



Horry County Schools



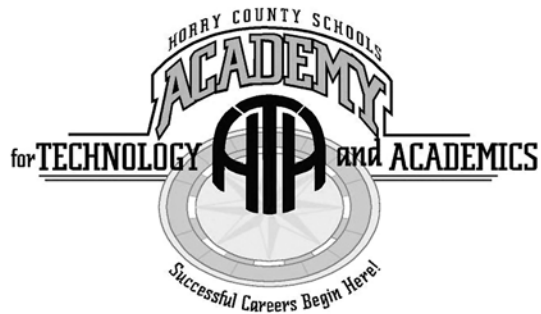
# SECONDARY PROGRAM GUIDE

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The Horry County Schools' Secondary Program Guide is designed to provide students and parents with an overview of the special instructional choices that are available to high school students at different sites across the district. Within this guide, a student will find brief descriptions of each secondary program as well as information concerning courses, majors, and certifications.

The secondary programs are unique in their offerings and, with the exception of the two IB programs based at Aynor and Socastee High Schools, are located at physical sites apart from the high schools. Each program may have specific entry requirements such as an application process or grade-level prerequisites. Though students who are considering enrollment in one of the secondary programs will benefit from reviewing this guide, students who desire more information or who have specific questions should contact any of the staff members named in a program's directory.

Each of the district's high schools offers a range of educational opportunities for students in a traditional high school setting. Students interested in taking a slightly different pathway to their high school education are encouraged to examine the secondary programs.

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# Academy for the Arts, Science & Technology

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The Academy for the Arts, Science & Technology (AAST) is open to students who are actively enrolled in Horry County Schools and who are eligible for the programs available at AAST. Rising juniors and seniors may apply for our majors programs, and rising freshmen may apply for our STEM program. In addition to these special programs, AAST offers a wide range of academic courses, including honors, Advanced Placement and college dual-credit courses, that students need to prepare them for colleges, universities, or technical schools. All students also have opportunities to participate in job shadowing, field experiences, and internships. Sophomores who are interested in attending AAST for their junior and senior years may obtain an application on the AAST web site, from their base high schools, or by contacting AAST. Eight-graders who are interested in the STEM program may obtain an application on the AAST web site, from their current middle schools, or by contacting AAST. All interested students are encouraged to complete and return their applications as early as possible, and parents and students are invited to attend open houses and to contact the school to arrange a visit and tour.

## Advanced Art

This major is a studio course designed for students who desire advanced study in visual arts. Students will produce advanced art portfolios showcasing their talents. Students will work with digital photography, computer design, oil painting, mosaic/glass work, illustration and mixed-media. All students will keep an art journal throughout the year to mark their growth. Students also have the opportunity to participate in a variety of business and community projects. AP Studio Art credit is available in 2-D Design & Illustration.

### Junior Year

Art 3-Drawing & Painting (2 Units)  
Art Appreciation 1 (1 Unit)

### Senior Year

Art 4 Ceramic & Sculpture (2 Units)  
Art Appreciation 2 (1 Unit)  
AP Art Studio (optional) (1 Unit)

## Dance

The dance major curriculum is based on the National and SC Frameworks for Dance in Education and is designed for students with the desire to pursue dance at the post-secondary level, as a career, or as a life-enriching experience. Studies include dance technique, improvisation, choreography, history and culture, critical and creative thinking, and healthful living. Students will explore a variety of dance-related careers such as teaching, performing, choreography, movement therapy, dance education, and production. In addition, students have the opportunity to participate in master classes led by professional dancers in residence at the Academy. AAST is an institu-

tional member of the National Dance Education Organization, providing dance majors with the opportunity to qualify for the National Honor Society for Dance Arts.

### Junior Year

Dance 3 (2 Units)  
Modern Dance (1 Unit)

### Senior Year

Dance 4 (2 Units)  
Ballet (1 Unit)

## Digital & Web Communications

This major is a two-year program designed for students with a desire to pursue careers such as multimedia specialist, web designer, graphic artist, interactive media specialist, 3D animator, and website maintenance specialist. The major focuses on several aspects of web and digital communications including digital image editing, digital image design, digital composition, 3-D computer animation, and web page design and development, along with digital portfolio creation, journalistic and creative writing, and other areas of web and digital communications. Students will participate in service learning projects, shadowing experiences, senior internships, and other experiences related to their web and digital communications interests.

### Junior Year

Image Editing 1 & 2 (2 Units)  
Web Page Design & Development 1 (1 Unit)

### Senior Year

Web Page Design & Development 2 (1 Unit)  
Foundations of Animation (1 Unit)  
Internship - Work Based Credit (1 Unit)

## Entertainment Technology

In this major, students study and develop skills in all areas related to the entertainment industry. A general study of mass communications, video production, advertising, journalism, and creative writing are components of this major. Students also learn video production techniques with a concentration on scriptwriting, lighting, audio, special effects, and audio and video editing. Students will spend time job shadowing and interning at various local entertainment businesses.

### Junior Year

Entertainment Tech 1 (3 Units)

### Senior Year

Entertainment Tech 2 (3 Units)

## Pre-Engineering

This major is designed to allow students to explore a number of specific types of engineering. Students are involved in hands-on modules such as mechanical, electrical, manufacturing processes (mills and lathes), computer aided drafting software, polymer plastics technology, thermal dynamics systems (HVAC), structural, civil, material science, surveying, architecture, automotive, aerospace and a state of the art robotics international competition program. We now have a flight simulator module with certification for 12 types of aircraft (private license) and an automotive analysis module. Students will engage in job shadowing their junior year and internships as seniors.

### Junior Year

Intro to Engineering/Design (3 Units)

### Senior Year

Principles of Engineering (2 Units)  
Pre-Engineering Internship (1 Unit)

## Pre-Medicine

This major includes introductory study in anatomy and physiology, microbiology, and medical terminology. Also included are research, laboratory experiences, and business and ethical practices associated with the medical profession. Students are involved in a broad introduction to all health care occupations and pursue a variety of internship and apprenticeship opportunities designed to help them select an appropriate career in the medical field.

### Junior Year

Medical Terminology (1 Unit)  
Health Science Tech 1 (2 Units)

### Senior Year

Health Science 2 (1 Unit)  
Health Science Tech Intern. (2 Units)  
Anatomy and Physiology (1 Unit)

## Theatre

The theatre program at the Academy is designed to function like a professional acting/production company. Students assume responsibilities within the "company" to accomplish production requirements. The company will produce several performances during the year. These productions feature student work including public performances of published one act plays, monologues, scenes, and musical theatre pieces. Students will perform duties related to professional positions within the company including those of actors, technicians (lighting/sound), crew, management, directing, designers, costumers, makeup artists, publishing and publicity. When preparing students to compete in

the job market of stage performance the following areas of study are covered through course work in the following areas: Career research, audition process and opportunities, headshot and resume development, acting skills development through scene work and monologue work, concentrated research on specific topics with application, improvisation, oral presentations, lighting and set design, costume and make-up design, and playwriting.

### Junior Year

Drama 3 (1 Unit)  
Theatre Workshop 3 (2 Units)

### Senior Year

Drama 4 (1 Unit)  
Theatre Workshop 4 (2 Units)



## STEM Program

The Academy for the Arts, Science, and Technology offers the opportunity for ninth graders throughout Horry County to participate in a 9-12 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program. Ninth-grade students from all middle schools in the school district have the opportunity to pursue in depth areas of interest and talent in science and math, including engineering, technology, and medicine, and to explore the arts. All ninth graders participate in Freshman Seminar, a course designed to give students opportunities to enhance study and organizational skills, explore college and career options, participate in service activities, prepare for college entrance tests such as the SAT and ACT, and develop leadership skills. Beginning in the tenth grade, students select specialized courses in their interest areas and have opportunities for career shadowing, internships, college visits, and learning experiences with experts in fields of STEM study. In addition, the program of studies offers accelerated learning options and a wide range of Advanced Placement and dual-credit courses.

Applications are available through the AAST web site and the Horry County Schools web site. In addition, program information and applications will be available through middle school guidance counselors. Interested students are encouraged to complete and return their applications as early as possible as space in the program is limited. Parents and students are invited to contact the school to arrange a visit and tour.

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## Directory

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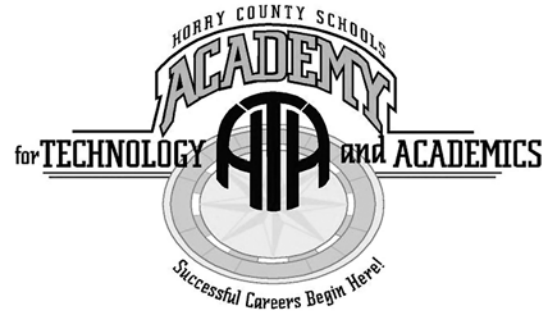
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# Academy for Technology and Academics



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The Academy for Technology and Academics (ATA) is a public secondary program open to high school juniors and seniors who are actively enrolled in any Horry County Schools high school. ATA combines career and technology majors with academic course work to provide its students with a relevant, integrated learning experience. By choosing one of the several exciting majors, ATA students get a head start on their futures through specialized studies that prepare them for state or national certification exams as well as for successful lives in the 21st century. Juniors or Seniors may attend ATA on either a full or half-day basis to explore or continue a major. Students with half-day enrollment attend their base schools for the remaining portion of the day to complete core academic requirements. In addition to the majors and core graduation subjects, ATA offers students a variety of academic courses, including honors, Advanced Placement, and college dual-credit. ATA is committed to developing students who will be tomorrow's business and community leaders.

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## Automotive Technology

This major concentrates on four areas of ASE Certification: electrical and steering, suspension systems, brakes, and engine performance. Students learn basic engine fundamentals as they work through ASE modules.

**HOT EDITION FOR AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY RACE PROJECT:** Development of a Drag Car from Suspension to Performance through hands-on training to be tested on NHRA Level.

ASE/AYES/NATEF Certification Preparation

### Junior Year

Automotive Tech 1, 2, 3 (3 Units)  
Physics (or other approved academic course) (1 Unit)

### Senior Year

Automotive Tech 4 (2 Units)  
Internship (2 Units)  
ASE/AYES Certification Preparation

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## Building Construction

This major prepares students to perform building construction tasks under the supervision of a teacher/craftsman.

### Junior Year

Building Construction 1 (3 Units)

### Senior Year

Building Construction 2 (2 Units)  
Internship (2 Units)  
NCCER Certification Preparation

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## BUSINESS

### Administrative Services

This major concentrates on core/expert levels of MS Office functions, internet usage, and multimedia presentations from a business perspective.

### Junior Year

Integrated Business Apps 1 (1 Unit)  
Admin Support Tech (1 Unit)  
SAS Programming 1 (1 Unit)

### Senior Year

Integrated Business Apps 2 (1 Unit)  
SAS Programming 2 (1 Unit)  
Business/Marketing Internship (2 Units)  
MOS Certification Preparation

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## BUSINESS

### Pre-Law

This major assists students in learning key principles, as well as preparing them for either paralegal or criminal justice fields of law.

### Junior Year

Business Law 1 (1 Unit)  
Legal Systems Admin 1 (1 Unit)  
Web Design/Development (1 Unit)

### Senior Year

Business Law 2 (1 Unit)  
Business/Marketing Internship (2 Units)  
MOS Certification Preparation

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## Digital Arts & Design

This major concentrates on concept design of print, electronic media and interactive projects using Adobe programs. It is tailored for students who are interested in careers as graphic artists or videographers.

### Junior Year

Digital Arts/Design 1 (1 Unit)  
Digital Arts/Design 2 (1 Unit)  
Digital Arts/Design 3 (1 Unit)

### Senior Year

Digital Arts/Design 4 (1 Unit)  
Business/Marketing Internship (2 Units)  
*- Pending Adobe Certification*

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## Cosmetology

This major is a SC Board of Cosmetology approved major and is strictly governed by the SC Board. Students must apply and be interviewed for this major due to a limited amount of space.

### Junior Year

Cosmetology 1 and 2 (4 Units)

### Senior Year

Cosmetology 3 and 4 (4 Units)  
SC Board of Cosmetology Licensure

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## Culinary Arts

This major provides the opportunity to acquire marketable skills by examining both the food service industry and its career opportunities.

### Junior Year

Culinary Arts 1 (3 Units)

### Senior Year

Culinary Arts 2 (1 Unit)  
Hosp/Tour Internship (2 Units)  
ProStart/ServSafe Certifications  
(3 college credits)  
National Restaurant Association Certificate of Achievement

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## Emergency and Fire Services Management

This program is designed for students interested in pursuing Fire Science, Fire Rescue, or other emergency services.

### Junior Year

EFMS 1 (4 Units)

### Senior Year

EFMS 2 (4 Units)

NTPA 1001 Firefighter-I

Certification Preparation

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## HEALTH SCIENCE Nursing

The Health Science major is a study integrating academics and specific health science courses, along with a variety of work-based learning activities in the nursing field.

### Junior Year

HST 1: Nursing (2 Units)

Chemistry (1 Unit)

Medical Terminology (1 Unit)

### Senior Year

HST 2: Nursing (1 Unit)

Anatomy and Physiology (1 Unit)

HST Internship (2 Units)

Certified Nursing Assistant, First Aid, and CPR Certifications - State/National

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## Pre-Medical

This major is designed to help students identify the health careers they are most interested in and to develop a better understanding of the many careers that are available within the medical field, such as primary care providers and support staff.

### Junior Year

HST 1: Pre-Medical (2 Units)

Chemistry (1 Unit)

Medical Terminology (1 Unit)

CPR Certifications

### Senior Year

HST 2: Pre-Medical (1 Unit)

Anatomy and Physiology (1 Unit)

HST Internship (2 Units)

Health-Related Certifications Prep

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## Engineering - Project Lead the Way

The major focuses on the idea of bringing engineering curriculum and concepts to students through practical application while their opinions about careers and interests are still forming.

### Junior Year

Introduction to Engineering Design (3 Units)

Physics (1 Unit)

Aerospace Engineering (1 Unit)

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## Senior Year

Principals of Engineering (1 Unit)

Engineering Internship (2 Units)

Civil Engineering (1 Unit)

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## Senior Internships

Students will work toward meeting the eligibility requirements to participate in senior internships for their majors.

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## Certifications

Most of the majors prepare students for national or state certifications which are recognized by business and industry. All of the certification areas require that students demonstrate mastery of standards. Also, some certifications require a specific number of contact hours completed in the area of study/lab. Upon completion of all requirements, students may take the certification tests.

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## Honors Offerings

AP and honors courses will be offered at ATA. These courses will be determined by enrollment requests. Some courses may be taken online.

English 3 Honors

Calculus AP

English AP Literature

US AP History

English 4 Honors

Government AP

Pre Calculus Honors

Physics Honors

Anatomy and Physiology Honors

Chemistry Honors

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## College Courses

Many of the courses at ATA are aligned with the programs of Horry-Georgetown Technical College (HGTC). Students in some majors may receive dual credit, i.e., college credits as well as high school Carnegie units.

Provided they have completed all appropriate and available HCS course offerings, students may also sign up for college academic dual-enrollment courses, some of which may be taught at ATA. However, prior to enrolling in these HGTC courses, students must have scored at adequate levels on the Compass, the ACT, or the SAT, as established by HGTC. The Compass test can be taken on site at ATA. Dual enrollment courses include English 101 / 102, Math 120, Psychology 201, ARV-121, ARV-210, CPT-170 and CPT-270.

For information concerning dual-enrollment courses, eligibility, and cost, students should consult the current "Horry County Schools Dual-Enrollment Course Guidelines," which are available in guidance offices.

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Articulation: ATA has many courses which have curriculum articulation agreements with HGTC. Articulation agreements allow students who successfully complete certain designated courses of study in high school to apply for college credit for courses required in the first and/or second semester of the college program.

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## Transportation

\*Bus transportation to ATA is provided for students for full-day ATA enrollment from all base high schools. Students who wish to attend for half-day ATA enrollment must provide their own transportation.

*\*State guidelines require that at least six students be transported from the base high school to ATA in order for state bus service to be provided. Bus transportation will not be provided in instances where the minimum number of six students is not met.*

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## Enrollment Steps

1. Choose a major based on career interest.
  2. Talk to a representative from ATA's guidance department and/or your base high school's guidance department.
  3. Check the prerequisites for your major.
  4. Select the courses within your major.
  5. Select the co-requisites within your major.
  6. Select the academic courses that you may want to take.
  7. Check to see if there are additional requirements or fees associated with your major.
  8. Complete the enrollment/ application form.
  9. Be prepared to meet with a representative from the ATA major.
  10. Upon acceptance, you will be notified by ATA and/or your base high school.
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## HCS Early College High School

HCS Early College High School (ECHS) was established in 2006 through a partnership of Horry County Schools, Horry-Georgetown Technical College, and Business / Education Expectations (BE2). With an enrollment of up to 400 students, ECHS is a small, personalized learning environment that blends high school and college. Located on the campus of Horry-Georgetown Technical College, ECHS is designed to encourage student groups to attend college who may not have considered college as an option for them. ECHS students may earn up to two years of college credit while earning a high school diploma.

ECHS considers student applicants who are highly capable who score in the mid-range on academic achievement tests such as PASS, MAP, and EXPLORE. The Early College program is designed to serve students who are underrepresented in college or those who may be first-generation college graduates. The goal is to remove barriers to completing a college degree by strengthening the student's academic preparation. Support is also provided through counseling, academic coaching, mentoring, service learning, and family engagement.

The ECHS mission - To provide a small, personalized learning community that accelerates our diverse student population to become responsible citizens who are strong critical thinkers, collaborators, and communicators who can successfully meet and face the challenges of competing in an ever-changing global society.

ECHS's ability to achieve this mission and to reach the goals set for its students is enhanced by its location on the campus of Horry-Georgetown Technical College. Besides the fact that students have an array of college courses/majors from which they can choose, the important advantage of the college location is that ECHS students may earn up to two years of college credit at the same time they are earning a high school diploma. Students have an opportunity to earn college credits toward a degree, diploma, or certificate in the major courses of study offered through Horry-Georgetown Technical College.

To further strengthen students' opportunities for academic success, ECHS participates in a support program called Advancement Via Individual Determination or AVID. AVID, a

program used across the United States, is designed to aid students in realizing their academic potential and in preparing them for college eligibility. At ECHS, AVID is delivered to students as an elective course where enrollees learn organizational and study skills, increase critical thinking and learn to ask probing questions, get academic help from peers and academic coaches, and participate in enrichment and motivational activities that make college seem attainable.

### Participants

ECHS is made up of students from the nine high schools in Horry County. A new class of freshmen is added each year. Students take all classes on the campus of Horry-Georgetown Technical College where they take a combination of high school and college courses.

### How to Apply

Students are evaluated on standardized test scores, grades, attendance, conduct, a student essay, and recommendations from school personnel and a community member. For more information regarding ECHS, please contact Ms. Joan Grimmert, ECHS principal, at 843-349-7102 or at [jgrimmert@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:jgrimmert@horrycountyschools.net).

### Transportation

Bus transportation to ECHS is provided for students from all nine high school attendance areas. Pickup times and locations vary with each high school.

## Typical Course Sequence

### Freshman

English I  
Algebra I or Geometry  
Physical Science  
Civics  
Physical Education  
AVID  
One additional elective or core academic course

### Sophomore

English II  
Geometry or Algebra II  
Biology  
American Government / Economics  
AVID  
Electives (high school and/or college courses)  
SPA 101 & 102 Elementary Spanish (college)  
COL 105 Freshman Seminar (college)  
CPT 101 Computer Applications (college)

### Junior

English III and/or IV, ENG 101  
Algebra II and Probability & Statistics  
Chemistry and BIO 101 Biology (college)  
US History or HIS 201 and 202 (college)  
SPC 205 Public Speaking  
AVID  
Elective (high school or college)

### Senior

English 101 and 102 (college)  
MAT 110 College Algebra (college)  
or MAT 120 Probability and Statistics (college)  
BIO 102 and/or CHM 101 (college)  
PSC 201 Am. Government (college)  
AVID Research  
College level courses that meet the requirements for the student's major course of study

## Directory

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# International Baccalaureate



Aynor High School

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Socastee High School

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Website: [http://sh.horrycountyschools.net/academics/international\\_baccalaureate/](http://sh.horrycountyschools.net/academics/international_baccalaureate/)

Horry County Schools offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program at both Aynor High School and Socastee High School. The IBO, founded in 1968, is a recognized leader in the field of international education. It is a non-profit, mission-driven foundation that works with schools in 140 countries to develop and to offer three challenging programs.

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## Participants

The IB Diploma Program is designed for students in their last two years of high school. Students have the opportunity to earn a South Carolina high school diploma while working to meet the requirements for the IB diploma. The IB Diploma Program is a challenging and rigorous curriculum leading to a qualification that is widely recognized by leading universities in the United States and in the world. All highly motivated and high performing students who complete the advanced recommended courses are given the opportunity to participate in the IB Diploma Program.

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## Requirements

The general objectives of the IB program are to provide students with a balanced education; to facilitate geographic and cultural mobility; and to promote international understanding through academic experience.

Specific IB Diploma Program course requirements include a first language, second language, social science, laboratory science, mathematics, and elective in the arts. Three additional and core IB Diploma Program requirements are ToK (Theory of Knowledge course), CAS (Creativity, Action, and Service program), and the Extended Essay of some 4,000 words. Students are expected to capitalize on their academic strengths, remediate their academic weaknesses, serve humanity, and develop their creative and athletic talents.

Typically, the IB Diploma Program at Aynor High School serves eligible students in the Aynor, Conway, Green Sea-Floyds, and Loris attendance areas. The IB Diploma Program at Socastee High serves eligible students in the Carolina Forest, Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle

Beach, Socastee, and St. James attendance areas. Students interested in applying to participate in the IB Diploma Program should review a prescribed list of advanced courses in the ninth and tenth grades. Admission to the IB Diploma Program is based on the successful completion of the prescribed list of advanced courses. Application information for both Aynor and Socastee can be obtained by contacting the IB Coordinator at either school.

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## How to Apply

For more information regarding the IB Diploma Program and the application process, please contact Mrs. Kelly Johnson, **Aynor High School IB Coordinator**, at 843-488-7132 or at [kjohnson003@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:kjohnson003@horrycountyschools.net); or contact Mr. Danny Wilson, **Socastee High School IB Coordinator**, at 843-293-9027 or at [DWilson@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:DWilson@horrycountyschools.net). You may consult the school and district web sites as well.

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## Aynor High School IB

Aynor High School became an IB school in 2001 and began awarding its first IB diplomas in 2006. Aynor High School has continued to exceed academic milestones by surpassing the state's SAT average by ranking 2nd in the State in 2008. Former AHS IB students have attended prestigious colleges and universities across the nation, and Aynor High School continues to strive for academic excellence in all program areas.

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## Socastee High School IB

Socastee High became an IB Diploma Program school in 1997. Since 2000, 164 Socastee High students have earned the prestigious IB

Diploma. The Socastee IB enjoys a Diploma success rate of 93% compared to an international average of approximately 80%. Socastee High IB Diploma recipients have attended more than 60 different colleges and universities, including Brown, Chicago, Clemson, Duke, Emory, Furman, Harvard, Michigan, North Carolina, NYU, Princeton, South Carolina, Stanford, UCLA, Wheaton and Yale. *Newsweek Magazine* named Socastee High to its list of top U.S. high schools for five consecutive years. In 2011, *The Washington Post* included Socastee High on its list of top U.S. high schools as well. The 2011 SAT average exceeded the national average and was the highest average of all Horry County high schools.

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## Transportation

Bus transportation is not provided from the other high schools to the IB Diploma Programs at Aynor High and Socastee High. Students must provide their own transportation and enroll as full-time students at either Aynor High School or Socastee High School. The International Baccalaureate Organization requires that students pursuing the IB Diploma Program be enrolled as students of the IB high school.

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## Scholars Academy

The Scholars Academy (SA) was established in 2003 through a partnership between Horry County Schools and Coastal Carolina University to provide advanced learners with a quality education in a supportive learning environment. Its mission is to educate these students at the rate and with the level of academic rigor commensurate with their abilities so that they graduate as confident, responsible, life-long learners who are prepared to succeed in higher education and in the world beyond.

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### Participants

SA is made up of students from the nine high schools in Horry County. A new class of freshmen is added each year. Students travel each day by bus from their base schools to the campus of Coastal Carolina University where they take a combination of high school and college courses. With the exception of a few electives, their high school courses are all at the honors and Advanced Placement levels. Students may return after school to participate in extracurricular activities, athletics, and fine arts programs offered at their base high schools.

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### How to Apply

Only current eighth grade students are eligible to apply. Entry into SA is in the ninth grade only. Students must also have had or be enrolled in Algebra I. It is strongly recommended that students also have had English I and Geometry before entering the program.

Interested students should go to the SA website, <http://scholars.horrycountyschools.net>, which can also be accessed through the Horry County Schools home page. There they can learn more about the program and fill out an application. All applications should be submitted by the deadline and applications will be carefully screened. Students are evaluated on standardized test scores, grades, attendance, conduct, teacher recommendations, and the application responses.

### Transportation

Bus transportation to SA is provided for students from all nine high school attendance areas. Pickup times and locations vary with each high school; therefore, potential students and/or parents of potential SA students should contact Joe Dowling, SA Program Administrator, at (843) 349-4117 for more information.

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### Requirements

The following courses are required for all SA students: one AP English course, AP US Government, AP US History, one AP science course, one AP mathematics course, one additional AP course, and at least one college course per semester. Students are also required to maintain a "B" average and complete 24 hours of community service each year. Students who make below a "C" in any course are placed on academic probation and are subject to dismissal from the program if grades do not improve the following quarter.

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### Typical Course Sequence

#### 9th Grade

(Honors, unless noted)  
English I & II  
Geometry & Algebra II or  
Algebra II & Pre-calculus  
Physics & Chemistry  
AP Government & Honors Economics  
Freshman Seminar & Health (CP)  
Foreign Language 110 (college)  
Physical Education (CP)  
Electives: Music and Yearbook

#### 10th Grade

AP English Language or English III Honors  
AP US History  
Algebra III-Trig/Pre-Calculus or  
AP Calculus AB or AP Statistics  
Biology  
Foreign Language 120 (college)  
Foreign Language 130 (college)  
Electives (high school or college)  
High School Electives include Newspaper,  
Yearbook, and Music Ensemble (CP)  
Physical Education (CP), and SAT/ACT Prep

#### 11th Grade

AP English Language or AP English Literature  
AP World History  
AP Calculus AB  
or BC or College Mathematics "as approved"  
AP Biology or AP Physics  
Electives (high school or college)  
Popular Elective Choices:  
World Politics, Art History, Intro to Philosophy,  
Oral Communication, Computer Programming

#### 12th Grade

AP English Literature or AP English Language  
AP Comparative Government  
AP Calculus BC or AP Statistics or  
College Level Mathematics "as approved"  
AP Biology, AP Chemistry or  
College Level Science  
Electives (high school or college)  
Popular Elective Choices:  
Latin, Upper-level Politics Courses,  
Shakespearean Lit, Psychology, Engineering

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# Dual-Credit Options at HGTC

Website: [www.hgtc.edu/highschool](http://www.hgtc.edu/highschool) • Phone: 843-349-5277



## PACE (Program for Accelerated College Enrollment)

Through the Program for Accelerated College Enrollment (PACE) at Horry-Georgetown Technical College, eligible high school juniors and seniors can satisfy high school graduation requirements and earn college credit at the same time, getting an early start on a college degree. High school students may earn college/university credit as PACE students through online courses, through requested courses taught on the high school campus, or through courses taught on an HGTC campus. PACE university/college courses are transferable to all South Carolina two- and four-year colleges and universities, as well as many private colleges. Students are encouraged to contact the college which they intend to attend to confirm course transferability and be advised concerning appropriate course selection for their major(s).

Student advantages include:

- earn credits now that apply to high school and college degree requirements;
- reduce the course load during the college freshman and sophomore years, improving the student's ability to meet and maintain the "B" average required to keep LIFE and Palmetto scholarships;
- help to smooth the transition from high school to the academic demands of college; and
- reduce overall college costs significantly.

## TAP (Technical Advanced Placement)

Students interested in careers in technology and business can maximize their opportunities through TAP, the Technical Advanced Placement program. TAP is designed to provide exemption credit to HGTC for specific courses taken while still in high school. Interested students should contact their high school guidance counselor.

## HCS Dual-Credit Course Cost

1. Students are responsible for the tuition and cost of textbooks for university-transfer core courses (English, math, science, history) unless one of the following applies:
  - a. A core course for equivalent credit is not offered at the base high school.
  - b. Student has taken all equivalent core courses in a core subject area offered at the base school.
2. Students are responsible for the tuition and cost of textbooks for career and technology courses unless courses are required for specific approved career and technology majors as outlined in articulation agreements between HCS and HGTC.
3. The district will pay the cost of textbooks and tuition for the university-transfer courses in the

following academic areas offered on an Horry County Schools campus and HGTC campuses: Music, Art, Theater, Spanish, French, Psychology, Sociology, Philosophy, and Speech. The course offerings will be contingent upon approval by HGTC based on enrollment and availability of instructors.

4. The district will pay the cost of textbooks and tuition for the university-transfer courses in the following academic areas offered online through HGTC: Music, Art, Theater, Spanish, French, Psychology, Sociology, Philosophy, and Speech. The course must be scheduled as one of the courses the student will take during the regular school day and year. (Courses taken during the regular school day are defined as courses that start between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M.)

## Info & Admission Requirements

Contact the HGTC Admissions Office at (843) 349-5277 or log on to the HGTC website ([www.hgtc.edu](http://www.hgtc.edu)).

## Transportation

Students are responsible for providing their own transportation to HGTC in order to enroll in dual-credit courses offered on the college campus.

# Horry County Virtual School

Website: [www.horrycountyschools.net/hcvs](http://www.horrycountyschools.net/hcvs) • Phone: 843-488-6709

Horry County Virtual School offers over 80 online courses in collaboration with our local schools for high school credit. HCVS courses are used to supplement a student's program of study at their local school. For example:

- A student may wish to take an AP course their local school does not offer.
- A student may wish to complete the remaining requirements for graduation this semester yet the course on campus is already full or not offered this semester.
- A student may be home bound or hospital bound due to an illness and wish to remain on schedule and graduate on time.
- A student may wish to enroll in an online course for credit recovery when the student has already failed the course and needs to regain the credit.
- A student may wish to enroll in an online course because of scheduling conflicts at the local school.

We are excited to announce the opportunity for enrolled students in grades 6-12 to participate in a full-time online learning option made available through Horry County Virtual School. Horry County Virtual School has partnered with K12, the nation's largest online provider, to provide even more choices for our parents and students. A qualified group of no more than 50 students in grades 6-12 have the opportunity to enroll in our full-time online program. This full-time virtual school option is designed to provide an enriching and flexible learning environment targeting students for whom attending a traditional school may not be the preferred or most appropriate placement.

HCVS courses are interactive and provide a wide variety of activities, assignments, and assessments. All final exams are proctored by the local school. The local school is also responsible for any required end of course testing.

County. Students interested in taking an online course should contact the guidance counselor at their local school. The local school must approve all student applications prior to enrollment.

contact your school guidance counselor, or contact Horry County Schools at [ecox@horrycountyschools.net](mailto:ecox@horrycountyschools.net) or (843) 488-6709.

## Enrollment

To qualify, students must be enrolled in and attending a local public high school in Horry

For a complete list of over 80 available online courses and services, please visit the Horry County Virtual School website at [www.horrycountyschools.net/hcvs](http://www.horrycountyschools.net/hcvs),

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For more information about the programs mentioned in this booklet,  
please visit any of the following websites:

**Academy for the Arts, Science, and Technology**

<http://aast.horrycountyschools.net>

**Academy for Technology and Academics**

<http://ata.horrycountyschools.net>

**HCS Early College High School**

<http://ec.horrycountyschools.net>

**Horry-Georgetown Technical College**

<http://www.hgtc.edu/highschool>

**International Baccalaureate**

<http://ah.horrycountyschools.net/academics/International%20Baccalaureate/>

[http://sh.horrycountyschools.net/academics/International\\_Baccalaureate/](http://sh.horrycountyschools.net/academics/International_Baccalaureate/)

**Scholars Academy**

<http://scholars.horrycountyschools.net>

**Horry County Virtual School**

<http://www.horrycountyschools.net/hcvs>