



Rising 9th Grade Family Night
2023-24 School Year
Registration Information

Hickory Ridge High School



HRHS Administration Team

- Dr. Poole - Principal
- Mr. Balga – 12th Grade Assistant Principal
- Ms. Graves – 11th Grade Assistant Principal
- Mr. Smith – 10th Grade Assistant Principal
- Mr. Kim – 9th Grade Assistant Principal

School Counseling Team

- Ms. Eveland - Students with last name A-E
 - Catherine.Eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us
- Ms. Dusch - Students with last name F-K
 - Danah.Dusch@cabarrus.k12.nc.us
- Ms. Habjanic - Students with last name L-Q
 - Kathy.Habjanic@cabarrus.k12.nc.us
- Mr. Whalen - Students with last name R-Z
 - Damon.Whalen@cabarrus.k12.nc.us





Student Support Services

- **Lisa Kirby** , lisa.kirby@cabarrus.k12.nc.us
 - 504 Coordinator & Graduation Coach

- **Veronica Vinson**, veronica.vinson@cabarrus.k12.nc.us
 - School Social Worker

- **Tonya Murray**, tonya.murray@cabarrus.k12.nc.us
 - School Psychologist


- **Jeff Yeargin**, jeffery.yeargin@cabarrus.k12.nc.us
 - MTSS Coordinator



What is the day like at HRHS?

- Block Schedule
 - 4 Classes a day, per semester
 - 8 Classes per school year
 - 1 credit is earned for every class passed at the end of the semester
 - Each class is 90 minutes





How is high school different from middle school?

- More Choices, More Responsibility
- Lockers are by request only \$5.00 for a lock
- Bookbags can be carried from class to class
- HRHS starts 7:15am and end at 2:15pm
- Students must earn at least 6 credits to move on to 10th grade

Attendance is VERY Important in High School

Attendance is taken each class period

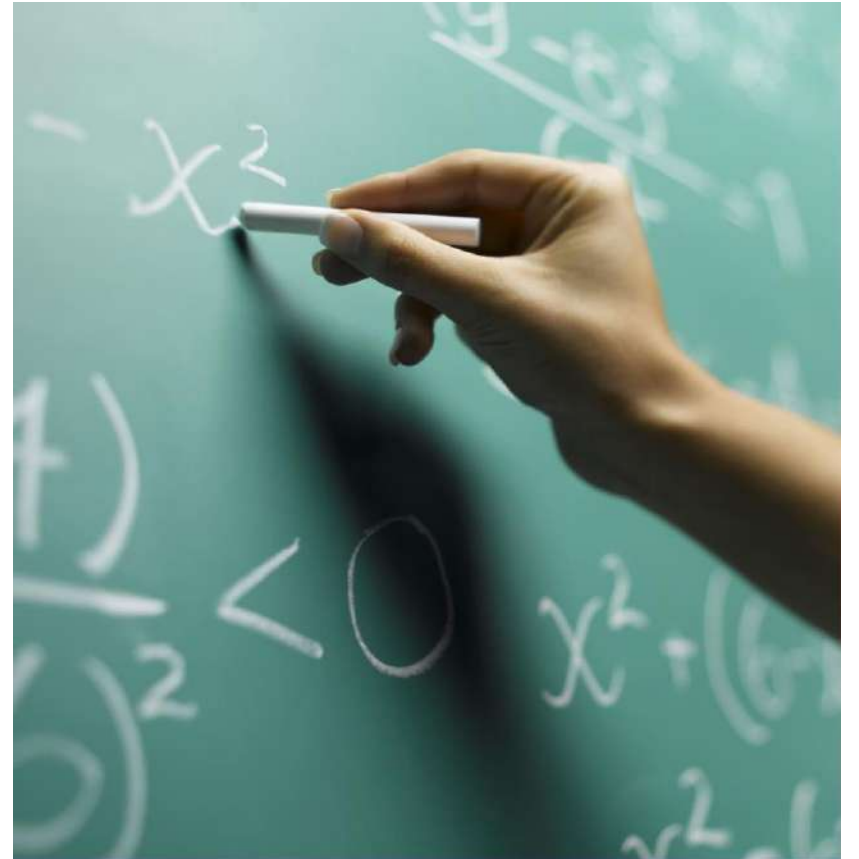
If you are tardy 4 times in the same class, it equals 1 absence


8 or more class periods missed may result in **no credit** regardless of grade in class

If you are absent, bring an excuse note and turn in all missed assignments

High School Exams

- End of Course (EOC) tests are required for:
 - Math I
 - Math III
 - Biology
 - English II
- All classes have a final exam that counts for 25% of the final average





Graduation Requirements

- 27 credits are required to graduate
 - ENGLISH: 4 credits
 - MATH: 4 credits
 - SOCIAL STUDIES: 4 credits
 - SCIENCE: 3 credits
 - HEALTH & PE: 1 credit
 - ELECTIVES: 11 credits
- High school credits earned while in Middle School count towards total number of credits for graduation, **but are not calculated in your GPA**

Other Requirements



9th graders must pass 6 of their 8 classes to enter 10th grade



To play a sport, student-athletes must pass 3 out of 4 classes in the previous semester

*All 9th Graders playing a Fall sport are eligible.



To earn your learner's permit or driver's license, you must pass 3 out of 4 classes in the previous semester

Students' driver's licenses can be revoked if they do not pass 3 out of 4 classes each semester

High School Grading Scale



- **Grading Scale (10-point scale)**

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 70-79

D = 60-69

F = 0-59

- **Weighted GPA Scale:**

Grade	Regular	Honors
A	4	4.5
B	3	3.5
C	2	2.5
D	1	1.5
F	0	0

*For every honors level course, 1/2 quality point is added to the GPA

Registering for classes...

Regular Classes:

- Cover content outlined in the curriculum for each subject area

Honors Classes:

- Offer the same curriculum as regular classes, but are tailored for high-achieving students — covering additional topics or content in greater depth

Honors or Regular?

- Choose the level that you are ready for. Honors can increase your GPA, but only if you do well in the course.
- Honors is right for the student who:
 - Manages long-term assignments and tasks
 - Expresses ideas clearly and correctly in writing
 - Is a motivated, hard worker
 - Works well independently
 - Enjoys being challenged academically



Choices for Next Year

English:

- English I
- Honors English I if making an A or B in 8th grade ELA

Math:

- Math I
- Honors Math I if making an A or B in 8th grade Math
- Honors Math II if currently in Math I
- Honors Math III if currently in Math II

Science:

- Earth Environmental Science if currently in 8th grade Science
- Honors EES if currently maintaining an A or B in 8th grade Science
- Honors Biology if currently maintaining an A or B in EES and preferably if already in Math I in 8th grade

Social Studies:

- Civic Literacy
- Honors Civic Literacy if making an A or B in 8th grade SS

Electives

- Health & PE (required)
- 3 other electives

Choices for Next Year

World Language classes are not required for high school graduation, but 2 classes of the same world language are required to be admitted to four-year colleges(ex. Spanish I & II)

We offer Spanish I or French I – pre-requisite: 80% or higher in 8th grade Language Arts

Colleges tell us they like to see a World Language in Senior year of HS, so you do not have to take a World Language yet

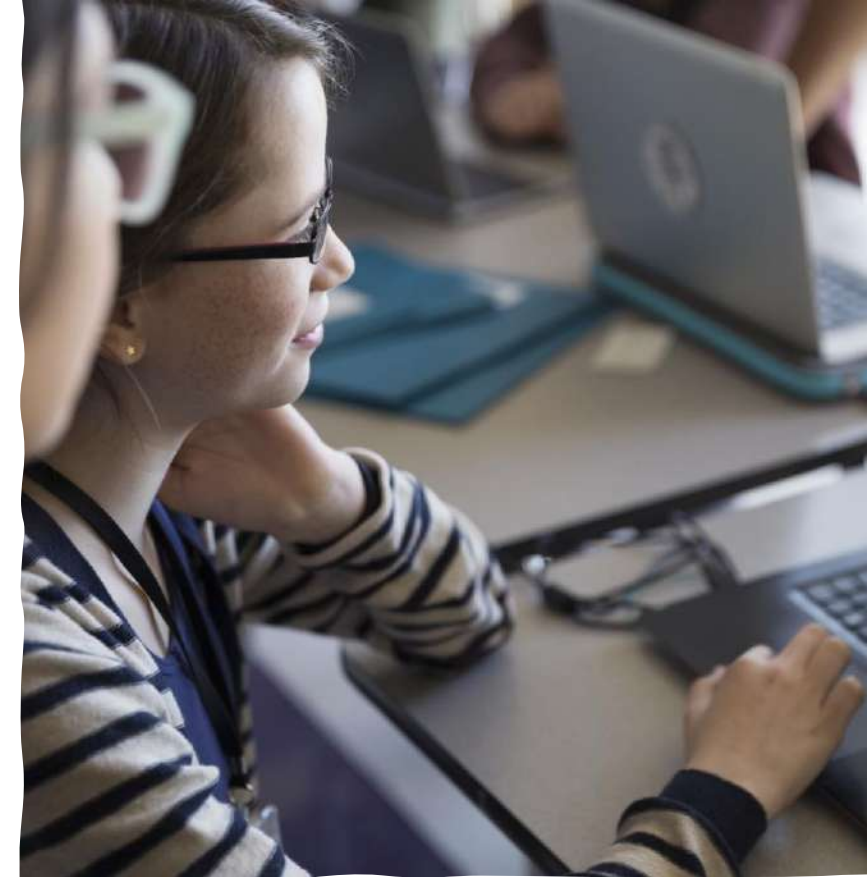
Academy of Finance Technology

- If you have applied to and accepted a seat in the FinTech Academy, you can find information about the program on our main HRHS webpage
- The classes you will be taking as a freshman for the academy will not be listed as choices in PowerSchool for you to pick.
 - Counselors will add those classes to everyone who is on the AOFT list we are given.
- The Academy Coordinator is Ms. Glover, her email is kendra.glover@cabarrus.k12.nc.us



How to Register for Classes

- There is a “How to Register in PowerSchool” video available as well as written step by step directions
 - The HRHS registration window opens March 15th – 19th
 - HRHS school counselors will visit 8th graders at their middle schools March 15th, 16th , or 17th
- Students who register for a class but do not meet the pre-reqs, will be placed in the regular class, unless an Advance Course Commitment Form is completed & turned in to the high school counselor.
- There is also an advisement video about classes, the list of courses, a four-year plan and lots of great information to help you with your choices.



Schedules - Timeline

March

Registering for classes carefully now makes it more likely your student will get the classes they want.

August

Final schedules will be distributed at Open House in August.

May or June

Rising 9th graders will get their schedule in May or June by mail.

Stay Informed!

- If you have questions, please reach out to the HRHS School Counselors
 - Ms. Eveland: A-E
 - Catherine.eveland@Cabarrus.k12.nc.us
 - Ms. Dusch: F-K
 - Danah.dusch@Cabarrus.k12.nc.us
 - Ms. Habjanic: L-Q
 - Kathy.habjanic@Cabarrus.k12.nc.us
 - Mr. Whalen: R-Z
 - Damon.whalen@Cabarrus.k12.nc.us
- To stay informed, join the HRHS Class of 2027 Remind Group
 - **Text @hegc6b to 81010 to join!**

