



Hartselle High School 2019–2020 Summer Newsletter

Summer Hours
Monday-Thursday
7:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Schedule Pick-Up Times

Seniors- Monday, July 29th
9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.
Juniors- Monday, July 29th
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sophomores- Tuesday, July 30
9:00 a.m.- 12:00 a.m.
Freshmen- Tuesday, July 30
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Schedule Pick-Up Times Assigned

When students pick up schedules, they should be prepared to secure lockers, parking spaces, take pictures, and pay any fees. Parents may write one check for all expenses or pay for fees online at www.MySchoolBucks.com. Credit card machines 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 their 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 16th. Voluntary schedule changes have a fee of \$10.00. Please refer to the drop/add policy found on the HHS website.

WiFi ON THE GO

Hartselle City Schools is proud to announce the WiFi on the Go Program brought to you by LeanStream. For more information, visit the following website:
<https://www.leanstreamrp.com/pages/district/12/hartselle-city-schools>

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 (30 + 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 absence 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 ensure your students are here every day by planning appointments and family trips on non-school days or early dismissal days.

Online Payments

HCS has an online payment option for parents to pay most school fees. Once you pay online, you will receive a receipt immediately by email. Print the receipt and have the student bring it when he/she is picking up his/her schedule.

- www.MySchoolBucks.com
- Select "sign up today" and register as a user. If you have already registered, please log in.
- Complete the required information (if signing up for the first time). When you return to the site, you will use your email address and your password.
- Select "pay for school fees and items" to pay fees. Your fees will be listed. Your child's DOB, school, and name is required.

Please call HHS at 256-751-5615 with any questions.

Cost of Items

(Other than Course Fees)

Lockers	\$10.00
Parking Spaces	\$20.00
Yearbook	\$70.00
PTSO- Family	\$15.00

Random Acts of Kindness

Students who are "caught" completing random acts of kindness this year can be nominated to win gift cards. Teachers may refer students to Mr. Cooper when they are found doing good deeds (picking up trash, helping a classmate, helping a teacher, etc.) When students complete these random acts of kindness, Hartselle High School becomes an even more amazing school.

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 graders

When? August 2nd, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 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.

Student Parking, Pick Up, and Drop-Off 2019-2020

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 Road 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 students may enter 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, students 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 Road exit is for parents and buses only.

Download the Free Blackboard District App



- View calendar info
- Connect to Chalkable
- Connect to Google Classroom
- View HHS Resources
- Receive important alerts



Summer Reading

Remember to check the website for summer reading assignments. Make sure you begin these early and have them completed by August 7th. Even if you do not have an assignment, 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!

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.

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.

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. Last year, some of you helped us raise \$6,000 from Kroger cash back. All you do is go online to 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, 2019 - August 31, 2020 program year.

AP Exams 2020

May 4	AP Government	8 AM
May 5	AP Calculus AP Human Geography	8 AM 12 PM
May 6	AP Literature	8 AM
May 7	AP Chemistry AP Physics 1	8 AM 12 PM
May 8	AP US History AP Art History	8 AM 12 PM
May 11	AP Biology AP Environmental Science	8 AM 12 PM
May 12	AP Spanish AP Psychology	8 AM 12 PM
May 13	AP Language AP Music Theory	8 AM 12 PM
May 14	AP World History	8 AM
May 15	AP Computer Science Principles AP Statistics	8 AM 12 PM

Semester Exams

FALL SEMESTER

December 17th	1st exam 8:15-10:00 Break 10:00-10:10 2nd exam 10:10-11:55 (½ day)
December 18th	3rd exam 8:15-10:00 Break 10:00-10:10 4th exam 10:10-11:55 (½ day)
December 19th	5th exam 8:15-10:00 Break 10:00-10:10 6th exam 10:10-11:55 (½ day)
December 20th	Zero Period 8:15-10:00 Break 10:00-10:10 7th exam 10:10-11:55 (½ day)

SENIOR FINALS SPRING SEMESTER

May 11th – Zero, 1st, 2nd exams (1/2 day)
 May 12th – 3rd, 4th, 5th exams (1/2 day)
 May 13th – 6th and 7th exams (1/2 day)
 May 14th - All exams completed; senior grades due by noon today.

SPRING SEMESTER

May 18th	1st exam 8:15-10:00 Break 10:00-10:10 2nd exam 10:10-11:55 (½ day)
May 19th	3rd exam 8:15-10:00 Break 10:00-10:10 4th exam 10:10-11:55 (½ day)
May 20th	5th exam 8:15-10:00 Break 10:00-10:10 6th exam 10:10-11:55 (½ day)
May 21st	Zero Period 8:15-10:00 Break 10:00-10:10 7th exam 10:10-11:55 (½ day)
May 22nd	Make-up exams for underclassmen with prior approval

ACT Test Dates

Registration Deadline

Late Deadline

Sept. 14, 2019	August 16, 2019	September 1, 2019
Oct. 26, 2019	September 27, 2019	October 13, 2019
Dec. 14, 2019	November 8, 2019	November 25, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020	January 17, 2020
April 04, 2020	February 29, 2020	March 16, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020	May 25, 2020

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 students apply for admission and scholarships. Start as a freshman and do as much as possible 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 five 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
5. Start looking at scholarships offered by your prospective colleges and do research on additional scholarships.

Scholarship Search Engines:

www.fastweb.com
Zinch.com
www.scholarshippoints.com
cappex.com
www.scholarships.com
www.scholarshipexperets.com
www.schoolsoup.com
www.studentscholarships.org

Hartselle Career Academies

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

Agriculture/Building Construction	Manufacturing
Business & Marketing	Medical
Civil Air Patrol	Military
Engineering	Public Safety and Law
Fine Arts	Teaching
Information Technology	

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 his/her own login and not have to use the students' information, he/she can call the counseling office at 256-751-5616.

Top Strength and Experiences Colleges Expect:

1. A rigorous high school curriculum that challenges the student.
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 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.

HHS TIGER CARD

STOP BY THE REDSTONE BOOTH ON JULY 29TH AND 30TH TO GET YOUR TIGER CARD

AVAILABLE OUTSIDE OF THE AUDITORIUM BETWEEN 9-11 AM AND 12-2 PM



Must be eligible for Redstone Federal Credit Union® (RFCU®) membership and open a share savings account in order to open a checking account. A \$5 minimum balance is required to open share savings account and must be maintained in share savings account at all times. Must not have caused RFCU a loss in order to be eligible to open a checking account. Minimum opening deposits and monthly checking maintenance fees apply to the checking accounts, and the monthly maintenance fees vary per checking account type. Please contact the Credit Union for more information about these amounts and fees. Age and other restrictions may also apply. Visa® is a registered trademark of Visa International Services Association.

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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 slip. 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 2020	July 29	9:00 - 11:00
Juniors	July 29	12:00 - 2:00
Sophomores	July 30	9:00 - 11:00
Seniors 2019	July 29	9:00 - 11:00

Please Join Your PTSO

All parents are encouraged to become members of the Hartselle High PTSO. Your family membership of \$15.00 per year. 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

Please ensure that students' clothing meets the Hartselle City Board of Education dress code. 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 clothing that is too tight, too short, too loose, or expose the body in an appropriate way; shirts should not expose midriffs or cleavage. Our goal is to ensure that interruptions due to inappropriate attire are kept to the minimum. Dress code violations will result in consequences.

Senior Portraits

To have your senior portrait in the Hartselle High Yearbook, you must have it made by Lifetouch Studios. Lifetouch Studios will mail senior portrait information to your home. 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 22nd, 23rd, 24th, & 25th. 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.

2019 Varsity Football Schedule

August 23	Austin	Away
August 30	Brooks	Home
September 6	Athens	Away
September 13	Muscle Shoals	Home
September 20	Open	
September 27	Briarwood	Away
October 4	Columbia	Home
October 11	Decatur	Home
October 18	Cullman	Away
October 25	Hazel Green	Home
November 1	Scottsboro	Away
November 8	Playoffs	

Important Dates to Remember

July 29	Senior and Junior Schedule pickup
July 30	Sophomore and Freshman Schedule pickup
August 2	Freshmen Orientation Camp
August 7	Classes Begin
August 27	College Fair
Sept. 2	Labor Day – School Closed
Sept. 3	Virtual Day
Sept. 30	Homecoming Week
Oct. 1	District ACT
Oct. 4	Homecoming Game
Oct 9	Work Keys – 12th grade Practice ACT- 11th grade Pre ACT – 10th grade
Oct. 14-15	Fall Break – School Closed
Oct. 30	PSAT
Nov. 1	Virtual Day
Nov. 11	Veterans Day – School Closed
Nov. 25-29	Thanksgiving Holiday- School Closed
Dec. 20	End of 1st Semester
Dec. 21 – Jan. 5	Christmas Break – School Closed
Jan. 6	Students Return to School
Jan. 20	MLK Holiday – School Closed
Feb. 17	Winter Break – School Closed
March 10	ACT-11th Grade
March 27	Prom
March 30-April 3	Spring Break
April 10	Good Friday Holiday
May 4-15	AP Exams
May 1	Awards Day/Senior Walk
May 18	Graduation
May 21	Last Day for Students

