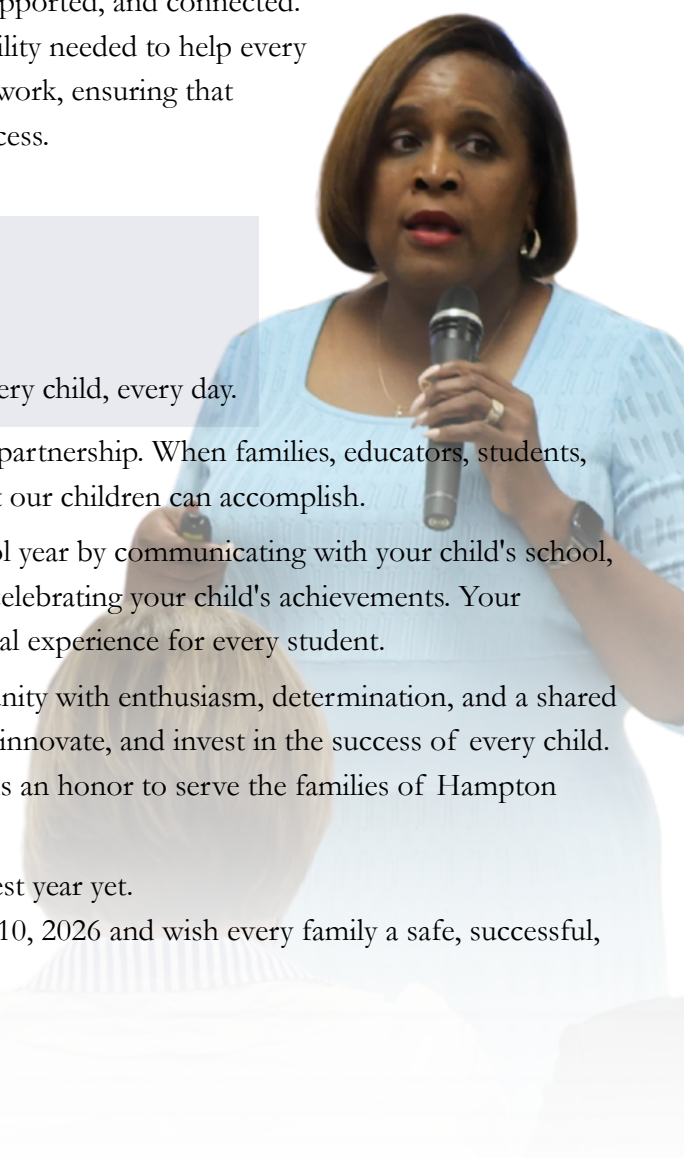
As we begin this new year together, let us embrace every opportunity with enthusiasm, determination, and a shared commitment to excellence. Together, we will continue to inspire, innovate, and invest in the success of every child. Thank you for your trust, your support, and your partnership. It is an honor to serve the families of Hampton County.

Together, WE ARE ONE, and together, we will make this our best year yet.

We look forward to welcoming our students on Monday, August 10, 2026 and wish every family a safe, successful, and rewarding school year.

With appreciation,

Dr. Glenda Sheffield, Superintendent
Hampton County School District



A few things you might need for the beginning of the school year...

[Bell Schedules \(some have changed\)](#)

[Bus Routes](#)

[FERPA Paperwork](#) (for information and picture release)

[Lunch Menu](#)

[Meet & Greet Dates and Times](#)

[School Calendar](#)

[School Calendar Breaks \(at-a-glance\)](#)

[Supply Lists](#)

[Uniform Information](#)

Tax Free Weekend

SC Tax Free Weekend is August 7-9, 2026. To find more information about tax free specifics visit <https://dor.sc.gov/communications/tax-free-weekend>.



Important Dates: First Quarter

August 6- Meet & Greet- Elementary (5-7 PM), Middle/High (6-8 PM)

August 10- First Day of School

September 7- Labor Day (No School)

October 9- HCHS Homecoming

October 12- End Quarter 1

Substitute Training Opportunities

August 20, 2026
September 17, 2026
October 29, 2026
November 20, 2026
December 17, 2026
January 28, 2027
February 18, 2027
March 18, 2027

All substitute trainings are held in the NDMS Multipurpose Room at 9:00 AM.

HCSD Athletics

Schedules will be updated as they become available. Click on logo for schedules.



FREE TO Focus

Creating a distraction-free environment that fosters meaningful interactions, collaboration with peers, and cultivates the essential skills necessary for success in college, careers, and life.

DEVICE TYPES INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO:

Cell Phones
Smart Watches
Gaming Devices
Headphones
Earbuds
Tablets
Bluetooth Glasses

All devices must be turned off and out of sight upon entry into the building.

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ADULT EDUCATION

JAHA ENROLLMENT

JAHA Adult Education will begin enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year on August 4, 2026. Classes will begin on August 24, 2026.

If you or someone you know is interested in Adult Education, please call 803-903-1052.



Pre-Kindergarten/ Kindergarten Staggered Start for 26-27

Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten will have a staggered start for the 2026-2027 school year. This allows for make-up testing and scheduled parent conferences. Schools/teachers are responsible for scheduling make-up testing and scheduling conferences as needed.

PreK & K Staggered Start

10 AUG	Dial Screenings & Parent Conferences By appointment only
11-12 AUG	Group A Only Last names A-L
13-14 AUG	Group B Only Last names M-Z
17 AUG	All PreK & K students report to school.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION