

Back to School
2009



Henderson County High School Parent Newsletter

Welcome Back!

Dear HCHS Students and Parents,

Planning for the 2009-2010 school year has been ongoing, and the actual time for school to commence is rapidly approaching. The faculty and staff at Henderson County High hope you have enjoyed your summer; we look to welcoming you back soon. A new school year always brings much excitement and sometimes a little nervousness as we anticipate new schedules, new friends, and new teachers. Please know we are dedicated to the success of all students. With students, family, school, and community working together, we will succeed!

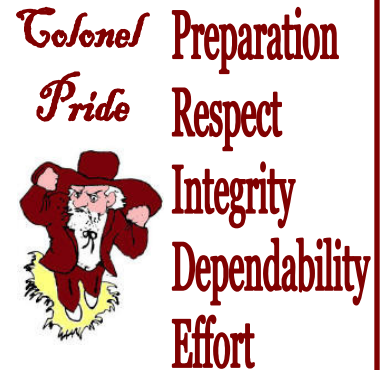
This newsletter is full of helpful information; however, please do not hesitate to call or email should you have any questions or concerns. Enjoy the rest of your break.

Sincerely,

Kim Marshall

Principal

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| HCHS | |
| 2424 Zion Rd. Henderson, KY 42420 | |
| <u>Phone Numbers</u> | |
| School | 831-8800 |
| Central Unit | 831-8810 |
| Blue Unit | 831-8820 |
| Green Unit | 831-8830 |
| Red Unit | 831-8840 |
| Career/Tech Ed | 831-8850 |
| Youth Service Ctr. | 831-8867 |
| Athletic Director | 831-8868 |
| FAX | 831-8870 |
| JROTC | 831-8871 |
| Bookstore | 831-8866 |



Email Addresses

If you have an active e-mail account, HCHS would love to have your e-mail address. Please send your e-mail to Shawna Evans at shawna.evans@henderson.kyschools.us, so that your address can be added to the data bank. You will not receive junk mail. You will receive important reminders about school happenings. It is a great way to stay connected!!

New 2009-2010 HCHS Bell Schedule

Regular Bell Schedule

8:00 – 8:55 1st Period
9:01 – 9:56 2nd Period
10:02 – 10:57 3rd Period
11:03 – 1:12 4th Period / Lunch
1:18 – 2:13 5th Period
2:19 – 3:15 6th Period

Tuesday Advisory Bell Schedule

8:00 – 8:46 1st Period
8:52 – 9:38 2nd Period
9:44 – 10:30 3rd Period
10:36- 10:57 Advisory Period
11:03 – 1:12 4th Period / Lunch
1:18 – 2:13 5th Period
2:19 – 3:15 6th Period

Lunch Schedule (Regular & Activity)

10:57 – 11:27 1st Lunch
11:32 – 12:02 2nd Lunch
12:07 – 12:37 3rd Lunch
12:42 – 1:12 4th Lunch

Thursday Advisory Bell Schedule

8:00 – 8:55 1st Period
9:01 – 9:56 2nd Period
10:02 – 10:57 3rd Period
11:03 – 1:12 4th Period / Lunch
1:18 – 1:38 Advisory Period
1:44 – 2:26 5th Period
2:32 – 3:15 6th Period

Freshmen Orientation is July 31, 2009
Blue Unit Students arrive at 12:00—leaves at 2:20
Green Unit Students arrive at 12:15—leaves at 2:40
Red Unit Students arrive at 12:30—leaves at 3:00

Freshmen Parent Meetings 4:00—8:00 a Teacher will be calling to set up an appointment.

Schedule Pick Up

Parents will be required to come with their student to pick up schedules. There will be paperwork that we need filled out by the parent as well as the \$50.00 book fee that will be due prior to receiving the schedule.

- Juniors—Seniors can pick up their schedules on July 23 from 10:00—6:00.
- Sophomores can pick up their schedules on July 24 from 7:00—2:00.
- Freshmen can pick up their schedules at Freshmen Orientation July 31, 2009.

You are Invited to a Spaghetti Dinner and Know Your School Night

You are cordially invited to Henderson County High School Know Your School Night and Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday August 6, 2009. FREE Spaghetti will be served in the HCHS Cafeteria at 5:30 p.m. Know your school Night will begin at 6:30 and end at 8:00. This will give you a chance to personally meet all your student's teachers the first week of school. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by contacting the HCHS Youth Services Center by Phone: 270-831-8867 or Email: shawna.evans@henderson.kyschools.us

2009-2010 Dress Code

Common sense and decency are the basis of any good school dress code. **All apparel and appearance should meet district standards** and not in any way detract from the educational process or present a safety or security problem. The following are areas of emphasis:

1. Clothing designed to fit at the waist shall be worn at normal waist level (no sagging or exposing undergarments).
2. Extremely tight, form-fitting or baggy clothing is prohibited.
3. Shorts, skorts, and skirts for students in grades 4-12, must be a minimum of knee length.
4. Clothing, jewelry, buttons, and other forms of ornamentation (including those containing slogans, endorsements or commentary) are permissible except when they make distracting noises, express violence, are obscene or suggest obscenity, suggest racial bias, nudity, advertise alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products illegal items, or suggest promotion or identification of gangs.
5. All students shall wear shoes to school. House shoes are not permitted.
6. No hats, caps, bandannas, head coverings, or sunglasses will be worn inside the school building, unless for religious or medical purposes.
7. Heavy coats and/or long outerwear will not be worn inside the school building. Unless the Principal/designee grants an exception for a heating emergency, all heavy coats and/or long outerwear must be kept in the student's locker or stored in the designated area in each classroom.
8. Halter tops, spaghetti straps, muscle shirts, cut-off T-shirts, off-the-shoulder garments, see-through or mesh type garments, or any tops that expose cleavage or the midriff are prohibited.
All Shirts must have sleeves.
9. No undergarments shall be worn as outerwear. No pajamas or articles of clothing that are torn or cut shall be worn.
10. Students in grades 6-12 will be allowed to bring backpacks/book bags to school. All such bags must be kept in the student's locker during the regular school day and may not be taken to class, unless it is a clear or mesh bag approved by the Principal/designee.
11. Visible tattoos, body or tongue piercing, other than ears, or unnatural hair color including but not limited to blue, green, red, and orange are prohibited for all students.

Henderson County High School enforces the dress code. A student who comes to school dressed inappropriately will be required to wear clothes from the YSC, making a call home to parents to bring extra clothes, and/or placed in in-house.

Parents, PLEASE help us enforce the dress code by checking your students attire before they come to school. Please also review the student code of conduct on the 1st day of school. Thank you!

Cafeteria News

The beginning of school is always a little scary, especially for the freshmen. And, the cafeteria can be a mind-boggling experience. "What's my number? Which line is this? You mean I can have pizza and fries every day? I can't be out of money yet!!!"

In order to make this a little easier for everyone, here are some basic reminders.

1. For the first day of school, only send enough money for your student to eat for that day (\$3 to \$5). Please don't send large deposits. Sometimes there are computer glitches and 2 students may have the same number. We try very hard to keep the accounts correct, but mistakes do happen.
2. Make sure that your POS number actually brings up your name on the screen. If your number brings up a different student, then ask the cashier to look up your name. You may have been assigned a new number this year. The software assigns the numbers, not the cashier. She will do her best to find you in the system.
3. When you do send a deposit, please send a check if possible. They are easier to track than cash.
4. Put your student's name and/or lunch number on the check. Again, it makes it easier to track.
5. Return your free/reduced application by the end of August. If you miss the deadline, then you are required to pay the charges. If you were on free/reduced last year, then you have received the application in the mail. Otherwise, applications are always available from a cashier in the cafeteria.
6. There are lots of choices in the cafeteria. We have 4 regular lunch lines that also offer hamburgers, deli sandwiches, PBJ, and extra fruit/veggies that can be part of the traditional lunch. These 4 lines also carry a selection of ala carte items.
7. Charges are limited to \$8.00. We are very strict about this limit.
8. You cannot charge extras or ala carte items. Please don't ask to do it—it won't happen.
9. If you have any charges at all, you cannot buy any extras or ala carte items.
10. The salad bar counts as a regular meal even though it is located on the Ala Carte Line.

If you have any questions, please contact the manager. Sabrina Jewell 270-831-8865 sabrina.jewell@henderson.kyschools.us

Free & Reduced Lunch Guidelines

Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

Free and Reduced Lunch Forms are available in the Cafeteria, Youth Services Center, and all school offices. You may fill out the form and return it to the HCHS Main Office or the Youth Services Center. Please contact a school office and fill out the form if you think you may qualify.

A new form is required each year. Call the YSC at 831-8867 if you have any questions. All information is confidential.

**The cost for breakfast is \$.90
and lunch is \$1.55.**

Ala Carte Items prices will vary.

| 2009-2010 | Free | Reduced |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Household Size | Monthly Income | Monthly Income |
| 1 | \$ 1174 | \$1670 |
| 2 | \$1579 | \$2247 |
| 3 | \$1984 | \$2823 |
| 4 | \$2389 | \$3400 |
| 5 | \$2794 | \$3976 |
| 6 | \$3200 | \$4553 |
| 7 | \$3605 | \$5130 |
| 8 | \$4010 | \$5706 |
| Each Additional Family Member Add— | \$406 | \$577 |

Career & Technology Education Unit

The Henderson County High School Technology Education Unit provides a wide range of course offerings that include Agriculture, Computer Tech, CAD Technology, Automotive, Graphic Arts, Health Services, Carpentry, Welding, Business Education, Machine Tool, Colonels Corner Bank /Accounting, Information Technology, Pre Engineering, Commercial Foods, Child Care and Marketing. Through these course offerings are extra curricular clubs for the students to excel in leadership roles. Those organizations are the National Vocational Technical Honor Society, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), Skills USA/VICA, Future Business Leaders of America, Future Farmers of America, Technical Student Association, and Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). Students wishing to participate in CTE offerings need to contact their unit counselor.

For more information about the CTE unit please contact Mr. Victor Doty, Director of CTE—Assistant Principal at 831-8850 2424 Zion Road Henderson, KY 42420. ***The Henderson County Schools are and Equal Educational and Employment Institution.***

Commonwealth Diploma

Any senior who is a candidate for the Commonwealth Diploma should see Mrs. Dodson in the Red Unit by August 29, 2009

Important Testing Dates—Mark Your Calendars

The following are preliminary college entrance tests required by colleges and universities. They are used for admission and/or placement. Students who are interested in college should take the ACT or SAT. These tests are given throughout the year. Applications, which are mailed by the student, are available in the guidance office.

| ACT Test Dates | Registration Deadline |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| September 12, 2009* | August 7, 2009 |
| October 24, 2009 | September 18, 2009 |
| December 12, 2009 | November 6, 2009 |
| February 6, 2010** | January 5, 2010 |
| April 10, 2010 | March 5, 2010 |
| June 12, 2010 | May 7, 2010 |

| SAT Test Dates |
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| October 10, 2009 & October 18, 2009 |
| November 7, 2009 & November 8, 2009 |
| December 5, 2009 & December 6, 2009 |
| January 23, 2010 & January 24, 2010 |
| March 13, 2010 & March 14, 2010 SAT@ only. United States, U.S. territories and Puerto Rico only. |
| May 1, 2010 & May 2, 2010 |
| June 5, 2010 & June 6, 2010 |
| 1 SAT Reasoning Test |

Other Testing Dates of Importance—

- ◆ All juniors will take the ACT Test on March 9, 2010. This is the Free ACT. Make Up will be held on March 23, 2010. This is a part of our accountability testing.
- ◆ PSAT Test October 17, 2009.
- ◆ PLAN/ On-Demand Testing Date for September 14 – 24, 2009
- ◆ ASVAB Test date for 2009-2010 – TBA
- ◆ Statewide Testing Window is April 19 – 30, 2010 (6 testing days – 4 makeup)

HCHS Receives Grant to Expand Advanced Placement Programs

Henderson County High School is a participant in the National Math and Science Initiative. The purpose of this project is to dramatically grow our math, science, and English Advanced Placement Programs that offer rigorous, college-level coursework in high school.

The grant includes funding for extensive training of teachers, additional time on task for students for tutoring, exam preparation and more, and financial incentives for the students based on academic achievement.

Beginning with the 08/09 school year, the grant will cover approximately one-half of the AP exam fee for students taking AP English, math, or science courses. In addition, students who score a 3, 4, or 5 on the AP exam in math, science, or English courses will receive \$100.00 per qualifying score from the Advance Kentucky initiative.

HCHS AP course offerings for 2009-2010 school year that are included in the grant are AP Calculus Parts AB, AP Calculus Part BC, AP Statistics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Environmental Science, AP Physics, AP English 3, and AP English 4.

In addition, HCHS offers AP courses in US History, psychology, Latin, and Spanish though these courses are not included as part of the NMSI grant.

If you are interested in more information, or if you are interested in your student being enrolled in an AP course, please contact your child's guidance counselor or Mrs. Kim Marshall, Principal, at 831-8800.

No Pass/ No Drive

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Effective August 1, 2007 the Kentucky Legislature implemented the "No Pass/No Drive" law (KRS 159.051). This law will involve every public and private school in the state.

The "No Pass/No Drive" law results in the denial or revocation of a student's driver's license for: 1) academic deficiency, or 2) dropping out of school as a result of unexcused absences. Academic deficiency is defined as a student who does not have passing grades in at least four courses, or the equivalent of four courses, in the preceding semester. A student is deemed to have dropped out of school when he/she has nine or more unexcused absences in the preceding semester. Any absences due to suspension shall be unexcused absences.

All sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) year old applying for a permit driver's license will be required to have a completed school compliance verification form, verifying that the student is compliant with the components of the law listed above. These forms may be picked up at your high school or middle school from the attendance office.

If the student is not compliant, a form will not be issued. If a sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) year old student (with a current driver's permit or license) accumulates nine or more unexcused absences, or is deemed academically deficient, the school will notify the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and the student's driver's license will be revoked.

Academic Deficiency (as defined and recommended by KDE)

| Courses Per Semester | Number of Courses Student Would Need to Pass to be Compliant |
|----------------------|--|
| 4 | 3 |
| 5 | 4 |
| 6 | 4 |
| 7 | 5 |
| 8 | 6 |

Please review this new law with your son/daughter and contact the school if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely, Marganna Stanley, Assistant Superintendent of Administration

Henderson County Schools

From the School Nurse

Medication consents (parent and doctor) have to be renewed each school year.

Immunizations: Please make sure your child is current on all immunizations. Tetanus boosters are usually required of most students at some point during their high school years. If you do not have a copy of your child's immunization record, call the medical facility where the immunizations were acquired to check the status. Feel free to call the school nurse at 831-8863 to check your child's immunization record status. **It is the parent/guardian responsibility to provide the school with a current Kentucky Immunization Certificate.**

Medication policy review:

- Prescription meds should be sent to school with a signed parent consent and must be in a properly labeled bottle.
- All medication should be brought to the nurse immediately upon arrival at school.
- Prescription medication should be sent to school in one-week increments.
- A.M. and P.M. doses should be given at home.
- Antibiotics that are directed to be given two or three times a day should be administered entirely at home.

Non-prescription medications such as Tylenol, etc. will be accepted only if received in the original container and accompanied by a written permission of parent/guardian to include child's name, first and last, name of medication, dosage, time and date. Non-prescription medications will be dated upon receipt and will be given no more than 3 consecutive days. Only send enough for 3 days or what the child needs. If the medication is not picked up it will be discarded.

Medications brought to school to be given by the parent/ guardian must be in the original container or properly marked bottle and administered in the nurses office.

Driving on Campus

Students who drive to school **must** purchase a Henderson County High School parking **permit**. To purchase a Parking permit, a student **must**:

- * Have a valid state of Kentucky driver license.
- * Have all current school fees paid.
- * Have all previous school year's fees, fines, or financial obligations paid.
- * Purchase a parking permit. The cost of a permit is \$6.00.
- * Students and Parents must sign an agreement to abide by parking and driving regulations.

The number of available student parking spaces is limited. **Stickers will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis until parking spaces are unavailable.** Due to limited parking, freshmen and sophomores will not be issued parking permits. Carpooling is recommended. **Please see the HCHS Student handbook for more information.**

Bookstore

Ms. Jo Ann Lansden runs the bookstore. Jo Ann invites all parents and students to stop by and check out the bookstore. The bookstore will be open during freshman orientation. The bookstore hours are 7:30 – 10:30 am / 11:00 – 2:45 pm. The bookstore offers a variety of items that may be purchased during the day. Parking permits may also be purchased during these hours. Fees and fines payments are also accepted. Lost and found items may be claimed. The bookstore number is 831-8866.

Youth Services Center Office

Shawna Evans—Coordinator Scott Wilson—Case Manager

Mission of the HCHS YSC:

The Family Resource Youth Services Center mission is to enhance students' abilities to succeed in school by developing and sustaining academic success.

Who can use the HCHS YSC:

The Youth Services Center is open to all Henderson County High School students and their families.

Where is the HCHS YSC:

The HCHS YSC is located in the central unit of HCHS. The office is open from 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.—Monday through Friday. Evening and Saturday hours are available by appointment. Please call 831-8867 to reach the YSC.

Services provided by HCHS YSC:

Health and Social Service Referrals - Drug/ Alcohol Prevention—STAND—Drug/ Alcohol Counseling Referrals—Family Crisis Counseling Referrals—Recreation—Teen Leadership Programs—Student Achievement – Getting to Proficiency by 2014—Community Service Activities—Parent Newsletter—Job Training—Jobs Board—Meeting Basic Needs—Holiday Assistance Back to School Readifest—Back to School Assistance—Drop Out Prevention—Any barrier to student success—Teen Pregnancy Counseling- Referrals—Parent Involvement—Colonel Academies

NOTE:

The YSC will be implementing a new policy this year that will require families to attend 1 parent academy per semester as well as attend parent teacher conferences in order to receive holiday assistance. Your student will be required to have good attendance as well. Please contact the YSC for more information.

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HCHS Website— www.hchs.henderson.k12.ky.us

Daily announcements and other great information is posted and updated at the HCHS website. Check it out www.hchs.henderson.ky12.ky.us.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---------|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| July 26 | July 27 | July 28 | July 29 | July 30 | July 31 Freshmen Orientation | 1 HCHS Volleyball Bluegrass State Games—Lexington |
| 2 | 3 HCHS Boys Golf at Ben Hawes State Park | 4 HCHS Volleyball Scrimmage Home 5:00 HCHS Girls Golf at OHS—Ben Hawes | 5 1st Day of School— Henderson County Schools HCHS Girls Golf at OCHS—Ben Hawes | 6 Know Your School Night Spaghetti Dinner 5:30-8 HCHS Boys Golf at Madisonville North Hopkins Lakeshore Band Parent Meeting 7:00 HCHS Band Rm HCHS Girls Golf vs Hopkins Co. Central Audubon St Park Home | 7 | 8 HCHS Boys Golf at Hancock County Invitational at Windward Heights HCHS Boys Golf at Madisonville North Hopkins Lakeshore |
| 9 | 10 HCHS Band Cookie Dough Sale Begins HCHS Girls Golf at Apollo—Ben Hawes | 11 HCHS Volleyball JV / Varsity vs. Hopkins County Central Home 6:00 HCHS Boys Golf vs Daviness County Home—Henderson Country Club | 12 HCHS Girls Golf at Breckenridge— Hardinsburg Commu- nity Center | 13 HCHS Volleyball F / JV / Varsity at Madisonville North Hopkins 5:00 HCHS Girls Golf vs OHS Audubon State Park Home | 14 HCHS Varsity Football Scrimmage at Owensboro Catholic 7:30 HCHS Volleyball Varsity Apollo Invita- tional Tournament | 15 HCHS Volleyball Varsity Apollo Invitational Tour- nament HCHS Boys Golf at Dawson Springs Invi- tational Pennyryle State Park |
| 16 | 17 HCHS Boys Golf at Hopkins County Cen- tral Madisonville Country Club | 18 HCHS Soccer Colonels JV & V H 5:30 / 7:00 HCHS Soccer Lady Colonels JV & V Away 6/ 7:30 HCHS Volleyball F/ JV Home 6:00 HCHS Girls Golf vs OCHS Audubon State Park Home | 19 HCHS Picture Day HCHS Girls Golf vs Apollo/Hancock— Henderson Country Club Home | 20 HCHS Soccer Colonels JV & Varsity at Hopkins Central 5:30 / 7:00 HCHS Volleyball F/ JV vs. Apollo Home 6:00 | 21 HCHS Varsity Football at E'ville Reitz 7:30 HCHS Volleyball Bluegrass Invitational | 22 HCHS Soccer Colonels JV/Varsity Away 9:30/11 HCHS Soccer Lady Colonels JV & V A - 6 / 7:30 HCHS Volleyball Blue- grass Inv. HCHS Football F/JV 9/10:30 Home HCHS Boys Golf Away HCHS Girls Golf Away |
| 23 | 24 HCHS Soccer Lady Colonels JV—V vs. Caldwell Co. Home 5:30 / 7:00 HCHS Football JV 6:00 H HCHS Football F Away | 25 HCHS Volleyball F / JV / Varsity vs. Union Co Home 5:00 | 26 HCHS Soccer Lady Colonels JV & Varsity at Bowling Green 5:30 / 7:00 | 27 HCHS Volleyball F / JV / Varsity at Daviness Co 5:00 HCHS Football Fresh- men vs. Memorial 6:00 Home | 28 HCHS Varsity Football vs. E'ville North 7:30—Home Hall of Fame HCHS Band Cookie Dough Sale-Delivered | 29 HCHS Soccer Colonels JV & Varsity vs. E'ville Mater Dei Home 5:30 / 7:00 HCHS Boys Golf at Christian Co. Invisa- tional |
| 30 | 31 HCHS Boys Golf at Apollo—Ben Hawes HCHS Girls Golf at Madisonville North | Sept 1 HCHS Soccer Lady Colonels JV & Varsity at Hopkins County Central 5:30 / 7 HCHS Volleyball F / JV at Owensboro Catholic 5:00 HCHS Boys Golf at Owensboro—Ben Hawes | Sept 2 HCHS Boys Golf vs. Apollo at Hender- son Country Club Home HCHS Girls Golf vs Breckenridge Audubon State Park Home | Sept 3 HCHS Soccer Lady Colonels JV & Varsity at Madison- ville 5:30 / 7 Band Parent Meeting 7:00 HCHS Band Rm HCHS Girls Golf at Daviness County Ben Hawes | Sept 4 HCHS Soccer Colonels Varsity at Boots and Butts Classic (Hopkinsville) TBA HCHS Varsity Football vs. Christian County 7:30—Home—Middle School FB Night | Sept 5 HCHS Soccer Colonels Varsity at Boots and Butts Classic (Hopkinsville) TBA HCHS Soccer Lady Colo- nels Varsity Colonel Classic Lady Colonels vs. S. Spencer 9:00 HCHS Volleyball Varsity at Gibson Southern Tournament 9:00 HCHS Volleyball Fresh- man at Apollo TBA |

The mission of Henderson County High School is to challenge All Students to become lifelong learners in their quest for success.

HCHS Beliefs

1. The school exists for the students.
2. A large school opportunity in a small school environment will provide diverse and equitable educational options for all students.
3. Active involvement of the teachers, staff, administrators, parents, student and community members share in the responsibility for providing a supportive learning environment within our school.
4. Students learn best when motivated in a challenging climate conducive to an adapting and evolving curriculum.
5. Students who make connections between their career ambitions and their classroom activities will stay in school, work harder, and perform better.
6. Each student has worth and the ability to show physical, intellectual, emotional, social and moral maturity.
7. The appreciation of learning as well as the teaching of facts enables students to acquire skills, attributes, and knowledge that will lead to lifelong success.

Our Vision

Henderson County High School accepts its mission as a comprehensive public high school. We, the faculty, staff, administration, students, and the community agree to support and pursue the following visions:

- Value personal and civic responsibility, academic integrity and respect.
- Accept our essential roles as collaborators in a safe learning community.
- Pursue a well-rounded, world-class education necessary for all students to achieve personal and academic excellence

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