

Horry County Schools

Honor Diploma

(must meet *ALL* of the following)

- GPA = or > 4.0
- Sat V + M \geq 1000 or ACT Composite \geq 22
- Five or more math courses
- Four or more credit bearing science courses
- Three or more courses at the AP, IB, or Dual Credit level. Two of the three must be at the AP or IB level.
- Three or more courses in the same foreign language or four courses in two different foreign languages
- At least 28 high school credits
- Show evidence of participation in at least one school-sponsored organization during grades 10-12 or complete 50 hours of approved community service during high school years.

South Carolina Academic Achievement Honors

Award Requirements

- complete twenty-four units of credit as prescribed;
- meet the standard on all subtests of the Exit Examination;
- receive a minimum grade of “B” for each semester course in grades 9–12 through the seventh semester; and
- achieve either a score of 710 or higher on the SAT verbal, a score of 690 or higher on the SAT mathematics, a score of 30 or higher on the ACT English, or a score of 33 or higher on the ACT mathematics;

OR

- each student shall have completed twenty-four units of high school credit;
- be eligible for graduation with a state high school diploma; and
- have a combined score of 1400 on the SAT verbal and math sections, or an ACT composite score of 31.

Of the twenty-four units earned, **eighteen units** must be **college preparatory coursework**, four units in additional electives, and two units in one or more of the following: English, science, social studies, or mathematics.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for admission into colleges and universities varies. Admissions offices will consider several variables, such as high school GPA, class rank, rigor of coursework in high school, high school participation in extra curricular activities, community participation, and performance on ACT or SAT.

It is strongly suggested that students visit the web sites for the colleges/universities they are interested in as well as make direct contact with the colleges admissions office in order to gain information.

HCS GRADUATE RECOGNITION

SUMMA CUM LAUDE

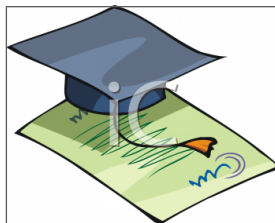
GPA \geq 4.75

MAGNA CUM LAUDE

GPA \geq 4.250
AND < 4.750

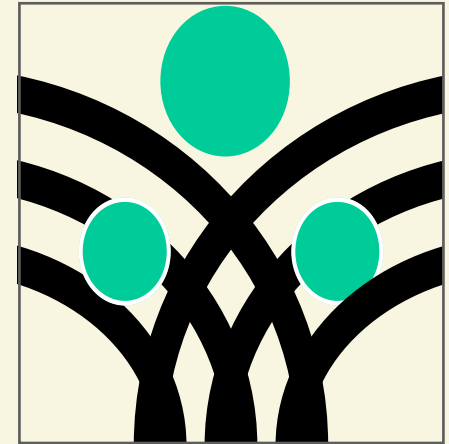
CUM LAUDE

GPA \geq 3.750
AND < 4.250



HORRY COUNTY SCHOOLS

STUDENT INFORMATION GUIDE



Student Planning Information found in Parent Student Handbook

http://www.horrycountyschools.net/UserFiles/Servers/Server_743372/File/Accountability_08/hndbkweb.pdf

SC HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

SC UNIFORM GRADING SCALE CONVERSION CHART

COMPUTING CLASS RANK

HORRY COUNTY SCHOOLS HONORS DIPLOMA

SAT/ACT INFORMATION

LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

South Carolina Residency is a requirement for eligibility

Palmetto Fellows Scholarship may receive up to \$6,700 their freshman year and up to \$7,500 for their sophomore, junior and senior years. Half of the Scholarship is awarded in the fall term and half in the spring term. The Scholarship must be applied directly toward the cost of attendance, less any other gift aid received. Assuming continued eligibility, Palmetto Fellows may receive Scholarship funding for a maximum of eight full-time terms of study toward their first bachelor's degree at an eligible four-year institution in South Carolina.

Life Scholarship Up to \$5,000 (including a \$300 book allowance) each academic year toward the cost of attendance at an eligible four-year institution in S.C. Funding limited to eight (8) consecutive terms for the first bachelor's degree or ten (10) consecutive terms for the first approved five-year bachelor's degree

OR

Up to the cost of tuition plus a \$300 book allowance each academic year at an eligible technical college in S.C. At the eligible two-year public and independent institutions in the State, students may receive up to the cost of tuition at the USC's Regional Campuses. Funding limited to two (2) consecutive terms for the first one-year program or four (4) consecutive terms for the first associate's degree program or a two-year program that is acceptable as full credit toward a bachelor's degree

Hope Scholarship a one-year merit-based Scholarship created for first-time entering freshman attending eligible four-year institutions in S.C. Eligible full-time students may receive the following:

- Up to \$2,800 (including a \$300 book allowance) toward the cost of attendance
- Up to two (2) consecutive terms of funding

Specific information on scholarship eligibility can be found at: www.che.sc.gov/StudentServices/scholarship_brochure.pdf

ACT/SAT/Compass

- Students planning to attend HGTC will need to take the Compass exam for admissions. (ACT and SAT will be accepted for students with scores meeting entrance requirements.)
- ACT or SAT scores are accepted by all four-year colleges within the United States. (Acceptable scores for admission differ among colleges/universities. Students should check with individual colleges/universities for admission score requirements.)

FINANCIAL AID

 (Awards are based on financial need)

- www.studentaid.ed.gov ---describes federal student aid programs (grants, loans)
 - Grants—Pell and Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) do not have to be repaid.
 - Loans—Perkins, Direct, and Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) must be repaid.
 - Federal Work Study (FWS) provides income (which does not have to be repaid) from part-time job.
- www.fafsa.ed.gov —website where you complete your FAFSA Application for Federal Student Aid (Be sure to use ed.gov. website—Other sites will charge MONEY, and FAFSA is **FREE!**)
 - Application cannot be completed until January
- www.Sctuitiongrants.com
- CCU Financial Aid Office 349-2313
- HGTC Financial Aid Office 349-5251

SCHOLARSHIPS

 (Awards are based on MERIT)

Lottery Funded Scholarships and Grants administered by the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
www.che.sc.gov www.sctechsystem.com

*Information about lottery scholarships can be found on the web site of the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education website www.che.sc.gov. Look under the blue block labeled "Parents and Students" and then click on "Scholarships and Grants." When viewing the following links, **the Q & A link is a particularly helpful summary and outline of each program.** Also, be sure to view the new enhancement programs (which provide additional funding) for Palmetto Fellows and LIFE Scholarships.*

INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

- Scholarships awarded by the colleges/universities
- Visit the college websites
- Use SCOIS
- Many colleges use the application for admission for the scholarship application as well. Pay attention to date of acceptance for being considered for scholarships.

MISCELLANEOUS SCHOLARSHIPS

- School websites
- School newsletters
- Scholarship Searches
 - www.fastweb.com
 - www.AllScholar.com
 - www.scholarshipamerica.org
 - www.collegeboard.com/student/pay/index.html
 - www.finaid.org
 - www.nextSTEPmag.com (step by step)
 - www.cappex.com
 - www.zinch.com
 - www.scholarships.com

LINKS TO SPECIAL INTEREST SITES

ACADEMY FOR ARTS, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY

<http://aast.horrycountyschools.net>

ACADEMY FOR TECHNOLOGY AND ACADEMICS

<http://ata.horrycountyschools.net>

HCS EARLY COLLEGE

<http://ec.horrycountyschools.net>

HCS SCHOLARS ACADEMY

<http://scholars.horrycountyschools.net>

HCS STEM Academy Program

<http://aast.horrycountyschools.net>

HCS VIRTUAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

www.horrycountyschools.net/cms/one.aspx?objectId=10619580&contextId=743462

SC PATHWAYS

www.scpathways.org

NCAA Clearinghouse for College bound athletes

http://web1.ncaa.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.html



For additional assistance, please call your school counselor. Each parent of students grades 8-12 should meet with your child's school counselor in order to develop and/or review your child's Individual Graduation Plan (IGP) annually.

Brochure can be found on HCS website at:

http://www.horrycountyschools.net/departments/instructional_support_services/guidance/guidance_documents/