

# **OLA High School Student Handbook Addendum 2019-2020**



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# We Are Ola & We Believe

**Ola High School Mission**  
Equipping All Learners for the 21st Century

## Ola High School Beliefs

- All students can learn and achieve regardless of their background or prior performance.
- In fostering an atmosphere of mutual respect among all members of the Ola school and community.
- In expecting all students and staff to achieve their maximum potential for success while demonstrating caring, integrity and professionalism.
- In establishing and maintaining a safe environment at all times.
- In communicating openly among the faculty, staff, parents, and community.
- In striving to achieve a sense of pride in our community through positive interactions

Expectations	PBIS	Hallways	Commons Area	Restrooms	Instructional Time
<b>O</b> Open to Learning and Listening	<b>Ready</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Walk and Talk</li> <li>➤ Take shortest route</li> <li>➤ Be to class on time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Stay in place until dismissal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Have written permission</li> <li>➤ Use 15/15 rule</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Be early</li> <li>➤ Observe 15/15</li> <li>➤ Have needed materials</li> <li>➤ Ask questions</li> <li>➤ Learn from others</li> </ul>
<b>L</b> Leading by Example	<b>Responsible</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Help others</li> <li>➤ Earbuds 1 in/ 1 Out</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Maintain cleanliness</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Report problems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Follow instructions</li> <li>➤ Complete assignments</li> </ul>
<b>A</b> Accepting of Others	<b>Respectful</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Hands to yourself</li> <li>➤ Use appropriate language</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Behave appropriately</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Maintain cleanliness</li> <li>➤ Use good hygiene</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Be respectful of other's comments</li> <li>➤ Contribute appropriately</li> </ul>

## Ola Alma Mater

*Raise your voice, for the days of Green and Gold we proudly lift up high.  
Through the years sharing tears and laughter, our memories never die;  
All our dreams and hopes begin here and continue through our lives.  
We will always remember our days at Ola High.  
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## DAILY BELL SCHEDULE

8:15-9:05	First Period
9:10-10:03	Second Period & Homeroom
10:08-10:58	Third Period
11:03-12:30	Fourth Period
10:58-11:21	A Lunch
11:21-11:44	B Lunch
11:44-12:07	C Lunch
12:07-12:30	D Lunch
12:35-1:25	Fifth Period
1:30-2:20	Sixth Period
2:25-3:15	Seventh Period

### Advanced Academy Considerations

- Students at the AAS for beginning of the day will arrive here at 12:20 PM and will need to eat here.
- Students going to AAS for the last half of the day will leave here at 11:20 AM and will eat at AAS.

## INFORMATION GUIDE FOR STUDENTS

Accident Forms	Attendance	Graduation Requirements	Guidance Office
Academic Advisement	Guidance Office	Instruction/Curriculum	Administrators
ADAP Certificates	Main Office	Work-Based Learning	Mr. Di Nino
Announcements	Administrators	Lockers-Information and Repair	Mr. Chavous
Approval for School Activities	Mr. Shedd	Lost and Found	Main Office/Commons
AP Coordinator	Mrs. Caldwell	Pre-Arranged Absence	Attendance Office
Athletic Eligibility	Coach Gue	Parking Information	Main Office
Athletic Information	Coach Gue	Personal Guidance	Guidance Office
Audio Visual Information	Media Center	Reduced/Free Lunch Information	Cafeteria Manager
Bus Route Information	Main Office	Schedule Concerns	Guidance Office
Check In/Check Out	Attendance Office	Scholarships & Financial Aid	Guidance Office
College Application Information	Guidance Office	Transcript Information	Guidance Office
College Testing – ACT/SAT	Guidance Office	Withdrawal Information	Guidance Office
Discipline Information	Main Office	Work Permits	Main Office
Driver's Law/Certificate of Enrollment	Main Office	Yearbook	Ms. Salter (324)

## GENERAL INFORMATION

This handbook includes general information that is specific to Ola High School and supplements the Henry County Handbook. In addition to selected general information in this section, other sections of the handbook provide specific information on topics such as academics and instruction, attendance, etc.

### AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Students must attend school at least four full class periods to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities that same afternoon or evening. A student that has been assigned In-School Suspension or Out of School Suspension, may not participate in an after school activity until they have completed the suspension.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements will be made daily, broadcast over the closed circuit television system, and posted to the school's web site.

### BYOT/ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

The use of personal electronic devices (e.g., cell phones, laptops, tablets, etc.) may be restricted during the school day at the discretion of the classroom teacher. Items used during inappropriate times may be confiscated and held for parent pick-up. **No electronic devices are allowed during standardized testing. In addition to confiscation of the device, a discipline consequence may be assigned.**

### BULLETIN BOARDS

No bulletins, posters, advertisements, etc. shall be posted anywhere in the building without administrative approval.

### CAFETERIA

Students may purchase a well-prepared meal or bring lunch from home. Snack and drink machines in the building are off limits from 8:15 AM until 3:15 PM, except during lunch. If a family cannot afford school prepared meals, an application for assistance may be obtained from the cafeteria office. Free and reduced lunch numbers cannot be used by anyone other than the individual to whom the numbers were issued. **Improper use of free and/or reduced lunch numbers will be considered theft.** Students should go to the cafeteria in an orderly manner. All paper and trash should be removed from tables and areas around tables before leaving the cafeteria. Good manners and cleanliness are expected in the cafeteria at all times. During lunch, students are only allowed in the commons, designated study/tutoring areas, or the Learning Center.

### CARE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Cooperation is needed to maintain and continue to improve the appearance of the school. School pride should be reflected in the care and use of school property and facilities. Any student responsible for damaging school property will be expected to pay for damages. Damage includes, but is not limited to loss, breakage, theft, and defacement of books, furniture, walls, lockers, computers and associated accessories, or school structures. Vandalism of school property may result in expulsion from school and criminal prosecution.

Students will be issued Chromebooks to be used as an instructional learning resource. Students are responsible for the proper use and care of their device. Students are responsible for appropriate use of the device in accordance of Henry County Student Handbook and the Acceptable Use Policy.

### **CENSUS FORMS**

It is necessary for each student enrolled to have a completed Census Form on file in the office. If an emergency arises that requires treatment for a student, every effort will be made to immediately contact a parent or guardian. In the event of a perceived life-threatening situation, 911 will be called. The Henry County School System assumes no financial responsibility for actions taken to preserve/protect the health and well-being of students, which means that if the parent cannot be reached and the school administration calls 911 and requests that a given student be transported to a medical facility, the parent will be responsible for the transportation charge. Parents should contact the school if the medical information changes anytime during the school year. **It is critical that the school is made aware of all changes in parent contact information.**

### **DETENTION**

Detention is assigned for minor disciplinary problems. Detention will also be assigned for those students who are tardy to school or class. Assigned detention will be from 7:45 AM - 8:10 AM, 3:20 PM - 3:45 PM, or during lunch. Detention is located in the ISS trailer, T-1.

### **DRIVER'S LAW**

Students aged 15 through 17 are required to bring a notarized Certificate of Enrollment when applying for a driver's license or learner's permit. Ola High School students must have this certificate completed by an administrator of Ola High School. There is a \$2.00 fee for the document and it is only valid for 30 days. Certificates of Enrollment are to be requested in the front office and, if approved, will be available the following school day. Students should be aware of Joshua's Law regarding the requirement for formal Driver's Education prior to receiving a license. The Alcohol and Drug Awareness Program is taught in all health classes. The ADAP Certificate of Completion is needed to obtain a Class D driver's license for anyone under the age of 18. To receive an ADAP Certificate of Completion, the student must attend each of the four sessions in order to qualify for the examination and pass the written test with a score of 70 or higher. In the event the student is absent during that week or does not pass the written test, the student should contact the front office for information on the on-line option through the DMV.

### **EARLY ARRIVALS**

Students should report to the building upon arrival to school. Students are to remain in the commons area until 8:05 AM each morning unless involved in a teacher-supervised activity.

### **FIRE DRILLS-WEATHER WARNINGS**

All rooms will be evacuated when there is a fire alarm. A route is posted in each classroom, and students should move directly, orderly, and quickly to designated areas. Each group will assemble so the teacher may check the roll, and students must stay with that teacher during the duration of the drill. Students in restrooms or any place other than his or her assigned room should report immediately to his or her group for accountability. A bell will sound for students to return to classrooms. If severe weather results in a shelter in place, students will stay with their teachers and follow specific directions for location or relocation.

### **FIRST AID OR MEDICAL ATTENTION**

Students requiring first aid or medical attention should report to the Clinic, located in the Attendance Office.



### **FOOD AND DRINKS**

Bottled water may be permitted inside the classrooms at the teachers' discretion. Snack and drink machines in the building are off limits from 8:15 AM until 3:15 PM with the exception during lunch.

### **GRIDS (HALL PASSES)**

Students in the halls must have a GRID during regular class time. All GRIDs should be signed by the issuing teacher to include the departure time from class and other relevant information. Lost GRIDS can be purchased for \$.25 in the Main Office.

### **LEAVING SCHOOL CAMPUS**

Once a student arrives at school, he or she is not to leave the school campus unless officially dismissed, checked out, or has received permission from an administrator. Students who need to go to the parking lot during the school day must report to the front office and then be accompanied by a school administrator. Students who are permitted to leave campus will be issued a car pass to be displayed on their dashboard. Students who leave campus without permission may have their parking privileges suspended or revoked. Please see *Ola High School Parking Permit Policy*.

### **MEDIA CENTER**

The Media Center staff is a vital part of the school program and is ready and willing to assist students in finding and utilizing library materials. Students with overdue books will be assessed a fine of 10 cents per day per book. The Media Center will be opened daily for student use between the hours of 7:15 AM and 3:45 PM. Students are encouraged to utilize the media center and are reminded to follow the rules and procedures established for the Media Center.

### **LOCKERS**

Locker rental is \$5.00 per year. Students will not be allowed to rent a locker until all beginning of the year forms have been returned to the second period (homeroom) teacher. After the forms are returned to the homeroom teacher, he or she will issue a locker pass, which allows students to select a locker. All lockers are the property of Ola High School, and the administration reserves the right to search the lockers. Lock combinations are changed each year, and the combinations are issued only to the student who rents the locker. Do not leave your locker ready-to-open and do not give the combination to other students. Students may not write in lockers or place stickers inside lockers. The school is not responsible for any missing items from a locker, since this would indicate a failure on the student's part to abide by the locker rules. Failure to abide by the locker rules may result in disciplinary action.

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Lost and Found items are located in the main office and the commons area.

### **MEDICATION**

If it is necessary for a student to take medicine during the school day, including all non-prescription medicines such as aspirin, the medicine should be left in the Clinic. Students with prescriptions or permission notes on file in the attendance office may carry an inhaler or epi pen with them. A student may obtain a pass to come and take the medicine in the attendance office. The student must have a completed Medication Authorization Form on file in the attendance office to take prescription or non-prescription medication.

### **OBLIGATIONS**

All student obligations shall be cleared before the end of the school year they are incurred. Obligations could include, but are not limited to, student issued Chromebook, a textbook not returned, library materials not returned, fees not paid, uniforms not returned, and so forth. Seniors will not be allowed to participate in

### **OBLIGATIONS- CONTINUED**

graduation activities, including graduation, until all financial and material obligations have been settled. Students will not be issued a replacement Chromebook or replacement textbook until the obligations have been cleared.

### **PARKING REGULATIONS**

The operation and parking of a vehicle on the Ola High School campus is a privilege granted by the school. All students are expected to observe traffic and parking regulations. The school reserves the right to suspend and/or revoke the campus parking privileges of any student who violates parking rules and regulations or is not in good standing, including excessive tardies, absences, or skipping classes. Details of parking regulations are provided on the parking permit policy and Notification of Truancy and Tardy form, which is signed by each student prior to him/her receiving a parking permit.

### **PARTIES DURING SCHOOL**

There will be no class, club, or other group parties or picnics during school hours without prior administrative approval.

### **PRIVATE PROPERTY**

Students are warned and advised not to bring valuables and expensive personal belongings to school. Large amounts of money, jewelry, etc. are at risk for being lost or stolen. Dressing rooms, lockers, parking lots and classrooms are not safe places to leave valuables. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen cell phones or other electronics. It is better to take extra precautions than to be the victim of a theft or loss. Locks are available for rent in the Physical Education Department.

### **RECEIPTS**

Every student should obtain a receipt for any money collected by the school. The student should keep the receipt in case a question arises.

### **RESTROOMS**

Students will be allowed use of the restroom facilities during instructional time for emergencies only. Students should not request to use the restroom during the first and last fifteen minutes of each class. Restrooms are available between each class. During instructional time, students are required to have a signed GRID to use the restrooms located on the 800, 900, Fine Arts, and AFJROTC hallways. The commons area restrooms will be opened in the morning before school and during lunch.

### **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

Once the day begins, all exterior doors shall be locked and should not be opened for anyone. All students, including Dual Enrollment, Acadex, AAS, who arrive after the beginning of the day must enter through the Main Office entrance to the school. If you see or hear anything related to the safety and security of Ola High School, you should immediately report that information to a teacher, administrator, or School Resource Officer. To reach the SRO please call 770-288-3222. The SRO office is located near the commons area.

### **SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

In the event of inclement weather, students and parents will be advised in a variety of ways. The system will send out an automated phone call, information will be posted to our web site, and through Facebook. Closings will be announced on a variety of media outlets including WSB radio AM750 /FM95.5 and local TV stations.

### **SCHOOL DELIVERIES**

Parents are discouraged from bringing items such as lunches, gym bags, and books to school to be delivered to students. Interruption of classes to deliver these items interferes with classroom instruction. Students will not be called out of class to accept a delivery. The school office is not obligated to accept delivery of food for lunch to students. Parents that bring lunch to school during the day will be responsible for making sure their student is aware that the lunch is in the office. The office will not contact students to make them aware a lunch has been brought to school.

### **SCHOOL INSURANCE**

Student insurance is available through the school. Information is given to students at the beginning of the school year. Throughout the year, questions regarding school insurance may be directed to the bookkeeper.

### **SCHOOL STORE**

School supplies may be purchased in the Media Center. Copy/Print services are available, for a fee, in the Media Center.

### **STUDENT SELLING OF UNAPPROVED ITEMS**

All fund-raising projects require prior administrative approval. Students selling items that have not received prior approval will be subject to disciplinary action.

### **STUDENT SUPERVISION**

All faculty and staff at Ola High School, while at school and at extracurricular activities, are authorized to supervise students. The administrators have the right to search any student, at any time while at school or a school function, if there is reasonable suspicion.

### **SUSPENDED STUDENTS (ISS and OSS)**

Students who are assigned in-school or out-of-school suspension are not permitted to attend school functions, practices, or activities while serving their suspension.

### **TECHNOLOGY USE**

All students and staff will be responsible for following the guidelines outlined in the Henry County Technology Acceptable Use Agreement form. This agreement is included inside the HCS K-12 Student Handbook. Failure to abide by the Technology Agreement will result in loss of technology privileges and may result in further disciplinary action.

### **TELEPHONE USAGE**

Students are not to use the office telephones without office staff approval. In case of an emergency, office personnel will contact parents. Prior planning will eliminate the need for telephone calls during the school day. All calls regarding student illness should be made from the clinic office so that school officials are aware of the illness and anticipate someone coming to the school to check out the student. Cell phone use is addressed previously in this handbook.

### **VISITORS**

All visitors are required to go directly to the main office upon arrival where a visitor's badge is to be obtained. Visitors must wear badges at all times when on campus. Parents are encouraged to visit the school to discuss student progress with the administration, counselors, and teachers. Conferences with classroom teachers will



### **VISITORS- CONTINUED**

not be scheduled during hours when the teacher has a teaching assignment. Parents should call the Counseling Office to set up conferences with the classroom teachers. Teachers' hours are 7:45 AM - 3:45 PM Please do not drop in to visit a teacher before or after those times without gaining prior approval from an administrator or the teacher. Only parent/guardians and their guests will be allowed to visit a student for lunch. Students are not permitted to invite visitors during the school year.

### **WORK PERMITS**

A work permit, only required for 14 and 15 year old students, may be obtained in the main office or may be printed online from the Dept. of Labor website - [https://www.dol.state.ga.us/em/online\\_work\\_permit.htm](https://www.dol.state.ga.us/em/online_work_permit.htm). The student and the employer must complete it. When all paperwork has been completed, the work permit must be taken to the front office. Please allow 24 hours for the certificate to be completed.

## **ACADEMICS AND INSTRUCTION**

### **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

Students at Ola High School are expected to submit work for evaluation that has been completed solely by that student, unless group assignments have been so designated. Students shall not cheat on any assignment by giving or receiving unauthorized assistance, or commit the act of plagiarism. Students who commit such acts are subject to not receiving credit on the assignment in question as well as disciplinary action.

### **HCS GRADING SYSTEM POLICY**

In April 2019, the Henry County Schools' Board of Education approved policy IHA Grading Systems to define Board expectations for the reporting of student progress toward mastery. There are two versions of the policy based on when a cohort first enters the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Changes to the grading system regulation is to ensure appropriate, effective, and consistent advisement practices at all schools.

- Courses will be scheduled for semester instead of yearlong.
- Consistent Categories
  - o Practice Work (40%) can include but not limited to: class work, homework, formative assessments, diagnostic assessments, written reflections.
  - o Assessment Tasks (40%) can include but not limited to: constructed response assessments, selected response assessments, reflective assessments, summative unit assessments, culminating performance tasks, benchmark assessments, unit projects.
  - o Semester Summative Assessment Task (20%) can include but not limited to: assessing the totality of standards for the semester or course. In the case of a high school course with an EOC, the semester assessment will be the EOC at the completion of the course.
- Teachers must enter at least one (1) grade into the digital gradebook every week.
- At least one (1) Assessment Task must be given every two weeks.
- Teachers will provide conduct grades for each class, each term. The categories include: satisfactory, needs improvement and unsatisfactory.
- Report Cards/Progress Reports:
  - o Interim Term Grades will be posted at 4 ½ weeks.
  - o Report cards will be printed at the end of each 9-week grading period and will be distributed to students and parents.
  - o Teachers will contact and document communication with parents of any student with a score

of 73 or lower on any report card.

- Grade calculations for students who enter 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the first time in 2019-2020
  - Students will no longer have a Cumulative Numeric Average (weighted and unweighted).
  - Students will only have a 4-point GPA (weighted and unweighted)
  - Additional 5 points (Honors) and 10 points (Advanced Placement) will no longer be added to a student's overall grade in the course.
- AP and Dual Enrollments courses will earn 1 additional GPA point and Honors courses will receive .5 GPA point.
- Grade calculations for students who enter 9<sup>th</sup> grade for the first time in 2018-2019 or before
  - The official grade point average is a cumulative weighted numeric average (CWNA)
  - Students taking Honors, Dual Enrollment, and Advanced Placement classes while enrolled in HCS will receive additional points: Honors classes receive 5 points and AP receive 10 points.
  - Final grades for all courses, including Dual Enrollment, will be posted to the student's final transcript and will be used to determine Valedictorian and Salutatorian at the end of the senior year.

### **HOMEWORK POLICY**

Homework is defined as any required study assigned for completion after regular class time. The policy will be outlined in the syllabus for each course. It is the practice of Ola High School to assign homework as a valuable tool that:

- Reinforces classroom instruction
- Prepares students for upcoming topics
- Aids in evaluating student progress

### **PROGRESS REPORTS/REPORT CARDS**

The school will provide each student with a printed progress/report card at the end of each grading term, and students should take the progress report/report card home to share with their parents/guardians. Parents and students are also encouraged to keep informed via the student and parent portal in Infinite campus (IC). Front Office staff can assist students and parents with accessing the Infinite Campus Portal.

### **SEMESTER EXAMS**

Comprehensive exams will be administered in December and May. Students and parents are asked not to schedule vacations and out-of-town trips on exam days. Students who receive 2 or more referrals for skipping class and/or has 5 or more unexcused absences in a semester may not be allowed the privilege of early checkout on exam days.

### **DECEMBER EXAM EXEMPTION**

A comprehensive mid-year and final examination will be given in **all** yearlong courses. Students will be eligible to exempt **one** mid-year exam and **one** final exam in certain courses provided the student meets specific requirements. One-semester courses are not eligible for the exemption. A comprehensive final exam will be administered in all non-EOC courses. Georgia Milestones End-of-Course assessments are required by the Georgia Department of Education and are not eligible for exemption and will be used as the final exam. EOC courses are 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Literature, American Literature, Biology, Physical Science, Algebra, Geometry, US History and Economics.

## DECEMBER EXAM EXEMPTION- CONTINUED

Requirements for exam exemption are as follows:

- Student must have an 80 or higher in the course.
- Student must have no more than five (5) absences during the semester. There is no distinction between excused and unexcused absences. Only absences associated with school-sponsored field trips/athletic events will be excluded.
- Student must not have been assigned ISS or OSS during the semester.
- Student must have cleared all obligations to the school, including media center fines, textbooks, participation fees, etc.
- Student must not have received Hospital Homebound Services.
- Students are not required to accept the exemption.

The student's course average will be entered as the exam grade. Students have the option to take the mid-year and/or final exam so as to increase their final course grade.

### Testing Dates 2019-2020

PSAT  
PreACT

Oct. 16, 2019  
Nov. 13, 2019

### Georgia Milestones

End of Course Tests  
End of Course Tests

December 5-13, 2019  
May 4-13, 2020

### Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

The SAT and ACT are offered multiple times throughout the academic year.

- For the SAT, students should go to [www.sat.collegeboard.org/register](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org/register) to view testing dates and registration deadlines.
- For the ACT, students should go to [www.actstudent.org/regist/](http://www.actstudent.org/regist/) to view testing dates and registration deadlines.

The ACT will be administered at Ola High School on the following dates:

- **October 26, 2019**
- **December 14, 2019**
- **February 8, 2020**

Registration information and practice tests are available in the guidance office for both of these tests that are used for college entrance examinations. It is the student's responsibility to complete registration and pay fees by the deadlines indicated above.

### **Advanced Placement (AP)**

These exams are scheduled from May 4-15, 2020. Testing dates for each exam are as follows:

<b>Monday, May 4</b>	<b>US Government, Physics C</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 5</b>	<b>Calculus, Human Geography</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 6</b>	<b>English Literature, European History, Physics 2</b>
<b>Thursday, May 7</b>	<b>Chemistry, Physics I,</b>
<b>Friday, May 8</b>	<b>US History, Studio Art</b>
<b>Monday, May 11</b>	<b>Biology, Environmental Science</b>

### **Advanced Placement (AP)- CONTINUED**

<b>Tuesday, May 12</b>	<b>Spanish Language, Psychology</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 13</b>	<b>English Language, Microeconomics, Music Theory</b>
<b>Thursday, May 14</b>	<b>World History, Macroeconomics</b>
<b>Friday, May 15</b>	<b>Statistics</b>

### **End of Pathway Assessment (E.O.P.A)**

These exams are scheduled from April 8th-17th, 2020. All Career Technical and Agricultural Education 3rd year courses will take an End of Pathway Assessment.

### **SECTION 504**

Section 504 of the rehabilitation action of 1973 prohibits discrimination and assures that disabled students have educational opportunities and benefits equal to those provided to non-disabled students. Inquiries concerning Section 504 may be referred to our school's guidance office.

## **ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES**

The Georgia Compulsory Attendance Law: Attending school regularly is very important if students want to succeed in school. Georgia law requires that all children between the ages of six (6) and sixteen (16) attend school unless they have a lawful reason to be absent. State policy defines the school year as 180 attendance days.

- Students who have more than five (5) days of unexcused absences during the school year will be considered truant. The legal penalties for truancy include referral of students to Juvenile Court and referral of parents to State Court.
- Any Georgia resident who has control or charge of a child who is convicted of violating mandatory school attendance requirements will be subject to a fine of not less than \$25.00 and not more than \$100.00, imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, community service, or any combination of such penalties per absence.
- Refer to the Henry County Student Handbook for an explanation of excused absences.

### **AWOL (TRUANCY)**

Students who leave campus without checking out or who are absent from school without their parent's permission, skip a portion of a class, a full class, or several classes are considered truant (AWOL). Once a student arrives on campus, the student is considered to be at school and must obtain permission in order to leave campus by checking out in the attendance office, even if classes have not yet begun.

### **TARDY TO SCHOOL**

Students who are tardy to school after 8:25 a.m. should report to the attendance office to sign in. Tardies to school will only be excused with a note from a doctor or dentist, a court order, or for other reasons stated in the attendance section of the Henry County School Handbook

### **TARDY TO CLASS**

Students are expected to be on time to school and class. Students are considered tardy if they are not in the classroom once the final tardy bell has rung. Consistency in enforcing the plan is very important; therefore, teachers will close their classroom door once the bell has rung.

Ola High School is using **Student Conductor** to track and communicate tardies to all classes. The program will print a Tardy Pass that the student will present to the teacher. The system has the ability to notify parents via email and text message if their child is tardy. The following consequences will apply to any student who is tardy:

Students who drive to school and have excessive tardies can lose their parking privilege.

<b>Number of Tardies</b>	<b>Consequences</b>
1	Verbal Warning
2	Verbal Warning
3	Verbal Warning
4	Lunch Detention @ specific table
5	Lunch Detention @ specific table
6	Lunch Detention @ specific table
7	AM or PM detention
8	AM or PM detention
9	Parent/Student Conference & PM detention*
10	Disciplinary Action

\* Parents may be added to the text message procedures from School Conductor and parking privileges may be suspended or revoked.

AM Detention 7:45AM-8:10AM

PM Detention: 3:20PM-3:45PM

Students who arrive up to 10 minutes late to class are considered tardy and will report to the **Tardy Kiosk Station**. Students who are assigned a specific detention (i.e., lunch, AM or PM) are required to report to detention on the date printed on their **Tardy Kiosk Station** receipt.

### **CHECK OUTS**

All students shall check out through the Attendance office. Contact with parent or guardian will be required before a student is released from school. **We cannot stress enough the importance of keeping the school informed of any changes in phone numbers, address or contact persons. This information is what is used when a student's parent/guardian needs to be contacted for illness, emergencies, check out verification and other contact needing to be made by school personnel.**



#### POLICY:

1. Attendance office must have a written note from the parent which includes the parent signature and a copy of their ID. All written notes will be verified. Parents may also come to the attendance office with their I.D. to check out the student (no phone calls). **Identification is required by Ola High School before a student will be called out of class.**
2. Only those individuals listed on the census form (sent home at beginning of school year) will be able to check out students. Please make sure that all contact names are included on this form.
3. When final exams are in progress, no check outs will be allowed.
4. We do not allow student check-outs after 3:00 PM.

#### PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS WHO DRIVE TO SCHOOL:

1. The student should take a written note from the parent which includes the parent signature and a copy of their driver's license to the attendance office before 8:15 AM. The note must have the name of the student, the date, time of check out, reason, parent signature, and parent phone number.
2. The attendance office staff will call to verify all notes and once verified, prepare a pass for the student to come to the attendance office at check-out time. The student will need to pick up this pass between classes prior to check out time.
3. The student will then come to the attendance office at check-out time to receive their check out slip in order to leave the premises.
4. Students are not allowed to check themselves out of school unless they are 18 years old and receive parental consent.

#### EXCESSIVE ABSENCES

Henry County Policy indicates chronic absenteeism affects a student's ability to learn in school and succeed in school. It is the expectation of the state that students are in school 90% of the school year. If a student has a serious medical or legal problem, the student's parent/guardian should notify the attendance office and the student's counselor. Parents will be called daily via the automated telephone system when a student is absent.

- Excessive absences may jeopardize a student's ability to earn course credits for the semester or year. In addition, excessive absences or withdrawal from school before graduating may jeopardize a student's eligibility to obtain or keep a driver's permit or license.
- Protocol include, but are not limited to, contact by mail or phone to parents at three (3), five (5), and eight (8) unexcused absences.
- At ten (10) unexcused absences or twenty (20) early checkouts, parents may be required to attend a Truancy Intervention Meeting ("TIM") at the Henry County School Board Office.

## **STUDENT BEHAVIOR**

Students learn best and teachers provide the best instruction in an orderly environment. School is, above all else, a place where learning occurs. Students are expected to contribute positively to the learning atmosphere of their classes. When any extremes of either dress or behavior occur, which are disruptive to the learning process, the administration will take any action deemed necessary and appropriate to correct the situation. Violence will not be tolerated at school or at any school-sponsored event. Extracurricular activities on or away from the campus are considered an important part of the educational endeavors of the school. Conduct during

these events will be consistent with school policies.

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

In line with our district's core beliefs and commitments, the Henry County Board of Education has established a comprehensive Code of Conduct that focuses on creating a supportive, safe, secure, and equitable learning environment while promoting the academic, social and emotional development of students. Henry County School District's approach to student conduct reflects our commitment to understand and address the causes of student behavior and teach students appropriate behavior while providing a safe and secure learning environment for all students.

The Henry County Board of Education's Code of Conduct was designed and created to comply with the progressive discipline processes set forth in O.C.G.A. § 20-2-735, which states that, discipline will be in proportion to the severity of the behavior leading to the discipline, that the previous discipline history of the student during the current school year and other relevant factors will be taken into account, and that all due process procedures required by federal and state law will be followed.

The Code of Conduct is provided to each student in grades kindergarten through twelfth. Students who enroll in the Henry County School District during the school year will also receive the Code of Conduct at the time of enrollment.

### **EXPECTATIONS**

**Each student may expect that the Henry County School District will:**

1. Provide a free quality public education.
2. Provide a safe learning environment.
3. Ensure that all students are treated courteously, fairly, and respectfully.
4. Provide students with the opportunity to respectfully express their opinions, concerns, and complaints.
5. Address all complaints and concerns brought to the attention of school personnel and school staff.
6. Inform students of the Code of Conduct and of disciplinary procedures related to disciplinary actions and/or appeals.

**Each student is expected to:**

1. Read and become familiar with this Code of Conduct.
2. Behave in a responsible manner at school, on school buses, at school bus stops, and at all school related functions on or off campus.
3. Demonstrate courtesy and respect for others.
4. Attend all classes, regularly and on time.
5. Prepare for each class, take appropriate materials to class and complete assignments.

6. Obey all District rules and cooperate with the school staff and volunteers in maintaining safety, order, and discipline.
7. Communicate with his or her parent/guardian about school progress.

**Each parent/guardian may expect that the Henry County School District will:**

1. Ensure that parents or guardians are treated respectfully by school principals, teachers and other staff.
2. Provide access to information regarding their student and Henry County School District's policies and procedures.
3. Promote and encourage active participation in their student's education.
4. Promptly notify parents or guardians if a student is disciplined and inform parents of procedures related to disciplinary actions and/or appeals.
5. Inform parents or guardians about their student's academic and behavioral progress.
6. Provide access to information about Henry County School District's policies and procedures.

**Each parent is expected to:**

1. Read and become familiar with this Code of Conduct.
2. Make sure their child attends school regularly, on time, and notify the school before the school day if their child is absent.
3. Give the school accurate and current contact information and inform/update the contact information when and if it changes.
4. Inform school officials about any concerns/complaints in a respectful and timely manner.
5. Work with the school principal, teachers and other staff to address any academic or behavioral concerns regarding their child.
6. Talk with their child about the behavior that is expected at school.
7. Support their child's learning and school activities at home.
8. Be respectful and courteous to staff, other parents, guardians and students.
9. Respect other students' privacy rights.
10. Give school any and all information to assist with the welfare and education of the student and the safety of operations.

Per GADOE Discipline Discrepancy Requirement - Relevant disciplinary procedures apply to the child with a disability in the same manner and for the same duration as the procedures would be applied to a child without a disability unless the Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) states otherwise or the disciplinary action is found to be a manifestation of the child's disability.

### **STUDENT DISCIPLINE PROTOCOL for MINOR INFRACTIONS**

- First Offense – The first offense receives a warning. The teacher must confer with the student and the teacher shall contact the parents to correct the behavior.
- Second Offense – The second offense the student will receive lunch detention (Rm. 212). The teacher must confer with the student and the teacher shall contact the parents to correct the behavior.
- Third Offense – The third offense the student will receive AM/PM detention. The teacher must confer with the student and the teacher shall contact the parents to correct the behavior. If the student does not serve their detention within five days, it becomes an office referral.
- Fourth Offense – The fourth offense, teacher completes an office referral. The teacher **shall** contact the parent and document the call in Infinite Campus Contact log.

### **STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING**

The Student Dress Code is outlined in the Henry County School's Student Handbook. In addition to the guidelines established in the county handbook, please note the following stipulations:

- Clothing should be clean, neat, and worn properly (pants and skirts shall be worn at the waist).
- Inappropriate writing or pictures, including but not limited to, clothing which advertises alcohol, tobacco, drugs, any prohibited product, sex, depicts or suggest violence or which contain suggestive writings, pictures, or emblems that are inflammatory, vulgar, or discriminatory.
- Shorts, skirts, culottes, split skirts, or dresses must be reasonable in length and appropriate for school.
- Immodest clothing is prohibited

### **DISCIPLINARY DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS**

#### **BULLYING**

Bullying is defined as (but is not limited to) any willful attempt or threat to inflict injury on another person, when accompanied by an apparent present ability to do so; or any intentional display of force such as would give the victim reason to fear or expect immediate bodily harm. The third offense in a school year shall lead to a disciplinary hearing, which could possibly result in assignment to the alternative school.

#### **CONTRABAND**

Vape pens, drugs and alcoholic beverages are not permitted on school property or at school sponsored activities. Violators are subject to severe disciplinary action, including expulsion from school. Contraband includes, but is not limited to any item that can reasonably be considered a disruption to the instructional environment or a detriment to school safety. Inappropriate items will be confiscated.

#### **DUE PROCESS**

Due process will include appropriate hearings and reviews, and, in all cases, the rights of individuals will be ensured and protected.

#### **IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS)**

The In-School Suspension Program isolates students from their regularly assigned classrooms and other school activities, continues their progress with classroom assignments, and provides individual instruction in essential skills and knowledge areas when needed. Misbehavior in ISS will result in the assignment of Out-of-School Suspension (OSS).

### OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (OSS)

Students subject to a short-term suspension will be suspended from school for not more than ten (10) days. This includes suspension from all regular school activities, extracurricular activities, athletic participation, and other school events. These absences will be considered unexcused.

### SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other inappropriate oral, written or physical conduct of a sexual nature when made by a District employee (or third party) to a student or when made by any student to another student or employee (or third party). This misconduct constitutes sexual harassment when:

1. Submission to such conduct is made, either explicitly or implicitly, a term or condition of an individual's education;
2. Submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for academic decisions affecting that individual; or
3. Such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's academic or professional performance or creates an, intimidating, hostile or offensive academic environment.

Incidents of sexual harassment should immediately be reported to a counselor or school administrator. Complete information regarding the county's Sexual Harassment policy can be found in the Student and Parent Handbook.

### USE OF TOBACCO, VAPE PENS, ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

In accordance with the Henry County Board of Education Policy, the possession of tobacco or smoking paraphernalia in any form is prohibited anywhere on school property. Students in violation of this policy are subject to disciplinary action.

### WEAPONS

#### **Possession of Firearm, Dangerous Weapons, Hazardous Object, or Explosive Compound**

It is unlawful for any person to carry or to possess or have under his/her control while within a school safety zone or on a bus or other transportation furnished by the District any dangerous weapon, firearm, or explosive compound. Any person violating this rule will be reported to the appropriate authorities for prosecution.

- **Dangerous Weapon:** Includes any weapon or object that could reasonably be used in a manner that may inflict bodily harm to another. Examples include, but are not limited to sharp objects, a rocket launcher, bazooka, recoilless rifles, mortar, hand grenade, or other similar weapon designed to explode.
- **Explosive:** Includes any bomb, fire-bomb, Molotov cocktail, firecrackers, fireworks, stink bomb, bullet, shell, gunpowder, grenade, missile, or any other type of explosive device and/or substance. A student in possession of any such item will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined in the Code of Conduct, with the matter being reported to law enforcement authorities.
- **Firearm:** Includes but is not limited to a handgun, rifle, shotgun, or other weapon, which will or can be converted to expel a projectile by the action of an explosive or electrical charge.
- **Hazardous Object:** any dirk, bowie knife, switchblade knife, any other knife having a blade of two or more inches, straight-edge razor, razor blade, spring stick, knuckles, whether made from metal, thermoplastic, wood, or other similar material, blackjack, any bat, club, or other bludgeon-type weapon, or any failing instrument consisting of two or more ridge parts connected in such a manner as to allow them to swing freely, which may be known a nunchuck, nunchaku, shuriken,



or fighting chain, or any disc, of whatever configuration, having at least two points or pointed blades which is designed to be thrown or propelled and which may be known as a throwing star or oriental dart, or any instrument of like kind, any nonlethal air gun and any stun gun or taser.

## **GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING**

The counseling department provides many services and programs for students, parents, and faculty to assist in achieving academic success and in exploring options for the future. Counselors work with students individually, in small groups and in classroom guidance. Parent conferences are available by appointment. Students are assigned to counselors based on their last names.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Students may schedule individual guidance appointments through the Guidance Office. The Guidance Office is open 7:45 AM – 3:45 PM.

### **HOPE SCHOLARSHIP**

The State of Georgia provides tuition assistance to all students who meet the HOPE Scholarship Rigor Requirements. The specific amount of the tuition assistance depends on the type of college/university (public or private) and the exact GPA and/or test scores (SAT or ACT). Eligibility rules & information about the specific amount of tuition assistance can be found online at [www.GAfutures.org](http://www.GAfutures.org). Additional information about the HOPE Scholarship and HOPE Grant may also be obtained by contacting the Ola HS Guidance Office.

### **TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS**

A transcript consists of a copy of the student's course grades and scores on standardized tests. When sending a transcript to another institution, a student must complete a transcript request form and turn it into the counseling office. It is recommended that the request be submitted at least two weeks before any deadline. There is a \$2.00 charge for an official transcript.

### **WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES**

If for any reason, a student must withdraw from school, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to come to the counseling office to sign the student's withdrawal form. Records cannot be forwarded to the new school until the student has returned all books, paid fees (if applicable), turned in uniforms, etc. and the withdrawal process is completed.

## **EXTRA-CURRICULARS**

### **ATHLETICS**

Ola High School Athletic Director, Gidget Gue

Ola High School offers a variety of extracurricular activities in which a student can participate. A student must follow GHSA, Henry County and Ola High School guidelines to participate in a sport. All student/athletes must sign the HCBOE extracurricular code of conduct form each year. In order to compete, a student must have passed or be passing at least five subjects during the academic year and be on track for graduation. Incoming ninth graders are eligible immediately, but must meet GHSA requirements to be eligible to compete during the second semester. Students who lose eligibility for not meeting the on track requirements at the beginning of the year may regain eligibility during the school year by accumulation of the units required at the end of a semester and passing the required subjects the previous semester. To be eligible, students must be on track as

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follows:

Students must accumulate units towards graduation according to the following criteria:

**First-year students** (entering 9th grade) are eligible academically. Second semester first-year students must have passed courses carrying at least 2.5 units the previous semester in order to participate.

**Second-year students** must have accumulated five (5) total units in the first year, AND passed courses carrying at least 2.5 units in the previous semester.

**Third-year students** must have accumulated eleven (11) units in the first and second years, AND passed courses carrying at least 2.5 units in the previous semester.

**Fourth-year students** must have accumulated seventeen (17) units in the first three years, AND passed courses carrying at least 2.5 units in the previous semester.

\*Students may accumulate the required units for participation during the school year and eligibility will be reinstated at the beginning of the next semester.

There will be a \$40.00 participation fee for all students involved in sports and marching band. Students will pay no more than \$40.00 regardless of the number of activities in which they participate.

### **Fall Sports**

Cheerleading, Cross-Country, Football, Girls Flag-Football, Softball, Volleyball and One Act Play. Practices begin in late July.

### **Winter Sports**

Basketball, Cheerleading, Dance, Swimming, Wrestling and Literary Practices begin in October.

### **Spring Sports**

Baseball, Golf, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Riflery, Soccer, Tennis, and Track/Field Practices begin in February.

## **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

The OHS faculty is committed to providing students with opportunities to participate in a diverse array of student activities, which will promote their intellectual and social growth and development. To accomplish this goal, Ola High School provides a number of clubs, activities and student publications:

**ACADEMIC TEAM:** The academic team is open to students from any grade level. The academic team competes in buzzer bowl/quiz bowl type competitions against other high schools. Sponsors: Jeff Burns

**AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES CLUB:** Sponsor: Della Cayson

**ART CLUB:** Open to all students who are talented in art and who want to socialize with others with similar interests. Members will participate in community and school activities. Sponsor: John Wood

**BETA CLUB:** Sponsors: Rebecca Young

Nominated students who maintain a 3.6 GPA for 2 consecutive semesters and meet approval by a faculty committee; meetings held once a month; sponsors community service activities.

**BOOK CLUB:** Sponsor: Deb Salter

Book talks for high interest literature on the first Thursday of the month. Group will discuss books and also participate in book exchange.

**CHESS CLUB:** Sponsor: Robert Muzzillo

Offers the game of chess to beginner, intermediate, and advanced players.

**CYBER PATRIOT:** Sponsor: Richard Hudnut

**DRAMA CLUB:** Sponsor: Meggie Edwards

After-school meetings on an announced basis when plays and theater related activities are scheduled and performed.

**E-CLUB SPORTS:** Sponsor: Richard Hudnut

Open to all students with in interest in competitive online gaming.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB:** Sponsor: Billy Dickerson

Open to all students. The purpose of this organization is to provide members in outdoor activities that foster a better understanding and appreciation of our environment.

**FASHION CLUB:** Sponsor Tylisa Hill

Students who are interested in fashion and trends can join this club.

**FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes):** Sponsor: Jay Nelson

Open to all students who are interested in promoting goodwill, trust, hope, respect, striving for good moral character, and developing good positive peer relations and pride.

**FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America):** Sponsor: Melissa Mrvos

Open to all students enrolled in Family and Consumer Science or Early Childhood Education courses. FCCLA emphasizes being a good student, friend, family member, and community leader. Activities include competitive events, fundraisers, conferences, and community service.

**FFA:** Sponsor: Tyler Huff

Open to all students enrolled in AgriScience courses. Activities include community and school service projects, competitive events, and conventions.

**FILM STUDIES CLUB:** Sponsors: Meggie Edwards and Deb Salter

Students will study high quality acting, directing, writing, and cinematography. Students will also review and analyze film.

**FISHING CLUB:** Sponsor: Kevin Bagley

The fishing club's objective is to relate subject matter and basic principles of education to how anglers use them out on the water every day. Also, the fishing club is aimed at getting students off the couch and back into the great outdoors by promoting the formation of fishing clubs and outdoor activities within the school. A byproduct of fishing club efforts is the creation of competitive fishing in club tournaments and events between neighboring schools.

**HOSA:** Sponsor: Heidi Bartlett

HOSA is a national student organization endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education and the Health Science Education Division of ACTE. HOSA's two-fold mission is to promote career opportunities in the healthcare industry and to enhance the delivery of quality health care to all people. HOSA's goal is to encourage all health occupations instructors and students to join and be actively involved in the HSE-HOSA Partnership.

**MOCK TRIAL:** Sponsor: Dan Stowers

The Georgia Mock Trial Competition helps students gain an understanding of the legal system by providing opportunities to participate in academic competitions where players assume attorney and witness roles in a court case. Lawyers coach students in developing questioning, critical thinking and oral advocacy skills. The Georgia Mock Trial Competition will impact participating students by improving their proficiency in such basic skills as listening, speaking, reading, and reasoning.

**MU ALPHA THETA:** Sponsor: Laura Coons

A National Mathematics Honor Society for high school and technical college students. Members must be high school students in grades 9 through 12, be registered with Mu Alpha Theta at the school at which their permanent records reside and must have completed the equivalent of two years of college preparatory mathematics, including algebra and/or geometry, and have completed or are enrolled in a third year of college preparatory mathematics. On the 4-point grading scale, members must have at least a 3.0 math grade point average.

**NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY:** Sponsor: John Wood

The national art honor society is designed specifically for high school students in grades 9-12. In 1978, the National Art Education Association began the National Art Honor Society program to inspire and recognize students who have shown an outstanding ability and interest in art.

**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:** Sponsors: Melinda Bates, Tony Head

The National Honor Society is the leader among organizations and societies that promote recognition for students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, character, leadership and service. Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors who have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75 (93 numerical GPA) meet the scholarship requirement for membership. These students are then eligible for consideration on the basis of service, leadership, and character. To be considered for membership, the student must have performed at least 10 hours of community service during their high school career, serve in a leadership capacity either in a school organization or a community organization, be a member of at least one school organization (extracurricular activity), and have impeccable character. As members, students must maintain the minimum requirements above in addition to performing at least 20 hours of community service per year.

**NATIONAL SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY (SOCIEDAD HONORIA HISPÁNICA):** Sponsor: Melodie Thurston

This organization is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Students in Spanish III or higher who have maintained an A average in every semester of the Spanish classes are eligible to join. There is also "honorary membership" allowed to heritage speakers who are in upper level Spanish classes and/or take the Spanish AP exam.

**PARTNERS CLUB:** Sponsors: Stephanie Brown

Members are selected via application based on behavior, grades, teacher referrals, and essay. Members should



be willing to mentor and support intellectually disabled students at OHS.

**PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB:** Sponsor: John Wood

**P.O.W.E.R. Team**-Sponsor: Nick Ellis

This student-led team is developed to enhance the climate and culture of Ola High School by promoting small acts of kindness. POWER stands for People of Ola Working to Empathize and Recognize all students.

**QUILL and SCROLL:** Sponsor: Lori Vincent

Quill and Scroll International Honor Society for High School Journalists encourages and recognizes individual student achievement in journalism and academics.

**READING BOWL:** Sponsor: Stacey Caldwell

The Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl is a unique reading competition in game format. Students participating in the Reading Bowl will read the Georgia Peach Teen Book Award Nominees and compete against other high schools. The Teen Peach Award nominee books are available in the media center.

**SCIENCE OLYMPIAD:** Sponsor: Darlene Sabine

Nationally recognized program for enhancing science education and interest in science. The Science Olympiad is a science competition for teams of up to 15 students competing in 23 different age related events over the course of the day where they participate in activities which emphasize doing and applying science.

**SPANISH CLUB:** Sponsor: Dorcas Acosta

Students must have one year of Spanish or be presently enrolled; attends cultural activities related to Spanish; field trips and activities; meeting times vary.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION:** Sponsor: Chelsea McCreary

Responsible for responding to the needs of the student body. The SGA will serve as leaders for a variety of student activities. Officers are elected by grade level and representatives by homeroom.

**TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION (TSA):** Sponsor: Christie Schmitt

A student organization devoted exclusively to the needs of students interested in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education. Activities include competitive skills events, conferences, field trips and leadership development.

**TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY:** Sponsor: Mindy Forehand & Jamie McDonald

An international honor society recognizing music students for their musical ability, academic excellence, school involvement, and community service. Membership is determined through application and acceptance by sponsors.

**VEX ROBOTICS TEAM:** Sponsor: Christie Schmitt

VEX Robotics offers students an exciting platform for learning about areas rich with career opportunities spanning science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Beyond science and engineering principles, VEX Robotics encourages teamwork, leadership and problem solving among groups. This team enters various competitions throughout the school year based on the current year's design problem. Members of the VEX Robotics Team must also be members of TSA.



## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

Ola High School is committed to recognizing the achievements of our students enrolled at OHS and we celebrate their hard work throughout the year and during our annual Honor's Ceremonies. Students enrolled in Academy for Advanced Studies, Dual Enrollment, or Impact Academy are recognized by those institutions.

**Advanced Placement Scholar** - This recognition is given to students who score a "3" or higher on three or more Advanced Placement Examinations.

**Boys State** – The American Legion Boys State is a nonpartisan program that teaches young men responsible citizenship and love for God and country. (Rising 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Citizenship** – Each teacher will choose one recipient for this recognition. These students exhibit outstanding character traits and a strong work ethic. (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Distinguished Honor Student** – Students that received all A's each grading period for the year will receive an academic letter or an academic bar and the President's Gold Certificate. (12<sup>th</sup>)

**Excellence** – Students receive the Excellence award in each course in which they earn a 95% or better. (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)

**FBLA** – Designates a student is an honor graduate of FBLA which is the largest student organization in the world.

**FFA:** Students who meet specific requirements associated with participation in FFA are recognized with a graduation cord. (12<sup>th</sup>)

**Freshman of the Year** – This award is given to a student nominated and voted upon by teachers and who exemplifies the Ola Mustang Spirit.

**Georgia Certificate of Merit** – The Georgia Certificate of Merit is awarded to the top 5% of juniors at each high school in the State of Georgia. This program is sponsored and presented by the University of Georgia in an effort to recognize the achievements of the best students throughout the State of Georgia. (11<sup>th</sup>)

**Girls State** – The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State is a nonpartisan program that teaches young women responsible citizenship and love for God and country. (Rising 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award** – The Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards are given to the top three students in each academic course. (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Governor's Honors Program**- Selected students participate in a residential summer program that is designed to provide them with academic, cultural, and social enrichment necessary to become the next generation of global critical thinkers, innovators, and leaders. (10th-11th)

**Honor Student** – Honor student is an award for students who receive all A's and B's each grading period. (9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)

**HOSA** - Students who meet specific requirements associated with participation in health occupations student

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organization are recognized with a graduation cord. (12<sup>th</sup>)

**Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Program** – HOBY is a leadership program that allows selected 10<sup>th</sup> grade students the opportunity to participate in 3-4 day seminars with other student leaders. Students are selected based upon a variety of criteria including written and verbal communication skills, leadership and decision-making skills, and community service involvement. (10<sup>th</sup>)

**Junior of the Year** - This award is given to a student nominated and voted upon by teachers and who exemplifies the Ola Mustang Spirit.

**Junior Marshal** – Junior Marshals represent the top young men and women of the junior class. These young people are academic high achievers, but they have also committed to an interlude of service to Ola High and the senior class. They are to be lauded for attaining this level of excellence and for their willingness to serve their community. (11<sup>th</sup>)

**Latin Honors** – Graduates will earn the following Latin honors based on their grade point average:

- Summa Cum Laude – 4.0 and higher
- Magna Cum Laude – 3.8 -3.99
- Cum Laude – 3.63 – 3.79

**Mu Alpha Theta** - National Mathematics Honor Society. These students show a love for mathematics, have earned high grades (85 and above) throughout their mathematics career and actively participate on the school's Math Team

**Mustang of the Month** – Each month the school recognizes the students that have been selected as “Mustangs of the Month” in each area of study. Students and their parents are invited to a breakfast in their honor. (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>)

**National Beta Club Honor Graduate** – The Beta Club is a national community service based organization that invites students who have a 3.5 GPA or better. (12<sup>th</sup>)

**National Honor Society** – The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. (11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>)

**National Technical Honor Society** – The National Technical Honor Society recognizes students who excel in both academic and career/technology endeavors. Students must maintain a 3.0 overall GPA as well as a 3.5 GPA in their career/technology program of study. (12<sup>th</sup>)

**National Thespian Honor Society** – Membership is conferred by invitation only to students meeting the necessary requirements. (12<sup>th</sup>)

**National Art Honor Society** – The National Art Honor Society recognizes students who have shown an outstanding ability and interest in Art. Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA or higher.

**National English Honor Society** – this recognition is given to students who demonstrated exceptional ability in

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such areas as literary analysis, media studies, composition, linguistic study and creative writing.

**President's Outstanding Academic Excellence Award** – The President's Outstanding Academic Excellence Award is presented to students who have maintained all A's for the 2019-220 school year. They will receive an academic letter or pin and a Gold Certificate of Recognition.

**Quill and Scroll** – Graduating seniors, meeting specific journalism-related requirements, are eligible to be inducted into the honor society. (12<sup>th</sup>)

**Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society** – recognizes excellence in the field of Social Studies. Students maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.5 and a Social Studies overall GPA of 3.8, compiling a hisotical portfolio and participating in civic events.

**Silver President's Education Certificate**- Presented to students who received all A's and B's each grading period for the year. (9th-12th)

**Spanish Honor Society** – Graduating seniors who were inducted into the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica, which is an honor society for students enrolled in Spanish.

**Student Government Association** – Graduating seniors, who meet specific requirements, are recognized for their leadership and participation in student government. (12<sup>th</sup>)

**Senior Athlete of the Year** - The Senior Athlete of the Year is given to the most outstanding, multi-sport Athlete.

**Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica** - The Spanish Honor Society recognizes students enrolled in Spanish and Portuguese that have maintained a level of excellence throughout their three or four years of Spanish, and is by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese

**Sophomore of the Year** – This award is given to a student nominated and voted upon by teachers and who exemplifies the Ola Mustang Spirit.

**STAR Student** - The STAR student award is presented to the senior who has the highest score on the SAT in the class and is in the top ten percent of the class.

**Technical Student Association** - This recognition is given to students who serve as a TSA Chapter officer, maintain an average of 90 in Engineering courses, participates in State Leadership Conference and places top 10 in a competitive event and attends the VEX World Championship.

**Tri-M Music Honor Society** – Tri-M focuses on creating future leaders in music education and music advocacy.

**Underclass Athlete of the Year** - The Underclass Athlete of the Year is given to the most outstanding, multi-sport Athlete.

**Wendy's High School Heisman Award** - Created in 1994 by Wendy's and the Heisman Memorial Trust, the Wendy's High School Heisman Award recognizes outstanding high school seniors nationwide who excel in

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athletics, academics and in the community.

**Youth Leadership Henry** – Youth Leadership Henry is a county-wide program for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students that is designed to develop leadership skills and potential. Students learn about community needs, problems and resources by interacting with local leaders and decision makers. (10<sup>th</sup>)

**TSA** - Students who meet specific requirements associated with participation in the Technology Student Association are recognized with a graduation cord. (12<sup>th</sup>)



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