

## The Graduating Class of 2017

The Class of 2017 set new records for HCS as the largest graduating class, earning the highest value of scholarships, earning the highest percentage of Honor Diplomas, and the most number of dual-credit courses in the District's history.

- 2,531 graduates
- \$87.5 million in scholarships earned
- 77% met eligibility requirements for scholarships supported by the South Carolina Education Lottery
- 76% of graduates indicated they would pursue post-secondary education at either a two-year college or a four-year college or university
- 85% of students pursuing post-secondary education indicated they would attend South Carolina colleges and universities
- 13% of graduates earned an HCS Honors Diploma
- 3,030 dual-credit courses completed, offering credit for both high school units and college courses.



## Instructional Programs

### Elementary Schools:

- A full-day child development program is offered for eligible students.
- A full-day kindergarten program.
- After-school programs are available at most elementary schools for a fee.
- Instructional services in ELA and math are provided for academically gifted and talented students beginning in grade 3.
- Visual and performing arts instruction is available at all grade levels.
- Online pre-algebra is offered for fifth graders.

### Middle Schools:

- Honors and accelerated classes are offered in ELA and math for high-achieving students in grades 6-8. Honors classes in social studies and science are available in grade 8.
- Middle school students may choose some classes from the HCS Virtual School.
- Extracurricular activities are available at all middle schools.
- Fine arts instruction includes orchestra, band, chorus and drama.
- Foreign language is offered at several of the middle schools for elective credit.

### High Schools:

- High-achieving students take honors courses and may enroll in a variety of Advanced Placement courses.
- Extensive dual-credit course opportunities are available through post-secondary institutions.
- The HCS Virtual School personalizes and expands curricular offerings.
- International Baccalaureate programs are available at both Aynor High and Socastee High.
- The Academy for Arts, Science, and Technology and the Academy for Technology and Academics provide multiple majors in grades 11-12 for students with identified career choices. Programs are personalized to support students' goals to enter post-secondary schools or immediate employment.
- The New Tech High School model at Myrtle Beach High School provides an instructional approach centered on project-based learning, a culture that empowers students and teachers, and integrates technology in the classroom.

- Foreign language courses are offered in grades 9-12 via traditional classes and online.
- A Technical Scholars program is available through Horry Georgetown Technical College
- High school athletics include football, basketball, baseball, track and field, cross country, softball, volleyball, wrestling, soccer, swimming, cheerleading, golf, tennis and lacrosse.

### Additional High School programs:

- During their 8th grade year, eligible students may apply to participate in one of the following programs offered to students at central locations:
  - a. The Scholars Academy serves the highest achieving students with a combination of Advanced Placement and college courses on the campus of Coastal Carolina University.
  - b. The Early College High School, located at Horry Georgetown Technical College, bridges the high school curriculum with college courses and provides additional support for students who are underrepresented in post-secondary education.
  - c. STEM Programs, located at the Academy for Arts, Science and Technology and Conway High serve students with interests, abilities and career goals in science, technology, engineering and math. The STEM Program at AAST has earned Advanced STEM Certification.

### All Schools:

- Robotics programs are offered in elementary, middle, and high schools.
- A Personalized Digital Learning (PDL) initiative is implemented in grades 3-12.
- Utilization of science kits in grades K-8 support and enhance science instruction.
- Utilization of PowerSchool Parent Portal allows parents to monitor their children's grades and performance.
- Special Education programs serve eligible students from ages 3 to 21.
- An alternative school is an optional placement for students with disciplinary problems in grades 6-12.

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## School Attendance and Registration

- All students between the ages of 5 and 17 must enroll in school. Students registering for child development, kindergarten, or first grade, must be 4, 5, or 6 years old, respectively, by September 1st. Schools operate 180 days a year. Students must attend at least 170 days to receive course or grade credit.
- To register, you will need: a valid birth certificate, proof of immunizations on a South Carolina Certificate of Immunization form, and documentation of Horry County residency. A Social Security number is requested.

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# 2018 Quick Facts



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# HCS

Horry County Schools





**H**orry County Schools is a countywide school system, serving communities with more than 300,000 residents along the Atlantic Coastline of northeastern South Carolina. A twelve-member Board of Education, elected from single-member districts, governs the school district, with the chairman being elected at-large. The Superintendent is appointed by the Board. The school district has nine attendance areas: Aynor, Carolina Forest, Conway, Green Sea Floyds, Loris, Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach, Socastee, and St. James. Each area consists of a high school and feeder middle and elementary schools. Horry County Schools is the third largest among the state's 85 school districts.



Rick Maxey, Ph. D.  
Superintendent, Horry County Schools

## Horry County Schools

Schools	Number of Schools
Primary/Elementary schools	27
Intermediate schools	1
Middle schools	12
High schools	10
Academies	3
Alternative school	1
Charter schools	4

## Average Class Sizes by Grade Level

Grades 9-12	26.5 to 1
Grades 6-8	25.5 to 1
Grades 4-5	24.5 to 1
Grades 2-3	21.5 to 1
Grade 1	21.5 to 1
Kindergarten	25.5 to 1
Child Development	20.0 to 1



## Student Enrollment (Fall 2017)

On the 45th day of school in the fall of 2017, HCS reported an Average Daily Membership of **44,060**, an increase of 872 students over the previous year. HCS is the third largest school district in the state of South Carolina.

- High school (grades 9-12) ..... 12,827
- Middle school (grades 6-8) .....9,985
- Elementary school (Kindergarten-5) ..... 19,984
- Child Development (four-year olds).....1,060
- Pre-K (identified for services) ..... 204

In a national analysis by Education Week, HCS ranks 132 in growth among the nation's largest school districts. The report indicates that HCS has grown 81.4 percent in student enrollment since 1988.

## Meals Program

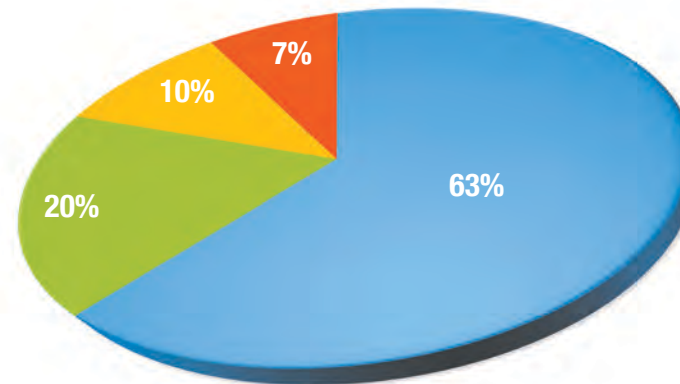
- Elementary school lunch: \$2.30
- Middle and high school lunch: \$2.40
- Breakfast is served in all schools.

*Students receiving free/reduced meals: 58.8%*



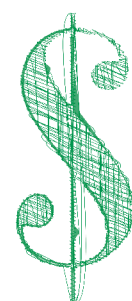
## Student Demographics

- White/Caucasian
- African American
- Hispanic
- Other



## Student Testing

Throughout the year students take a series of diagnostic and state-required assessments to measure academic growth and school and district performance for state and federal accountability. Information gathered from testing, as well as classroom performance, helps teachers personalize each student's educational experience. For the most current information about assessments used for each grade level, visit Horry County Schools' website at [horrycountyschools.net](http://horrycountyschools.net) as well as the South Carolina State Department of Education's website at [ed.sc.gov](http://ed.sc.gov).



## Teacher Salaries (2017-18)

Bachelor's	\$36,010 - \$61,468
Bachelor's +18 hours	\$37,677 - \$64,311
Master's	\$41,463 - \$70,773
Master's +30 hours	\$42,364 - \$72,310
Doctorate	\$45,584 - \$79,000

## Employees (Fall 2017)

- Total number of full-time employees ..... 5,808
- Classroom teachers ..... 2,788
- Employees with advanced degrees ..... 80%
- Teachers returning from the previous year ..... 92%
- Teacher attendance rate ..... 91.89%
- Average teacher salary ..... \$52,500

*HCS is the largest employer in Horry County.*

## 2017-18 Consolidated Budget

Revenues		
Local	\$296,811,840	43.35%
Intergovernmental	56,518	0.01%
State	212,083,188	30.97%
Federal	43,373,360	6.33%
Other Financing Sources	31,782,614	4.64%
Fund Balance	100,643,590	14.70%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$684,751,110</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
Expenditures		
Instruction	\$296,970,882	43.37%
Support Services	189,395,839	27.66%
Community Services	1,984,825	0.29%
Debt Service	38,667,158	5.65%
Facilities & Construction	118,221,229	17.26%
Other	39,511,177	5.77%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$684,751,110</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## 2017-18 County Tax Rate for Schools

(Per \$1,000 dollars of appraised value)

Owner-occupied homes .....	40 cents per \$1,000
(Taxed for debt services only)	
Second homes, commercial property, and other personal property .....	\$7.986 per \$1,000
Automobiles .....	\$7.986 per \$1,000

The 2017-18 millage rate for HCS is 133.10 mills. Of this, only 10 mills are applied to owner-occupied homes for Debt Service. A state-approved, one-penny sales tax rolls back property tax collected for the General Fund on owner-occupied homes. A local, voter-approved one-penny sales tax rolls back property tax collected for Debt Service on all property.



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