



# WEEKLY ROAR

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**8/16/2026**



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## Important Tiger Links

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# FROM THE DESK OF *Mr. Bailey*



Dear Conway High School Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! I am incredibly excited to begin my first year as principal of Conway High School and grateful for the opportunity to serve our students, families, and community.

The start of a new school year gives all of us a fresh start. For our students, it is a chance to set new goals, make good choices, get involved, and make the most of every opportunity in front of them. Our faculty and staff are ready to welcome our Tigers back and help make this a great year.

As we begin the year, our theme is **One Team. One Standard. Excellence.** We are all part of one team, and when we work together and hold ourselves to high expectations, we create the kind of school our students deserve.

Please take a few minutes to review this week's **Weekly Roar** for important information as we prepare for the first day of school.

I am excited about what is ahead. **Let's have a great year, Tigers!**

Jimmy Bailey  
Principal  
Conway High School

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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## **New Student Orientation**

We are excited to welcome the newest members of the Tiger Family! New Student Orientation will be held Monday, August 17, from 5:00–7:00 PM. All freshmen, transfer students, and their families are encouraged to attend.

Schedule:

- 5:00–5:45 PM  
Informational session in the main auditorium
- 5:45–7:00 PM  
Students and families can pick up schedules, visit club tables in the commons, tour the school, and visit classrooms to meet teachers.

This is a great opportunity to get familiar with Conway High School, meet teachers, learn about ways to get involved, and be ready for the first day of school. We look forward to welcoming our new Tigers and their families!

## **First Day Procedures**

We are excited to welcome our Tigers back for the first day of school! Please review the following arrival information so we can get everyone where they need to be quickly and safely.

We encourage all students to check PowerSchool before arriving at school and know the teacher and room location for their 1st Block class.

### **Where to Enter**

- Bus Riders: Enter through the Tiger Den
- Car Riders: Enter through the front cafeteria doors
- Student Drivers: Enter through the athletic hallway

### **Finding Your 1st Block Class**

Guidance counselors will be stationed in the Tiger Den foyer, cafeteria/a la carte area, and near the school store to help students locate their 1st Block class.

Students will receive their class schedules during 1st Block.



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## **New Students**

Students who are new to Conway High School and have not yet registered should report to the mini auditorium for assistance.

### **Starting the Year the Right Way**

We want every student to have a great start to the school year, and that begins with understanding our expectations from day one. All school policies and procedures are in effect beginning on the first day of school, including our Dress Code and Electronic Device (Cell Phone) policies. **Students are not to wear pajamas or bring blankets to school.** These policies can be found in our [student handbook](#).

At Conway High School, we have high expectations for our students, both academically and behaviorally. We expect our Tigers to come to school ready to learn, make good decisions, treat others with respect, and take pride in our school. Starting strong on day one helps set the tone for a successful year.

### **Bus Information**

If students do not know their bus information, parents or guardians may contact the Conway Bus Office at 843-488-6094. Please make every effort to ensure students know their bus number and bus stop information before arriving at school on Wednesday.

If a student arrives without this information, it is important that the student knows their home address so school staff can assist in determining the appropriate bus and bus stop.

There will be a bus information help table in the commons area during lunch for students who may need extra help with their bus information.

Information regarding bus routes, late buses, and other important transportation announcements can be found on the [Conway Bus Office Facebook page](#).



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# CONWAY LESS SCREEN TIME. MORE TIME TO GROW.

A PROUD COMMUNITY UNITED FOR OUR CHILDREN



## A Message to Our Conway Community

This school year, our district is taking intentional steps to **reduce iPad and screen time** during the school day. Instead, students will spend more time reading, writing, collaborating, creating, problem-solving, and engaging in hands-on learning experiences.



We invite our families to join us by finding opportunities to limit recreational screen time at home whenever possible.

## WHY DOES THIS MATTER?



More time reading builds stronger literacy skills.



Face-to-face conversations strengthen language and communication.



Hands-on play and exploration encourage creativity and critical thinking.



Less screen time—especially before bedtime—supports better sleep and improved focus.



Family activities create meaningful connections and lasting memories.



Outdoor play promotes healthy bodies and active minds.



## SIMPLE WAYS TO REDUCE SCREEN TIME AT HOME



Read together for 20 minutes each day.



Play a board game or complete a puzzle.



Eat dinner without phones or tablets.



Spend time outside as a family.



Encourage drawing, building, crafting, or imaginative play.



Set aside screen-free time before bedtime.



*Together,* WE CAN HELP OUR STUDENTS DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS THAT SUPPORT LEARNING, RELATIONSHIPS, AND LIFELONG SUCCESS.



*Thank you*

for partnering with our schools and supporting the children of Conway!



**LESS SCREEN TIME. | MORE LEARNING. | MORE LIVING.**

*Proud to be Conway. Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts.*



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## **Exam Exemption**

Students in grades 9–12, as well as middle school students enrolled in high school credit-bearing courses, may qualify for an exemption from district or teacher-created final examinations.

To be eligible for a final exam exemption, students must meet one of the following criteria:

### **Attendance-Based Exemption:**

A student must earn a final course average of 70 (C) or higher and have no more than the allowable number of absences (excused or unexcused) in the course.

- Year-long course: No more than 2 absences
- 90-day (semester) course: No more than 2 absences
- 45-day (½-credit) course: No more than 1 absence

Note: Students may not make up seat time to reduce absences for the purpose of qualifying for an exam exemption.

### **Grade-Based Exemption:**

A student who has a current course average of 90 or higher at the time exam exemptions are determined will qualify for an exemption from the final examination, regardless of the number of absences, provided all other district and school requirements have been met.

The administration reserves the right to revoke an exam exemption in cases involving academic dishonesty, disciplinary action, or other circumstances that warrant administrative review.

## **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.



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## **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 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 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 must utilize a clear backpack each day. Students who do not adhere to this safety measure will receive consequences as outlined in the



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Student Handbook and the graphic on the next page. Also, there are size limitations for purses and lunch boxes. Please refer to the last entry titled, "What about Privacy."

### **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**

Students will receive new devices this school year. We are still in the process of receiving them and will share distribution details as soon as our plan is finalized. Thank you for your patience as we work through this process. 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.

## **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



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Technology fines and fees can be accessed and paid online at [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://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 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 reviewed 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.

### **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.** If you have paid the \$10 activity fee for the 25-26 school year and would like a refund, please contact Mrs. Sophia Dennison at 843.488.0662. The activity fee from previous years may not be refunded.

### **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 2026-2027 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 in the main office to purchase parking permits.



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# ATTENDANCE INFORMATION



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## 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.**



**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.



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. **With a valid medical excuse, absences up to 2 days before the date of the medical visit may be excused.**



Students with medically excused absences totaling 10 or more days are encouraged to consider a homebound. Homebound services require district approval. Contact the attendance office, Vanessa Sherman, or Shamae Johnson for further homebound information.

## 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 20, 2027.
- Absences from the second semester must be recovered by June 1, 2027.
- **Students who are over the allowable attendance limit will not be permitted to attend the CHS Winter Formal or Junior/Senior Prom. Attendance issues must be resolved prior to the event to be eligible to attend.**
- Parents can monitor attendance and grades through PowerSchool.
- **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**  
12/5, 12/12, 1/10, & 1/23  
8:00 am- 12:00 pm

**2nd Semester Dates**  
5/1, 5/8, 5/15 & 5/22  
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?

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

Kelly Randall, Attendance  
krandall001@horrycountyschools.net  
843-488-0662

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



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# 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 should 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.



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# GUIDANCE UPDATES

## Counselor Assignments

|                   |                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lead:             | Amber Shubrick, <a href="mailto:ashubrick@horrycountyschools.net">ashubrick@horrycountyschools.net</a>              |
| Freshmen:         | Timothy Jones, <a href="mailto:tjones006@horrycountyschools.net">tjones006@horrycountyschools.net</a>               |
| Sophomores:       | Brooke Shepherd, <a href="mailto:bcampbell001@horrycountyschools.net">bcampbell001@horrycountyschools.net</a>       |
| Juniors:          | Shonda Owens-McKnight, <a href="mailto:smcknight002@horrycountyschools.net">smcknight002@horrycountyschools.net</a> |
| Seniors:          | Meghan Maxwell, <a href="mailto:mmaxwell@horrycountyschools.net">mmaxwell@horrycountyschools.net</a>                |
| Various Programs: | Ed Naus, <a href="mailto:enaus@horrycountyschools.net">enaus@horrycountyschools.net</a>                             |

## SAT/ACT Waivers

To determine eligibility to receive a reduction or waiver for the ACT and SAT, please complete a 2026-27 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 22    | September 19 |
| September 12 | October 17   |
| October 3    | December 12  |
| November 7   | February 27  |
| December 5   | April 10     |
| March 6      | June 12      |
| May 1        | July 10      |
| June 5       |              |

Register at the following websites:  
SAT Website: <https://www.collegeboard.org/>  
ACT Website: [www.act.org](http://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](#).



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# 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](http://www.caresolace.com/horrycounty) and either search on your own OR click "Book Appointment" for assistance by video chat, email, or phone.



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