

SCHOLARS ACADEMY

FRESHMAN OPEN HOUSE



**SCAN
FOR
PRESENTATION**





2026 - 27 Calendar

HCS Scholars Academy High School

First day of school: Aug. 17
First day of CCU: Aug. 19/Jan. 11
Last day of CCU: Dec. 11/May 4
Last day of school: June 4

AUGUST

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- SAHS + CCU closed
- CCU in session + SAHS closed
- 2.5 hr early dismissal; CCU classes as scheduled
- SAHS in session + CCU in session (HCS closed)
- SAHS in session + CCU closed
- CCU + SA "Spring Break"
- additional teacher days

*August 6/7 exchanged for June 8/9
*August 17/18 exchanged for June 7/8
*October 13 exchanged for October 9
*January 18 exchanged with March 5
*February 15/16 exchanged with March 3/4

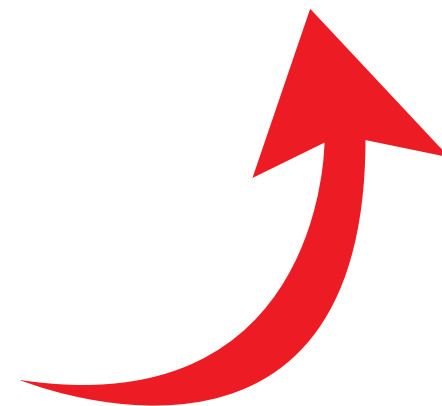
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SCHOLARS ACADEMY MASTER SCHEDULE					
Monday, Wednesday & Friday		Tuesday & Thursday		ADVISORY	
7:58 - 8:00		7:58 - 8:00		7:58 - 8:00	
ANNOUNCEMENTS (Students must be PRESENT at 7:58am)					
8:00 - 8:50		8:00 - 9:15		8:00 - 9:15	
1st Block (50 mins)		1st Block (75 mins)		1st Block (75 mins)	
9:00 - 9:50		9:25 - 10:40		9:25 - 10:40	
2nd Block (50 mins)		2nd Block (75 mins)		2nd Block (75 mins)	
10:00 - 10:50		10:50 - 12:05		10:50 - 12:05	
3rd Block (50 mins)		3rd Block (75 mins)		3rd Block (75 mins)	
11:00 - 11:50		12:10 - 12:50		12:05 - 12:35	
4th Block (50 mins)		Lunch (40 mins)		Lunch (30 mins)	
11:50 - 12:20		12:55 - 2:15		12:40 - 1:00	
Lunch (30 mins)		4th Block (80 mins)		ADVISORY (20 mins)	
12:25 - 1:15				1:05 - 2:15	
5th Block (50 mins)				4th Block (70 mins)	
1:25 - 2:15					
6th Block (50 mins)					
Please note that school start time is 7:58 a.m. and end time is 2:15 p.m.					

STUDENT HANDBOOK INFORMATION

Student Guide to Success Handbook

**CLICK TO
ACCESS &
REVIEW**



- **Building Hours: 7:30 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.**
- **School Start Time: 7:58 a.m.**
- **Pledge and Moment of Silence**
(tardies will be counted)

- **All students will be required to scan a QR code to enter or must check in at the computer up front.**
- **In the afternoon, car riders should exit by the back door.**

No one should open any doors to allow people in.
ALL access must be through the front doors.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

August 17 → 1st Day of School

August 21 → AP Celebration (lunch,
schoolwide meeting, & class pictures)

August 28 → School Pictures

September 3 → 9th grade meeting with
school counselor/principal/teachers - 6pm

HCS CLEAR BAG POLICY CONSEQUENCES

- 1st Offense: confiscation & call home
- 2nd Offense: 1-2 days OSS
- 3rd Offense: 3-5 days OSS
- 4th Offense: Disciplinary Hearing



Please see the link below for the HCS Clear Bag Policy to ensure your student is in compliance.

HCS Clear Bag Policy.

**CLICK FOR
WEBSITE**





PLEASE NOTE:

ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO ENTER
HCS Scholars Academy High School

WILL BE **REQUIRED** TO GO THROUGH A
SECURITY SCREENING PROCESS EACH
TIME THEY ENTER THE BUILDING. DUE TO
THIS, WE ASK THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS
REFRAIN FROM BRINGING UNNECESSARY
ITEMS INTO THE BUILDING IN ORDER TO
EXPEDITE THE PROCESS. PLEASE LEAVE
ALL OTHER ITEMS IN YOUR CAR.



DAILY SECURITY SCREENINGS

- Every person will be searched each time they enter the building
- Clear bags required – [see HCS guidelines here](#)

Procedure:

- Walk through with your bookbag strapped on your front
- Pass your laptop to the adult on duty
- Phones, airpods & keys may remain in pockets
- Umbrellas, certain glasses cases, binders will make the system alert
- If the system alerts on you, you will be required to move to a secondary search area
- If the system does not alert on you, you can keep it moving

DAILY SECURITY SCREENINGS

- Students without bags will be able to pass through this screening more quickly.
- Students with athletic bags/equipment will “check them” with the security guard and then pick them up when they leave. Students will not have access to these bags during the school day. GYM Bags will be handled separately.
- Students should use their lockers and/or leave books at home unless instructed to bring them for a specific day

DAILY SECURITY SCREENINGS

- Parents – please help us by not bringing in any unnecessary items
- If you are picking up your student:
 - Keys, phone, & ID
- If you are attending a meeting:
 - Keys, phone, ID, notebook
- **The more stuff you bring in, the longer it will take you to get in.**

CCU ALERT



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JOIN!**



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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Scholars Academy Front Desk - (843) 349-4117
Norman McQueen (office) - (843) 349-6565

Norman McQueen – Principal – nmcqueen@horrycountyschools.net

Michele Macasek – Assistant Principal – mmacasek@horrycountyschools.net

Genelle Williams – School Counselor – gwilliams006@horrycountyschools.net

Mindy Poehler – Attendance– mpoehler@horrycountyschools.net

Michelle Gavilan – Data Quality/Bookkeeper – mchevaliergavilan@horrycountyschools.net

Lindsey Abner – Front Desk/Guidance Secretary – labner@horrycountyschools.net

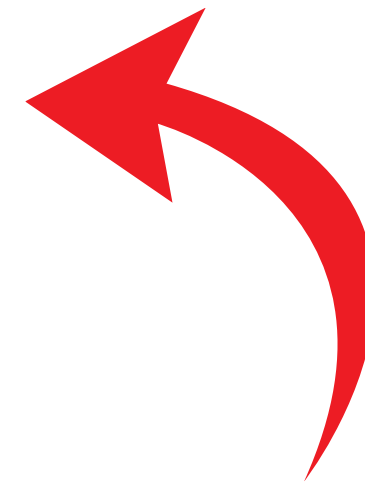
CELL PHONE POLICY



HCS Student Cell Phone Policy.

- 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: Evidentiary hearing

**CLICK HERE TO
READ THE
FULL POLICY**





ATTENDANCE

***New for the
2026-27
School Year***

***not yet
updated**

2024-25	2025-26
Students who miss 3 consecutive, full-day, unexcused absences must have an AIP.	Students who miss 3 consecutive, full-day, unexcused absences must have an AIP.
Students who miss 5 or more full-day unexcused absences must have an AIP.	Students who miss 5 or more full-day unexcused absences must have an AIP.
A student who misses 10% or more of his/her enrollment period is identified as chronically absent.	A student who misses 10% or more of his/her enrollment period is identified as chronically absent.
Principals may excuse up to 6 days per year.	Principals may not excuse days. The SC-PA code will no longer be available.
Principals may use the SC-PA code for up to 2 days when a student has been placed on summary suspension if the infraction was unfounded.	Principals may use the SC-EX code for up to 2 days when a student has been placed on summary suspension and the student’s involvement in the infraction is unfounded. Parent notification must be documented in Log Entries.
Parent notes are not excused.	Parents may submit notes for up to 6 school days, and the days 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.) Elementary/Middle Schools – 6 days total High Schools – 3 days per semester, for a total of 6 days Parent notes will not be accepted during designated state testing dates. Due to high school final exams, parent notes will not be accepted the last 3 days of the school year for students in grades 9-12. Parents must submit a note within 3 days of the student’s return to school from an absence. Notes may be submitted prior to the student’s absence.

TARDY POLICY

Students should be in class on time ready to begin each school day at 7:58am. Those who are not on time for school/class are tardy.



1st offense: Verbal Warning

2nd offense: Parent contact and 15 minute after school detention

3rd offense: Parent Contact and 30-minute after school detention

4th offense: Students will be referred to the principal for a possible Attendance Intervention Plan (AIP).

After-school tardy detentions will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays outside of class times. It is the responsibility of the student and his/her parents to provide timely transportation from detention in the afternoons.

FOCUSED LEARNING

“Horry County Schools believes that technology is a useful tool; however, like any tool, we must consider the times and tasks most appropriate for its use. To ensure our classrooms maintain a balance of digital learning opportunities and tried-and-true "unplugged" educational practices, we are implementing a new initiative focused on Focused Learning.”

[View the HCS Focused Learning initiative information here!](#)



LUNCH OPTIONS

- Students may bring their own lunch.
- Several microwaves are available for student use.
- Students may order lunch daily from HCS Early College High School.
- Mr. McQueen sends out each menu on our weekly announcements, along with the link for ordering. **Lunches MUST be ordered before 8:30 a.m.**
- Students will eat in the commons area or outside. Students may also eat in a classroom as long as a teacher is present and a club is not meeting.

CAMPUS RESTRICTIONS

- Dorms, Dining Facilities, HTC Center, Game Room in Student Center are OFF LIMITS TO ALL STUDENTS
- NO Starbucks or Einstein's Bagels
- First Semester with an Adult
- To be on campus AFTER SCHOOL – students must have SA permission or accompanied by parent/guardian (sporting events, theater....)

DRESS CODE

- Located in SA Student Handbook
 - Pants, Shorts, Skirts and Dresses
 - Tops
 - Undergarments, Leggings
 - Pictures and writing on clothing/masks or other items

COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- You can turn in up to 8 from the summer due August 31st.
- All documentation must be submitted using the online process.
- Access must be from student HCS gmail account
- Complete 7/8 hours each term (total of 15)
- *You may complete more in first term to finish requirement
- All hours are due by April 30, 2026 (last school day of the month)
- ALL hours must be submitted monthly
- Targeted
- Purposeful
- Supportive to a community who has given to you

“To Whom Much Is Given Much Is Required”

LAPTOP INFORMATION

- School issued Dell Laptops – MANDATORY for 9th grade
- \$25.00 fee – payable at front desk if you did not pay during online registration
- Printing — must have a flash drive

SCHOOLGY

- Schoology is our instructional platform. This platform provides fingertip, remote, and constant access to assignments and assessments.
- Grades will be viewable via PowerSchool.
- There is a homework calendar feature in Schoology to assist students with balancing workloads and monitoring when assignments are due.

SCHOLARS STATION

**(50 Minutes on Monday,
Wednesday, and Friday)**

**(70 minutes on Tuesday,
and Thursday)**

- Designed to provide an opportunity for purposeful, individual, and/or collaborative work
- Is key to management of the rigors of Scholars Academy
- NOT MEANT TO BE:
 - a time for relaxation and free time
 - a time for socializing

- **Students at Scholars Academy High School will **NOT** be ranked**
- **To qualify for Palmetto Fellows Scholarship Opportunities, student must:**
 - score at least 1400 on the SAT (31 on the ACT) by the November national test administration **and** earn a minimum 4.00 cumulative GPA on the SC UGP at the end of the junior year

GRADING POLICY

South Carolina Uniform Grading Policy

10 point scale—implemented August 2016

[UGP Grade Conversion Chart](#)

HONOR CODE PLEDGE

As a student who has chosen to attend Scholars Academy, I understand that I belong to a community of learners dedicated to the pursuit of academic excellence and personal integrity.

I accept my responsibility to promote academic honesty and pledge all materials submitted under my name are my work. I promise to uphold the Scholars Academy Honor Code, and I will foster an atmosphere of integrity. As a member of the Scholars Academy community, I will not participate in or tolerate academic dishonesty.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

Each Attendance Area is Different –

**CLICK FOR
WEBSITE**



Transportation

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

mmacasek@horrycountyschools.net

**SCAN FOR
GOOGLE FORM**



TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

**Car Riders – Drop Off between 7:30-7:58 a.m.
→ on the side of the building – Front Corner**

(Buses and cars cannot drop in the same place—state law)

After 7:58 a.m. – Parent/driver must sign in

MORNING DROP OFF



TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

**PICK UP – BACK OF THE BUILDING
(SEE MAP) 2:15-3:00 p.m.**

After 3:00 p.m. – pick up out front

**Buses pick up in front of SA
Late buses will be announced**

AFTERNOON PICK UP



AFTERNOON PICK UP



PTSO Officers

Nadine Trentini

Traci Julin

Roger Chestnut

Kris Kohler

Heather Harden

Myriam Bradshaw



SCHOLARS ACADEMY PTSO

WELCOME TO SCHOLARS ACADEMY!
2026-2027

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

If you're interested in helping out at some point next year, please use the link or QR code to share your contact information!



<https://forms.gle/B3UFUAGtx9NYsGv28>

2026-2027 PTSO

The SA Parent Teacher Student Organization is an organization supporting the students, faculty, and staff at Scholars Academy High School.

BECOME A MEMBER!!!!

The PTSO supports the students, faculty, and staff of Scholars Academy High School by fostering connections among families and faculty, and providing volunteer and financial support. Through events and activities, members help fund and encourage student engagement, growth, and community involvement.



Link:

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/26-27-scholars-academy-membership-contribution-copy/items>

We are very grateful to our community for your membership and support!



Thank you



SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

- Nominations due by AUGUST 31st, 2026
- SIC Nomination Form located in announcements this week
- Must be 2 parents, 2 faculty/staff, 2 students, 2 community members, and
- 1 CCU representative
- Initial Meeting early October
- All meetings will be held virtually

FRESHMAN/SOPHOMORE STUDENT OPENNING!



EARLY SPRING

**PARENT SURVEY
GOAL**

80% COMPLETION RATE

AEGIS YEARBOOK

HCS Scholars Academy



New yearbook company: Varsity Yearbook



Order online at yearbookordercenter.com



School ID: 10480

Yearbook Pricing (Tax Included)

- **\$50.00** through 10/31
- **\$55.00** starting 11/1
- **\$60.00** starting 2/1

Extras



Imprint Name: \$5.00



Icons: \$1.00 each



Extras can only be added to complete online orders and must be added by 1/15.

MAKE TIME STAND STILL



ORDER A YEARBOOK



HCS Scholars Academy
USE OUR ORDER NUMBER WHEN YOU LOG ON:

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THE FRESHMAN EXPERIENCE



2026-2027 School Theme



**CAVERN
CRAWLERS**

**DEEP SEA
DIVERS**

**DUNE
NAVIGATORS**

**JUNGLE
TREKKERS**

RISING TOGETHER

— through adventure —

**POLAR
PATHFINDERS**

**RIVER
RAFTERS**

**STORM
CHASERS**

**SUMMIT
SEEKERS**

**VOLCANO
VOYAGERS**

**SPACE
EXPLORERS**

FOLLOW US ON SOCIALS



#RISINGTOGETHER #SCHOLARS2026

BEFORE YOU LEAVE CHECKLIST:

FRESHMAN CHECKLIST



Must do...

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Computer

*hallway on left → see Ms. Abner
*turn on & connect to the HCS network prior to leaving the building; otherwise, your laptop will not work

☐

Textbooks

*Located in the Fishbowl
Teachers will give instructions as to when to bring textbooks to school. You will NOT need them the first day.

☐

Locker

*your locker number & combination are with your textbooks
*make sure you locate & are able to open your locker prior to leaving the building

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Meet your teachers

*head down the hallway on the right side of the building to check out your teachers' classrooms & say hello!

Shane Dular - Physical Education - Room #134
Derek Deremer - English II - Room #122
Christina Lambert - Algebra II - Room #121
Paul Sargent - AP Government - Room #125
Whitney Stancil - Biology - Room #129

Can do...

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Transportation Table

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School Counselor Table

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PTSO Table

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Lunch Table

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