

January Graduate

****Effective 2016-2017**

As a school district, we want all students to embrace education and receive the most from all opportunities available to them. The District does not recommend students complete high school in fewer than four years, however; for students who opt to graduate in January (after the first semester) of their senior year, the following apply:

- The fact that a student has met with his/her school counselor, examined his/her transcript, and determined that the necessary units for graduation have been completed, does not ensure that the student has the necessary units to attend a four-year college/university. It merely means the student is eligible for high school graduation. It is the responsibility of the student to contact the admissions office of each college/university to which they plan to apply to determine how January Graduation will impact their admission.
- January Graduates will not receive a final rank.
- January Graduates will be awarded a diploma through the base high school as soon as it is issued by the SCDE. Students will be notified by the base high school upon its arrival.
- Upon completion of the first semester of their senior year, January Graduates are no longer considered enrolled in HCS and lose all privileges associated with being a student. January Graduates are not allowed on campus during the instructional day without an appointment. January Graduates may not attend any function that is designed for active students. Some examples include, but are not limited to, the prom, the academic awards ceremony, the senior celebration, any base school or academy senior recognition ceremony, etc.
- January Graduates will be allowed to participate in the base-school graduation practice and ceremony in the Spring (PLEASE NOTE: Graduation practice is required for participation in the graduation ceremony). Students who indicate on this form that they will be participating in graduation MUST contact the base school no later than May 1st to confirm their participation and gather information regarding practice.
- January Graduates will need to contact the appropriate vendor directly to secure graduation supplies. Please see your base school website to determine the vendor and supplies needed.
- January Graduates will be eligible to begin a post-secondary education program and receive all scholarships for which they are eligible.
- **Students must declare their intention to be a January Graduate and return this form to their school counselor no later than October 1st of their senior year.**

By selecting the appropriate response to the following question, I am committing to my graduation participation plans.

Do you plan to participate in the graduation ceremony?

_____ (YES)

_____ (NO)

By signing below, I confirm that I have met with a school representative and I understand and agree to the terms described above to become a January Graduate and that the student will no longer be enrolled in Horry County Schools at the end of first term.

(Print Student Name & Cell Phone Number)

(Print Parent/Guardian Name & Cell Phone Number)

(Student Signature)

(Date)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)