



Socastee High School

Student Guide

2020-2021

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WELCOME

Welcome, Braves! It is an honor to serve as your Principal and to welcome you into the halls of Socastee High School. For some of you, there were, or will be, a lot of nerves regarding this new frontier of young adulthood: new school, new students, new expectations, new freedoms, and new opportunities to further cement your legacy as a Braves' leader. Regardless of which path you take here at Socastee High School, know it is an exciting time full of many opportunities and chances to become both a better student and person. I look forward to working with you as you find your path and am eager to see the wonderful things you do in the years to come. Continue to take pride in Braves' traditions, make new traditions to pass down to the next class, and be proud to represent the black and gold, in the classroom, and beyond. Soon you will come to know why we say, "Once a Brave Always a Brave!"

Mr. Jeremy Rich
Principal
2020-2021 School Year

Bell Schedule



- 7:45 Building Opens
- 8:20 1st Block Alert
- 8:25 – 9:55 1st Block
- 10:00 – 11:35 2nd Block
- 11:40-1:40 3rd Block & Lunches
 - 11:45 – 12:15 1st Lunch
 - 12:30 – 1:00 2nd Lunch
 - 1:10 – 1:40 3rd Lunch

(students lunch time is based on when their 3rd block teacher has their lunch.)

1:45 – 3:15 4th Block



LOCKERS

Lockers are available for all students needing one. To have a locker assigned please email Ms. Rita Edge redge@horrycountyschools.net

ADMINISTRATION

Principal: Jeremy Rich

Assistant Principal for 9th grade: Maryam Fischer

Assistant Principal for 10th grade: Joshua Vinson

Assistant Principal for 11th grade:

Mia Toomer

Assistant Principal for 12th grade:

Joy Graves

Athletic Director: Hal McManus

Guidance Counselors

Director of Guidance and Senior

Counselor: Robb Urbaniak

Cinnamon Adams: Last Names A – E

Fran Keller: Last Names F – K

Derrick Hilton: Last Names L-Q

Suzanne Renfrow: Last Names – R-Z

Angela Dosemagen: Testing

Class Colors

Freshmen – White

Sophomores – Yellow

Juniors – Blue

Seniors – Red

Our Core Values

- We put service to students above all else.
- We take responsibility for success of all students.
- We care passionately about our work with children.
- We build strong positive relationships with students, staff and community.
- We model and promote civility and integrity.

VISITORS

Students are not allowed to bring or have visitors during school hours. All approved visitors must sign in and out at the Security desk and present a valid ID. Parents who wish to observe a class, must submit the request with the date and time of the visit to an administrator at least 24 hours prior to the visit.

SCHOOL FINES

All fines will need to be addressed prior to receiving a student-parking permit and/or participation in various school activities.

HALL PASSES

Passes are required for movement in hallways during classes. Loitering is not permitted.



Health Office

If students are too sick to go to school they should be kept home. If during the school day a student doesn't feel well they are allowed to visit the health office only if they have a pass from a teacher or administrator.

Immunizations – S.C. law requires that all children going to school be vaccinated to prevent vaccine-preventable disease unless they are exempt.

****Our school nurse is Susan Cyganiewicz, RN and she can be contacted at: 843-293-9103 or email: SCyganiewicz@horrycountyschools.net**



SHS POLICIES

SAFE SCHOOLS

Pursuant to State Law all Persons entering school property are deemed to have consented to search of their person and property; including, the use of metal detectors, vehicles and bag searches. The South Carolina Safe Schools Act of 1990 makes it a criminal offense to distribute a controlled substance while in, on, or within a radius of one-half mile of the grounds of a public school. The penalty is a \$10,000 fine or 10 years imprisonment or both. Carrying a weapon on school property is a felony which carries up to a \$5,000 fine and a maximum prison term of five years. The Act also provides that it is unlawful for anyone to knowingly and willfully deliver or convey to a public official, teacher, or principal any letter, document, etc., which contains a threat of death or bodily harm to the person or a member of the person's immediate family. WEAPONS, ILLEGAL DRUGS, ALCOHOL, AND VIOLENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS Students or visitors who violate school district policy/ state board policy/state law with regard to weapons, illegal drugs, alcohol, and/or violent behavior at school or school activities may face the following action: 1. **EXPULSION:** The student will be suspended immediately and recommended for expulsion. 2. **ARREST AND PROSECUTION:** The law enforcement authority having jurisdiction over the school will be contacted. 3. **NOTIFICATION:** The Superintendent and Director of Student Affairs will be notified immediately

THREATS, HARASSMENT, AND BULLYING OF STUDENTS

Students are advised that if they are threatened, harassed, or bullied by any other student or group of students, they should immediately report the matter to a teacher or administrator. Students should not respond to threats, comments, harassment, bullying, or criticism by hitting, pushing, shoving, or slapping the other student or by engaging in a verbal battle. Students who threaten the life of a student or staff member will be recommended for expulsion and will be referred to the police. SHS does not condone or support the practice of "hazing/ initiation" may be recommended for expulsion.

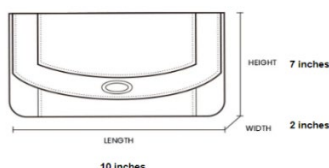
Bag Policy

There are plenty of lockers on campus to meet the needs of our student body. If a student is looking for something to help keep their belongings organized, a laptop sleeve is recommended. These are an easy way to carry a school-issued device, pens/pencils, and a small notebook. It is also very helpful for searches because they can easily unzip the laptop sleeve to assist with searches. These are different from laptop bags which are bulky and hinder the search process.

Below are images showing the difference between the two.



A small clutch is also permitted to carry personal items. Below are the dimensions we will be following to define a clutch.



You may carry a clear book bag or clear drawstring bag.



Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones are to be out of sight and not in use during instructional time in any classroom, hallway, bathroom, etc. unless the teacher directs phone use for instructional purposes. Acceptable cell phone use includes before 8:25 am, during class change, break, lunch, and after 3:15 pm.

*Students who are in possession of a cell phone during standardized testing are subject to suspension.

1 st Offense	Teacher warning/Inform parent of the consequence of next offense. Document in log entries.
2 nd Offense	Referral to administration – After School Detention, administrator contacts parent.
3 rd Offense	Referral to administration – 1 day ISS, administrator contacts parent.
4 th Offense	Referral to administration – 1 day OSS, administrator contacts parent.
5 th Offense	Referral to administration – 2 days OSS, administrator contacts parent.

Cheating

Cheating involves one or more of the following actions:

- To use the work of another person as your own
- To copy information from another student's text, examination, theme, book report, term paper, or notebook (unless allowed to do so by teacher)
- To plagiarize
- Having in your possession a copy of a test to be given or having been given by a teacher, using a textbook or notes during a text, quiz, or examination; talking while taking quizzes, tests, or examinations, or text messaging
- To fail to follow test procedures or instruction announced by a teacher (such as no talking, no turning around in seat, raise hand to ask questions, clear your desk, etc.)
- To furnish another student information which can be used to cheat
- To have in your possession the work of any other student or to give to another student or allow him/her to use your work
- To look on another person's paper or to pass notes, irrespective of the purpose of the look or the content of the note

Cheating 1 st Offense	"0" assigned and teacher calls parent/guardian Referral to Administrator - notify guidance counselor, after school detention.
2 nd Offense	"0" assigned, teacher calls parent/guardian. Referral to Administrator – notify guidance counselor, 1 day OSS.
3 rd Offense	"0" assigned

Documented incidences of cheating may limit students from participating in certain school activities and/or organizations.

Cutting Class

1 st Offense	After School Detention/Parent Contact
2 nd Offense	1 day ISS/Parent Contact
3 rd Offense	1 day OSS/Parent Contact
4 th Offense	2 days OSS/Parent Contact
5 th Offense	May result in an evidentiary hearing

Cutting/Leaving School

1 st Offense	1 day ISS/Parent Contact
2 nd Offense	1 day OSS/Parent Contact
3 rd Offense	2 days OSS/Parent Contact
4 th Offense	3 days OSS/Parent Contact
5 th Offense	May result in an evidentiary hearing

Leaving The School

1 st Offense	After School Detention/Parent Contact
2 nd Offense	1 day ISS/Parent Contact
3 rd Offense	1 day OSS/Parent Contact
4 th Offense	2 days OSS/Parent Contact
5 th Offense	May result in an evidentiary hearing

Tobacco Violation

1 st Offense	2-5 Days OSS
2 nd Offense	3-5 Days OSS with Tobacco Cessation program
3 rd Offense	Suspension Pending Expulsion Hearing

Attendance

South Carolina state law requires that all children attend school regularly beginning with the school year in which the child is five years of age before September 1st until the child attains his/her 17th birthday or graduates from high school. The school year consists of 180 days, and high school students cannot accumulate more than 5 absences per class and still receive credit for the course, regardless of the grade earned in the course. Family vacations, organizational trips, or retreats during the school year are included in the 5 absences per term. Students in yearlong courses, where they earn 2 credits, are allowed 10 days. Students

• Signing In/Signing out of Students

- Students who arrive after the first bell for the first block (8:25 a.m.) will be marked tardy and are to report to the attendance office to sign in and receive a pass to class.
- Students being checked out of school by their parents prior to the end of the school day are to remain in their classrooms until called by the attendance office. No student is to wait for their parents in the commons area or in the attendance office for pick-up.
- Parents are not allowed to check-out any student between 3:00 p.m and 3:15 p.m. All early check-outs must occur prior to 3:00 p.m.

Absences

- An absence is considered excused if a valid medical doctor's written note (with the date & time the student was seen) is provided within 3 school days after the absence.
- An absence for bereavement, due to a death in the student's immediate family, maybe excused if an obituary or program of service verifying the death is provided to the attendance clerk within 3 school days after the absence.
- An absence for a nationally recognized religious holiday of the student's faith may be made in writing to the principal and written approval is received prior to the absence.
- A parent may request approval of absence for a hardship, in writing, utilizing the Request for Approval form. This form may be obtained from the school's attendance office. The form must be completed and submitted **prior** to the absence (if the parent has prior knowledge), **or within 3 days** following the absence.

Tardy To Class

1 st Tardy	Teacher Warning
2 nd Tardy	Referral to Administration/Teacher will Contact Parent
3 rd Tardy	Referral to Administration - After School Detention
4 th Tardy	Referral to Administrator – After School Detention
5 th Tardy	Referral to Administrator – 1 Day ISS
6 th Tardy	Referral to Administrator – SPC (Overnight Suspension)
7 th Tardy	Referral to Administrator – 1 Days OSS
8 th Tardy	Referral to Administrator – 2 Days OSS
9 th Tardy	Referral to Administrator – 3 Days OSS
10 th Tardy	Referral to Administrator – 4 Days OSS
11 th Tardy	Referral to Administrator – May result in an evidentiary hearing

*****For questions regarding attendance contact our attendance administrative assistant – Mrs. Heather Tucci*****
htucci@horrycountyschools.net

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS)

ISS or ISD is for students who would ordinarily be suspended from school, or for those students who continually break the rules of the school. The number of days spent in this room will vary based on the seriousness of the misconduct of the student and the student's overall discipline record. ISS will be held in a designated classroom.

1. Students are to collect class assignments and homework prior to the day of their ISS assignment if time permits.
2. Students will report directly to the ISS room with all required materials on the day of their ISS assignment. Students will turn over all electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, etc.) upon entry into the ISS room. Valuables will be secured by the ISS monitor and released to students upon the completion of ISS/ISD.
3. Students will be required to work in ISS and follow all ISS rules.
4. Failure to follow steps 1,2, or 3 will result in immediate parent notification and OSS. Students will not receive credit for assigned work that day.
5. Students will be marked absent from the classes missed, but the absence will not count toward one of the 5 allowed by law.
6. Make-up work will be graded on the same basis as other students' work in class.
7. Scheduled tests may be taken in the ISS room at the teacher's discretion

FIGHTING & BULLYING

Schools' Anti-Bullying Plans

All Horry County schools implement effective anti-bullying plans, which include the following components:



- Highly-visible, committed administrative leadership
- Clearly-defined behavioral expectations that support a safe school climate, in addition to prohibited behaviors that constitute direct and indirect bullying
- Specific, published school rules with consistent sanctions for bullying
- Training, resources and operational guidelines for employees
- Direct and anonymous reporting options available to students and parents which will receive a prompt response by the school administration
- Enhanced supervision and security, with increased focus during times when large numbers of students are transitioning throughout the day and during publicly-attended events
- Responsive support services, including counseling, for victims of bullying
- Proactive behavioral training for bullies
- Ongoing evaluation of bully intervention plans to ensure effectiveness and continued improvement

Horry County Schools is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students and employees, and part of that is creating a climate where bullying is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. We know that safe and supportive environments help prevent bullying behaviors. We will clearly communicate expectations for student behavior as it relates to bullying, and then we will appropriately deal with those who violate those expectations. Likewise, we will provide appropriate support to those who are victims of bullying.

GENERAL PENALTY FOR FIGHTING

The general penalty for being involved in a fight is a minimum of five days out-of-school suspension. In first-offense cases determined to be severe enough, the administration will make a recommendation for expulsion to the district hearing officer. Students who fight will be referred to the police. If a bystander chooses to record the fight on his/her electronic device, they will be subject to suspension.

PENALTY FOR SECOND OFFENSE FOR FIGHTING

The minimum penalty for a second offense is recommendation for expulsion from school. The student will be suspended from school until the hearing. Students who fight will be referred to the police.

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Our Bully Prevention guide and online resources will help you understand the roles and responsibilities of our District and schools, and what parents and students can do to help. In alignment with the South Carolina Safe School Climate Act, our district and schools take steps to prevent school harassment, intimidation, and bullying.

Report An Incident

Anonymous reports can be made to the [School Crime Tip Line](#) at any time by calling:

- (843) 915-SROS (7767)
- Online on the [HCS website](#)
- District [mobile App](#)

Device Policy

The use of instructional technology in the classroom serves to enhance and transform students' learning. In order for students to meaningfully participate, engage, and work in our classes, it is imperative, both, that each student bring his/her device, charged, each day to class, and that students are not off-task when using their devices. If students do not bring their charged device to class each day, or are off-task after redirection, the following consequences will result:

1 st Offense	Warning
2 nd Offense	Teacher calls parent/guardian
3 rd Offense	Referral to Administrator – 1 day After School Detention
4 th Offense	Referral to Administrator – Overnight Suspension

PERSONALIZED DIGITAL LEARNING

The Vision of Horry County Schools' Personal Digital Learning To transform teaching and learning by immersing all students in rich, authentic, relevant, personalized digital learning experiences that lead to college and career readiness and enable deeper learning across the disciplines.

The Technology Fees for the 2020-2021 School Year:

High School Grades 9-12

All students in grades 9-12 have a Technology Fee of \$25 for the full academic year, due at the time of registration. The fee may be paid online or in person at the appropriate school.

Students Grades 9-12 who PAY the Technology Fee:

- are allowed to take the devices home
- pay an additional \$25 for the first accidental damage repair, \$50 for the second accidental damage repair and full cost of repair for all subsequent accidental damage repairs during the academic year
- pay an additional \$25 for device replacement due to theft (requires police report)
- pay full repair cost for all damage caused by neglect or abuse
- pay full replacement cost for loss due to neglect

Students Grades 9-12 who DO NOT PAY the Technology Fee:

- are allowed to use the device only at school
- pay full repair costs for all accidental damage
- pay full replacement cost for loss due to theft
- pay full repair cost for all damage caused by neglect or abuse
- pay full replacement cost for loss due to neglect.

Discipline

Any electronic device used for picture taking, video recording, posting or text messaging that results in students cheating or cause major disruptions will result in additional discipline at the principal's discretion.

Technology disciplinary offenses may also result in restricted use of the personalized digital learning device and/or technology. Restricted use may prohibit the student from taking the device off of school grounds.

When using network or internet resources, students will:

- Use the internet for legitimate educational purposes
- Send e-mail only at the direction of teacher during school hours
- Not attempt to download or save files to the device without teacher permission
- Not search for, download or print any material that violates school handbook codes regarding possession or display of inappropriate, offensive or vulgar material, or assist any other student in such activities
- Not harass, insult, or attack others via electronic communications
- Not damage or alter computers, computer systems, computer networks or mobile devices
- Not violate copyright laws
- Not trespass in another's folders, work, files or devices

For additional information on acceptable use of technology, please refer to the Horry County Schools Technology Acceptable Use Policy/Rule. Once in possession of the Personal Mobile Device Agreement, the student agrees to the stipulations set forth in the Horry County Schools' Acceptable Use Policy and the Student Pledge for Use of the personalized digital learning device. District owned devices are subject to inspection at any time without notice and remain the property of Horry County Schools.

******Stolen devices must be reported within 48 hours, and a police report must be filed by the student or parent.******

****Students can contact Mr. Rhue at our Help Desk in the media center for issues with their device or email him at the following email address:**

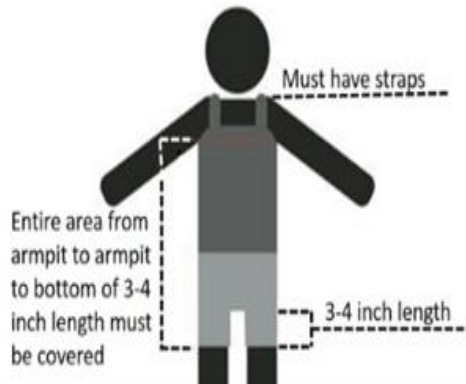
rhue@horrycountyschools.net



DRESS CODE



Students are responsible for dressing in an appropriate manner at all times while on school campus or while involved in school activities. School attire should reflect good taste, cleanliness, and comfort. The school will make judgments and decisions as needed to preserve the health, safety, and decorum of students. Student cooperation is expected in the following areas:



- Headwear for ALL students may not be worn in the building (unless approved for a health condition or religious reasons). Headwear includes hats, bandanas, do-rags, scarves, visors, sweatbands, etc.
- Tank tops must have a shoulder strap of two inches in width.
- Pajamas, pajama pants, and bedroom shoes are not to be worn in the school setting.
- If leggings, jeggings, or spandex clothing are worn, the top layer of clothing must cover his/her backside.
- Clothing may not display any of the following: hate groups, gangs, insignias, weapons, or symbols that promote violence, sexual behavior. This also includes any information about, representations of, or advertisements for alcoholic beverage(s), tobacco, controlled drugs, illegal drugs or paraphernalia associated with the foregoing.

1st Offense	Warning. Student will be asked to change clothes. Parents will be notified. The student will not be allowed to return to class until the situation has been corrected.
2nd Offense	1 day after school detention. Student will be asked to change clothes. Parents will be notified. The student will not be allowed to return to class until the situation has been corrected.
3rd Offense	1 day ISS. Parents will be notified. The student will not be allowed to return to class until the situation has been corrected.
4th Offense	1 day OSS. Parents will be notified. The student will not be allowed to return to class until the situation has been corrected.
Further Offenses	Additional days OSS.

MASKS AND FACE COVERINGS

Masks must be worn in the following situations/locations:

- When entering any school building or office,
- When in the hallways,
- When in the restroom,
- When in the common areas (mailroom, canteen, copy rooms, break rooms, meeting rooms, etc.),
- When anywhere but in your room/office/workspace by yourself, and
- When talking to another person in your room/office/workspace.

NOTE: CDC does not recommend use of face shields for normal everyday activities or as a substitute for cloth face coverings. If face shields are used without a mask, they should wrap around the sides of the wearer's face and extend to below the chin. Disposable face shields should only be worn for a single use. According to CDC guidelines, Instructors and teachers should not consider wearing a face shield in a return to in-person instruction. To be used correctly, face shields should be coupled with face masks.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

•All HCS employees AND Students must maintain at least 6 feet of distance from others at all times. The use of face coverings is not a substitute for social distancing.

•Employees should avoid using others' phones, desks, offices, or other work tools and equipment when possible. Care should be taken to wipe down any shared equipment such as printers, copiers, computers, coffee makers, tables, light switches, and doorknobs after use.

•Convening in groups increases the risks of viral transmission. When feasible, meetings should be held in virtual and/or distance format. Hallways are marked one way access as well as stairways to limit traffic.

RESTROOMS & WATER FOUNTAINS

•Water fountain use is currently suspended. Students are encouraged to bring bottled water from home.

•Schools will stagger normally assigned times for access to restroom facilities.

•Markings will be placed on floors to designate physical distancing when using the restroom facilities, including access to stalls and sinks.