



# Hartselle High School

## 2018–2019 Summer Newsletter

Summer Hours  
Monday-Thursday  
8:00 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

### Schedule Pick-Up Times

Seniors- Tuesday, July 31st  
9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.  
Juniors- Tuesday, July 31st  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Sophomores- Wednesday, August 1st  
9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.  
Freshmen- Wednesday, August 1st  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

### Summer School/Credit Recovery

Classes being on June 4th. Students will register for summer school/credit recovery/course advancement by going to [Bit.ly/virtualHHS](http://Bit.ly/virtualHHS) (Plato) or [Bit.ly/HartselleAccess](http://Bit.ly/HartselleAccess) or by calling the counseling office (256-751-5616). The cost for a ½ credit class is \$50, 1 credit class is \$75, credit recovery is \$25, and course auditing (taking a class for no credit) is \$25. All tuition is due at the first meeting/orientation, June 4th.

### Online Payments

HCS now has an online payment option for parents to pay most school fees. The online payment for school fees begins July 1, 2018. You will receive a receipt immediately by email when paid. Print the receipt and have the student bring it when he/she is picking up his/her schedule. A 3% fee is charged with a minimum fee of \$1.00 and maximum of \$15.00.

- [www.myschoolfees.com](http://www.myschoolfees.com)
- Select “register” and register as a user.
- Select “Hartselle High School and enter the student ID this number starts with an S, it is not your students lunch number! When you return to the site, you will use your email address and your password.
- Select “registration fees” to pay specific classes. Your fees will be listed.
- Select “other fees” to buy locker, yearbook, parking, PTSO, etc.

### Student Enrollment Form

Student Enrollment Forms for obtaining driver's permit or driver's license may be obtained from the guidance office or the main office during normal work hours during the summer.

### Freshmen Camp

**What?** Orientation for all incoming 9th.  
**When?** August 3rd, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
**Why?** Students will learn about the school, visit their classes, meet teachers, and have lunch with us! It is strongly recommended that all freshmen attend.

### Schedule Pick-Up Times Assigned

When students pick up schedules, they should be prepared to secure lockers, parking spaces, and pay any fees. Parents may write one check for all expenses or pay for fees online at ([www.MySchoolFees.com](http://www.MySchoolFees.com)). Credit card machine will be available on day of schedule pick up. Students not clearing all accounts will pick up schedules on the first day of class, August 7th, or have a friend pick up your schedule and pay any fees if they are unable to be here at the assigned time. All outstanding debts and unreturned textbooks must be cleared before a new schedule can be issued. No core classes will be changed, but electives may be changed until August 24th. Voluntary schedule changes have a fee of \$10.00. Please refer to the new drop/add policy found on the HHS website!

### Importance of Attendance

Attendance is crucial for students to enjoy maximum success at school. Students are considered “at risk” if they miss 5% - 10% of school (9-17 days); are considered “chronic absentees” if missing 10% (18 days); and “severely chronic” if missing 20% or more (36 + days). Colleges do not award credit when absences accumulate and employers do not hire or continue employment for persons with attendance issues. Reasons for absences do not matter after high school. Employers and colleges have stated that attendance records are the most important part of a transcript when hiring or admitting to a program. We want students to develop good attendance habits now. Should an absences occur, students have two (2) days to bring in a written excuse. After five (5) absences with a parent excuse per semester, a student must provide a medical or legal excuse or have an emergency situation approved by the office in order for the absence to be excused. Checking in or out and missing 50% of the class time is considered an absence in that class. Parents, please do everything possible to insure your students are here everyday by planning appointments and family trips on non-school days or early dismissal days.

### Cost of Items

(Other than Course Fees)

Lockers	\$10.00
Parking Spaces	\$15.00
Custom Parking	\$75.00
Yearbook	\$70.00
PTSO- Family	\$15.00

### Premium Parking Offered

HHS will offer Juniors and Seniors an opportunity to purchase a reserved, premium parking spot that they can personalize by painting. Applications have been available to students in the front office since May 16th. There are only 42 spots available. All applications are due back to the Assistant Principal by June 30, 2017. Cost for the parking spots is \$75. Designs must be approved.

### Student Parking, Pick Up, and Drop-Off 2018-2019

**Drop Off-** Students who are dropped off in the morning should use the following procedures: Parents/drivers entering the high school parking lot from the Main St. Side of Bethel Rd. should turn in the right lane of the high school entrance. They will then turn right in front of the flagpole and follow the road to the right of the building toward the cafeteria. Parents/drivers entering the parking lot from the F. E. Burleson side of Bethel Rd. should enter the high school parking lot in the left lane. They should remain in the left lane until they are able to merge right after passing the circle drive at the front of the school. Students will be dropped off in front of the auditorium (in the right lane) and enter the school there. All parents/drivers then have the option of exiting out the back of the school onto Roan Rs. or turning left and exiting out the front.

**Pick-Up-** Students who are picked up in the afternoon have two options:  
**1.)** Parents/drivers picking up the student may enter thru on the main road that runs by the auditorium and park in an open parking place in the parking lot. Students may then use the crosswalk to go to the vehicle.  
**2.)** Parents/drivers may line up on the road behind the cafeteria. The first vehicle will pull up to where the road joins the bus circle and stop there. Other vehicles will fill in as they arrive. Private vehicles are not allowed in the bus lane until all buses have departed. These vehicles may use the Roan Rd. exit.

**Students Who Drive-** Students who drive to school will enter the campus in the appropriate lane, but remain on the road next to the auditorium. Merging to the appropriate lane when safe, student may turn in either direction to arrive at their parking space. When exiting the parking lot, all students must use the front exit. The Roan Rd. exit is for parents and buses only.

**Volunteerism Is Important**

Volunteering time and labor to school or community is important. In addition to grades, test scores, and leadership abilities, scholarship committees look favorably upon volunteerism. Encourage your student to contribute at least fifty (50) quality hours to a worthy community organization each year. Besides teaching the importance of service and giving back to the community, volunteerism can be rewarding when apply for admission and scholarships. Start as a freshman and do as much as possibly during the summer months.

**5 Tips for Rising Seniors**

1. Schedule college visits during the summer and do online research before you visit.
2. Narrow your college list down to 5 schools or less by the start of your senior year.
3. Set up a calendar for college application and scholarship deadlines.
4. Register to take the ACT in June, September, and October. More information is available at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
5. Start looking at scholarship offered by your prospective colleges and do research on additional scholarships.

Scholarship Search Engines:

<a href="http://www.fastweb.com">www.fastweb.com</a>
Zinch.com
<a href="http://www.scholarshippoints.com">www.scholarshippoints.com</a>
cappex.com
<a href="http://www.scholarships.com">www.scholarships.com</a>
<a href="http://www.scholarshipexperets.com">www.scholarshipexperets.com</a>
<a href="http://www.schoolsoup.com">www.schoolsoup.com</a>
<a href="http://www.studentscholarships.org">www.studentscholarships.org</a>

**Hartselle Career Academies**

Hartselle High School offers classes in the following ten career academy pathways:

Agriculture	Manufacturing
Business & Marketing	Medical
Engineering	Military
Fine Arts	Public Safety and Law
Information Technology	Teaching

Students are encouraged to explore electives in areas of interest and/or in areas where career aptitude tests indicate potential success and satisfaction as a career choice. These courses help students make connections to college students and careers through challenging, project-based, applied training and learning experiences.

**I-NOW ACCESS**

Parents in Hartselle City Schools have access to students grades, attendance, and discipline through a computer program known as I-NOW. The custodial parent or legal guardian will be given his/her student's login and password at the beginning of the year. If the parent would like their own login and not have to use the students, they can call the counseling office at 256-751-5616.

**Registration for 2018-2019**

Parents will once again have the opportunity to register students for school online before August. Information with directions will be sent to you by mail this summer. Registration must be completed before you will be allowed to pick up your students' schedule.

**Top Strength and Experiences Colleges Look for in High School Students**

1. A rigorous high school curriculum that challenges the student (AP Classes).
2. Grades that represent a strong effort and on upward trend.
3. Solid ACT score consistent with high school performance.
4. Passionate involvement in a few in or out-of-school activities. Commitment and depth in a few are valued over minimal involvement in many.
5. Demonstrated leadership and initiative in extra curricular activities.
6. Demonstrated intellectual curiosity though reading, school leisure, and pursuits.
7. Special talents that will contribute to the college's student life program.
8. Out of school experiences including work, community service, religious groups, etc. Again, passionate involvement carries weight, casual membership does not.

**Explore Careers**

**Career Assessment**

View Career categories, prioritized just for you, based on your interests and abilities.

**Which Careers match your skills?**

Think about the things you are good at doing, then find careers that match those skills.

**Career Research**

Look up careers that interest you and read what each one is all about.

**Hot Jobs**

Discover occupations that are likely to have more job openings in the future.

**It's Not All About Money**

Choose a job that you genuinely like to do.

**Schools for Your Career**

Find the best schools for the major or career that interests you.

**For More Career Information**

Go to:

[www.mynextmove.org](http://www.mynextmove.org)

<b><u>ACT Test Dates</u></b>	<b><u>Registration Deadline</u></b>	<b><u>Late Fee Required</u></b>
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017	August 5 - August 18
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	September 23 - October 6
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4 - November 17
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13- January 19
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10 - March 23
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5 - May 18
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16 - June 22

**Summer Reading**

Remember to check the website for summer reading assignments. Make sure you begin this early and have it completed by August 9th. Even if you do not have an assignment to do, pick up and read something that interests you. Reading is the number one indicator of success on standardized tests and success in college work. You only get better at it from practice!

**Hartselle Virtual Academy**

Hartselle City Schools is proud to offer families in our area an exciting learning opportunity for motivated students. Students enrolled in courses through the Hartselle Virtual Academy (HVA) have the flexibility of learning anytime, anywhere, and at a pace that works best for them and their families. Whether taking one course on campus, all classes off campus, or somewhere in between, the Hartselle Virtual Academy provides each student options for a personalized learning experience with a flexible learning environment to best meet students' needs. Hartselle City Schools is committed to making this a successful experience for all students accepted into the program.

**Final Exam Exemption Procedure**

To encourage attendance, HHS provides students opportunity to exempt final exams. All students will take a comprehensive exam in December to end the fall semester. However, students have the opportunity to exempt the course final in each class if one of the following conditions is met:

- ★ 5 absences in the class for the year (excused or unexcused), an "A" average in the class (four 9 week grades averaged together), and no discipline infractions resulting in detention, ISI, or suspension.
- ★ 3 absences in the class for the year (excused or unexcused), a "B" average in the class, and no discipline infractions resulting in detention, ISI, or suspension.
- ★ 1 absence in the class for the year (excused or unexcused), a "C" average in the class, and no discipline infractions resulting in detention, ISI, or suspension.

**AP Exams 2018**

May 7	AP Chemistry	8 AM
May 8	AP Physics 1	12 PM
May 9	AP Literature	8 AM
May 10 May 10	AP Government AP Environmental	8 AM 12 PM
May 11 May 11	AP US History AP Computer Science Principles	8 AM 12 PM
May 14 May 14	AP Biology AP Music Theory	8 AM 8 AM
May 15	AP Calculus AB	8 AM
May 16	AP Language	8 AM
May 17 May 17	AP World History AP Statistics	8 AM 12 PM
May 18	AP Human Geography	8 AM

**Semester Exams**

**Fall Exams**

Dec. 11	Zero
Dec. 12	Zero & 2nd
Dec. 13	1st & 7th
Dec. 14	3rd & 6th
Dec. 15	4th & 5th

**Spring Final Exams**

May 21	Zero & 7th
May 22	1st & 3rd
May 23	2nd & 4th
May 24	5th & 6th

**Senior Final Exams**

May 14	Zero
May 15	Zero & 7th
May 16	1st & 6th
May 17	2nd & 4th
May 18	3rd & 5th

**Kroger Community Rewards Program**

**Please Help!** We are asking parents and all friends of HHS to take a few short minutes and register for Kroger Community Rewards Dollars. Some of you helped us last year raise \$6,000 from Kroger cash back. All you do is go online to [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards) and enroll your Kroger Plus card number. Each time you shop at Kroger and use your card, Kroger donates a portion to HHS. This is a great way to support us financially without purchasing anything extra. If you helped us last year you must re-register for the September 1, 2017 - August 31, 2018 program year.

**Checking In/Out**

Please send a note with your student if you know ahead of time that your student is checking out. The student will bring the parent note to the office before school starts and will receive a check out of class clip. The student will sign the log when he/she leaves. This speeds up the check out process and cuts down on class interruptions. ***Due to the safety of the student, checking out by telephone is not allowed.***

**Yearbook Pick Up**

Yearbooks may be picked up at school during the following times:

Seniors 2019	July 31	9:00 - 12:00
Juniors	July 31	1:00 - 4:00
Sophomores	August 1	9:00 - 12:00
Seniors 2018	August 1-3	9:00 - 4:00

**Please Join Your PTSO**

All parents are encouraged to become members of the Hartselle High PTSO. Your family membership of \$15.00 per year, as well as any funds raised by the PTSO, are used to enhance our academic program. For \$100 per year, businesses will be recognized on our website and at the school as a corporate supporter of HHS Academics.

**Dress Code**

Parents are asked to please ensure that students' clothing meets the Hartselle City Board of Education dress code. Parents are reminded that while some clothing may be suitable for home or the beach, it is inappropriate in a school setting. Students may not wear caps of any type in the building; pants must be worn at the waistline; long, oversized shirts must be tucked into the pants; and no shirts with offensive language or reference to drugs or alcohol are permitted. Females may not wear inappropriate shorts or shirts that expose midriffs or cleavage. Our goal is to ensure that students are in the classroom learning and that interruptions due to inappropriate attire are kept to the absolute minimum. Please help us.

**Senior Portraits**

Lifetouch Studios will mail senior portrait information to your home. To have your senior portrait in the Hartselle High Yearbook, you must have it made by Lifetouch Studios. This year, three days have been set aside for senior portraits to be made at the school. Appointments will be scheduled for sittings at the school on July 23rd, 24th, 25th, & 26th. Sittings may also be scheduled for alternate times at the Lifetouch Studio in Madison. If you have any questions regarding senior pictures, please communicate directly with Lifetouch at 256-534-1001

**Varsity Football Schedule**

August 25	Cullman	Away
September 1	Lawrence Co	Home
September 8	Athens	Away
September 15	Florence	Home
September 22	Muscle Shoals	Away
September 29	Russellville- HC	Home
October 6	Hazel Green	Home
October 13	Austin	Away
October 20	Decatur	Away
October 27	Columbia (Sr. Night)	Home
November 3	Open	
November 10	Playoffs	

**Important Dates**

July 31	Junior and Senior Schedule Pick Up
August 1	Sophomore and Freshmen Schedule Pick UP
August 3	Freshman Orientation
August 7	First Day of Classes
August 21	School Pictures
August 28	College Fair
September 4	Virtual Day for Students
September 25-28	Homecoming Kickoff Event
September 27	Powder Puff Games
September 28	Battle of the Classes
September 29	Homecoming Week
October 2	WorkKeys- Seniors Practice ACT- Juniors PreACT- Sophomores TBD- Freshmen
October 8-9	Fall Break
October 10	PSAT
October 31	Virtual Day for Students
November 12	Veterans Day Holiday
November 19-23	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 17-20	Semester Exams
December 20	End of Fall Semester
Dec. 21- Jan. 6	Christmas Break
January 7	First Day of Classes for Spring Semester
January 21	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (School Closed)
February 7	Early Release Day
February 18	Winter Break
March 18-22	Spring Break (School Closed)
April 5	Prom
April 19	Good Friday Holiday (School Closed)
April 24	ACT- 11th
May 6-17	AP Exams
May 7	Awards Day
May 14-17	Senior Exams
May 20	Graduation
May 20-23	Final Exams for 9th, 10th, & 11th
May 23	Last Day for Students