

HICKORY RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL



STUDENT HANDBOOK

2026-2027

Welcome to Hickory Ridge High. The administration, faculty, and staff are here to work with you to assure your success; your commitment to hard work, school spirit, and involvement can be the key to a successful year at Hickory Ridge. Enjoy this journey as you mature and become responsible. – Dr. Shaun Poole

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar can be found online at www.cabarrus.k12.nc.us. Look for Useful Links>>Academic Calendars or click: https://cabarrus.k12.nc.us/1508_4

This is the surest way to get the most up-to-date school calendar information. Important school events will be announced daily/weekly on our school website.

STUDENT DROP-OFF/PICK-UP

Student drop-off and pick-up is in the front circle of the school. Please Note: This is a one-way in and one-way out route. Cars should pull all the way to the end of the curb before stopping to drop-off riders.

BELL SCHEDULE

1st Period	7:15 – 8:50
2nd Period	8:56 – 10:31
3rd Period	10:37 – 12:39 A Lunch 10:33 – 10:54 B Lunch 10:59 – 11:20 C Lunch 11:26 – 11:47 D Lunch 11:52 – 12:13 E Lunch 12:18 – 12:39
4th Period	12:45 – 2:15

CABARRUS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDANCE POLICY

In grades 9-12, students who have more than eight (8) absences in a course during each ninety-day term will be recommended for review and may not receive credit for that course.

1. Absences due to extended illness or after accumulating more than ten (10) absences require a statement from a physician.
2. Any combined total of 4: tardies, check-ins, and/or check-outs are counted as one absence. (Example: 1 tardy + 2 check-ins + 1 check-out in 3rd period will count as 1 absence in that period).

A student must be present a minimum of ½ the period to be counted present for that particular class. Any student whose academic standing is adversely affected by the attendance policy has the right to an appeal. The appeal form, as well as any required documentation, must be submitted to the principal a minimum of four (4) days before the end of the semester. If the situation arises where an absence occurs after the four-day limit, the appeal must be submitted within five (5) days of formal notification of denial of credit. Appeals to the principal are usually denied unless the student has completed all required coursework to the satisfaction of the teacher(s) involved. The principal's decision may be appealed to the Superintendent in writing within five (5) days of the decision. The principal's ruling will be overturned only in extreme cases. Teachers and administrators shall make reasonable accommodations for students who are absent because of any disabilities or special needs. The State of North Carolina requires that every child between the ages of 7 & 16 attend school. After 10 accumulated unexcused absences in a school year, the student and the student's parent/guardian will meet with a school counselor and social worker.

Examples of excused absences are:

- Student illness or injury
- Quarantine
- Death in the immediate family
- medical/dental appointments
- court/administrative proceedings
- Religious observance
- Educational opportunity
- Absence related to deployment activities
- Childcare

For further information, please refer to [Cabarrus County Schools Board Policy 4400](#).

MAKE-UP WORK

In the case of absences and short-term out-of-school suspensions, the student will be permitted to make up his or her missed work. (See also policies [4110](#), Immunization and Health Requirements for School Admission, and [4351](#), Short-Term Suspension). Assignments missed due to participation in school-related activities also are eligible for makeup by the student. Students are expected to submit missed assignments within 5 days after returning to school. Students and/or guardians are responsible for finding out what assignments are due.

ABSENCES

Steps to follow when absent from school:

1. CCS will send a Parent Square message to your parent/guardian.
2. Upon return to school, bring the original note from a parent/guardian, doctor, court of law, etc. The note should list your name, dates of absences, specific reason for absences and his/her signature. Copies of notes will not be accepted. Submit your note to the front office attendant. All notes must be submitted within two (2) days of an absence.
3. Ask all teachers for make-up assignments.

Leaving School Early:

1. Whenever possible, make doctor and dental appointments after school hours.
2. Please notify the office regarding prearranged absences.
3. Students who leave school without properly checking out through the front office will receive a consequence consistent with discipline policy.
4. No early check outs permitted after 1:45 pm. All checkouts must be verified by a call from a parent/guardian.

TARDY POLICY

Students who are tardy to class will be locked out of their classroom. Administrators will document all students who are tardy for that period and give a tardy pass which will allow the student to be admitted to the class. Chronic violators of the HRHS tardy policy will receive increasing consequences from the appropriate administrator.

Reminders:

1. Four (4) tardies in the same class will count as one absence.
2. If you arrive late to school, report to the front office to check-in.
3. Traffic issues are not a reason to be late. Please plan accordingly.

GROUND RULES

1. Nonessential info/items for students will not be delivered during the school day. Students are called out of class for emergencies only.
2. Students are given 6 minutes between classes. This time is to be used to move to their next class and use the restrooms, if necessary. Students will not be permitted to leave class to use the restroom during the first or last 10 minutes of class.
3. Announcements concerning school activities are made daily, and they are posted on the school's website.
4. An administrator must approve all announcements.
5. At the end of the instructional day, all students will exit the building by 2:20 pm unless they are supervised by a faculty/staff member or attending a school function.
6. Students may not sell candy or other food/drink items during the school day.
7. All State and Federal laws apply on School Board property.
8. All students must sign an Acceptable Use Policy letter to use the internet at school.
9. Supervision of students, on school days, is provided between the hours of 6:45 AM and 2:30 PM only.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR

At Hickory Ridge High School we expect all students to conduct themselves in a manner that is conducive to an enriching learning environment. Students should avoid any behavior that violates the [Cabarrus County Schools Student Code of Conduct](#) and/or is disruptive to the good order of the school.

1. Students will show respect toward all school personnel.
2. Students will follow all directions given by a school employee.
3. Students who participate in, instigate, or record a fight on campus or at any school function, regardless of its location, will be suspended from school and may be subject to arrest.
4. Students will use appropriate language and volume while on school grounds.
5. Students will be respectful of school property, resources, and technology.
6. Students who threaten, coerce, or intimidate any fellow students or school employees will be subject to disciplinary action.
7. A student shall not possess, handle, or transmit any object that reasonably can be considered a weapon on school grounds or on school transportation at any time. (This includes students' personal vehicles.)

8. Students are expected to comply with all classroom rules and procedures.
9. Students will, at all times, be in assigned places on time and with necessary materials.
10. Students will act safely and responsibly while on campus.
11. Students who possess, use, sell or are under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at school, at any school function, or on any school transportation will be subject to disciplinary action.
12. Students who possess or use tobacco products/paraphernalia, including vapes and E-cigarettes, on campus or at any school-sponsored activity regardless of location, will be subject to disciplinary action.
13. The inappropriate public display of affection is prohibited.
14. Students are not allowed to utilize electronic devices during instructional time.
Students may use electronic devices during non-instructional times which may include arrival/dismissal, breakfast/lunch, and class change. During instructional time, students are required to power off and securely store their electronic devices away from their person.
15. During an emergency (lockdown, bomb threat, etc.) students are not permitted to use cell phones.

Special note on Fighting: The School Resource Officer (SRO) will be informed of and will investigate every fight that occurs on the HRHS campus, or at any school function regardless of location, including bus stops. Criminal charges may be filed.

HARASSMENT / BULLYING

Students are expected to demonstrate respect for teachers, other students, and themselves. The Cabarrus County Board of Education expressly prohibits unlawful discrimination, harassment, or bullying, including on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, religion, age, physical appearance or disability. Refer to Board policy code: [1710/4021/7230](#) for a more detailed explanation of this policy.

Bullying and harassment is strictly prohibited. The repeated pattern of intimidation may be real or threatened. Bullying may include, but is not limited to verbal taunts, name-calling, implied or stated threats, and exclusion from peer groups. Bullying can occur in-person, or through social media and texting. To report a bullying incident, please complete the HRHS Bullying Report on the HRHS homepage under the Resources tab.

Student Use of Social Networking Sites, Blogging, and the Internet - [POLICY CODE: 4313](#)

PROHIBITED BEHAVIORS

1. Students shall not use profane, pornographic, obscene, indecent, lewd, vulgar, or sexually offensive language, pictures or graphics in Internet Postings that could cause a substantial disruption to the school environment. Such postings will result in out-of-school suspension for the student(s) responsible.
2. Students shall not use language, pictures or graphics promoting violence or gang activity in Internet Postings.
3. Students shall not use Internet Postings to libel or defame the Board, School System, school employees, or other students.
4. Students shall not use Internet Postings to harass, bully, or intimidate employees or other students. Behaviors that constitute harassment and bullying include, but are not limited to, comments that are derogatory with respect to race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, color, age or disability; sexually suggestive, humiliating, or demeaning comments; and threats to stalk, haze, physically injure or damage the property of another student or employees.
5. Students shall not take and/or post pictures of school system employees without obtaining written permission. Students shall not falsely represent themselves as an employee of the school system.

A student will be disciplined for creating and/or distributing written or electronic material, including internet postings and texts that cause substantial disruption to school operations and/or interfere with the rights of other students or staff members. Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action, up to and including long-term suspension, 365 days suspension or expulsion.

WEAPONS AND DANGEROUS OBJECTS

A student shall not possess, handle, or transmit a weapon or any other object that can reasonably be considered a weapon on school property. These items may not be possessed on Cabarrus County School Board Property or at any school function regardless of its location. It is a crime to possess a weapon on school grounds. Law enforcement will be contacted.

DRIVER'S LICENSE LEGISLATION GUIDELINES/DROPOUT PREVENTION

NC State law mandates that in order for a student to maintain a driver's permit/license, he/she must make adequate progress in school. Specifically, a student, under the age of 18, must pass at least 70% of the maximum possible courses each semester and meet promotion standards in order to keep a driver's permit/license. Also, students who dropout of school will lose their permit/license for one semester. School administrators will notify the Department of Motor Vehicles of students who have not met these requirements.

DRESS CODE

Cabarrus County Board of Education specifies that each student must come to school appropriately dressed in clothing that is not disruptive to the educational process and does not endanger the health and safety of others. (See [Policy 4316 Student Dress Code](#)).

The board believes that the dress and personal appearance of students greatly affect their academic performance and their interaction with other students. The board requests that parents outfit their children in clothing that is conducive to learning. Generally, dress and grooming standards as determined by the student and his or her parents will be deemed acceptable. The principal has the authority to determine when a student has violated the school dress code and assign consequences consistent with the Student Code of Conduct.

The board prohibits appearance or clothing that does the following:

- a. violates a reasonable dress code adopted and publicized by the school;
- b. is substantially disruptive;
- c. is provocative or obscene;
- d. depicts or promotes gang affiliation; or
- e. endangers the health or safety of the student or others.

Hickory Ridge High School adopted a dress code in compliance with Policy 4316 that includes the following expectations:

- Shorts: Upper-Mid-thigh length or longer (HRHS Recommends At least 5- or 7-Inch Inseam or Longer)
- Dresses/Skirts: Mid-thigh length or longer (HRHS Recommends Wear an Athletic Short Under Skirts/Dresses)
- Shirts and blouses that cover the students' midriff (No Excessive Midriff Shown)

- Shirts and blouses must be secure (HRHS Recommend At Least s ½ - Inch Shoulder Straps)
- Footwear with nonslip soles
- Headgear may be worn if it is not a substantial disruption to the school environment

Students may not wear:

- Shirts or blouses that are not secure
- See-through or excessively short, tight, or revealing clothes (i.e. plunging necklines)
- Exposed undergarments
- Clothing advocating drug, alcohol, vaping or tobacco use
- Clothing advocating products or services illegal to minors (i.e. weapons, drugs, etc.)
- Clothing with inappropriate or suggestive language or symbols (i.e. profanity, pornography)
- Clothing that discriminates against particular groups
- Excessively long or oversized shirts, coats or jackets
- Sunglasses unless medically necessary
- Any apparel and accessories including jewelry, emblems, tattoos or body markings, that depict gang affiliation
- Excessive face painting
- Chains, spikes or other accessories that could be perceived as or used as a weapon

Principals may use their discretion in implementing the dress code, including making reasonable accommodations on the basis of students' religious beliefs or medical conditions.

At Hickory Ridge High School, we believe students thrive in environments where they feel safe, respected, and free to express themselves. Our dress code is designed to support student individuality while maintaining a focus on learning, safety, and inclusivity. We ask all students to dress in a way that is appropriate for a learning environment and does not disrupt the educational experience for themselves or others.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Protect yourself by being cautious with your property. Here are some suggestions:

1. Do not carry large sums of money or jewelry to school.
2. Do not leave clothing, purses, etc. lying around on desks, cafeteria tables, the floor, etc.
3. **Lock your valuables in a locker.** The faculty cannot supervise every student at all times; therefore, it is your responsibility to adequately secure your personal property at all times.
4. Lost or stolen electronic devices are not the responsibility of HRHS.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

The administration has the right to search a student, a student's locker, his/her belongings, or vehicle if it is deemed there is reasonable suspicion that a school rule has been violated.

Trained, law enforcement K-9 units periodically conduct random searches for controlled substances. Illegal substances and/or stolen property will be confiscated and law enforcement will be contacted. Students in unauthorized areas of campus will automatically be subject to search.

DISCIPLINE POLICIES

If a student is found in violation of the Student Code of Conduct at Hickory Ridge High School, that student may be subject to the following consequences: control room, lunch detention, after-school detention, Saturday school detention, in-school suspension, out-of-school suspension, alternative placement, PASS, and expulsion. Repeated and/or flagrant violations may result in the student being suspended for the remainder of the school year or alternative placement.

CONTROL ROOM

Students who fail to follow the rules and procedures outlined in the Student Code of Conduct will be redirected to the Control Room. Students will not be permitted to possess a cell phone while in the Control Room. Students will remain quiet and complete their class assignments. Once the violation has been assessed, administration may assign an additional consequence or intervention.

AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION (ASD)

Students who fail to report to ASD will be assigned to Saturday School detention. The decision to assign after-school detention is at the sole discretion of the HRHS administration.

SATURDAY SCHOOL DETENTION (SSD)

Students who fail to report or are tardy to their assigned SSD will receive one day of in-school suspension. The decision to assign Saturday School Detention is at the sole discretion of the HRHS administration. SSD is held in the cafeteria from 7:30 - 10:30 AM. No student will be admitted after 7:30 AM.

IN-SCHOOL/OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION

Considering the offense, out-of-school suspension will be assigned from 1 to 10 days. Law enforcement officials may also be contacted. Students may not be on school property during the suspension period, nor may they participate in or be a spectator in any school-related activity including athletic contests, band or choral concerts, theatre productions, school dances, etc. Students who are suspended may make up their academic work. The decision to suspend a student from school for 1-10 days is at the sole discretion of the HRHS administration.

If a student is long-term suspended, the student's driver's license may be revoked by the NCDMV for a period of one year.

SUSPENSION FROM PARTICIPATION IN EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES POLICY

General Statement of Policy

- I. Students who participate in the extracurricular activities offered at their schools enjoy a privilege, and many of them are called upon to represent their schools in local, state, and national arenas. Accordingly, students may be held to a higher standard of eligibility for participation in extracurricular activities than what is required for participation in the regular instructional program. It is the policy of the Cabarrus County Board of Education that students who commit acts, as defined in Section II, below, may have suspended their privilege of participation in extracurricular activities offered by their schools. This Policy shall govern each student at all times that he or she is enrolled in the Cabarrus County Schools. It shall also apply equally to conduct

taking place outside of school-related activities, and not on property owned or leased by the Board as to conduct taking place during school-related activities and on property owned or leased by the Board.

II. Prohibited Acts

A student may be suspended pursuant to this Policy for the following:

- A. Conduct that constitutes a felony under state or federal law or any crime involving moral turpitude, including the illegal possession, sale, or use of drugs or alcohol.
- B. Conduct that violates Board policy and/or school rules.
- C. Students who fail to pay owed fees and/or cafeteria charges will not be eligible for extra-curricular activities, including athletics, band, clubs, prom, etc.

III. Prom, Graduation, and other activities

Violations of the Student Code of Conduct may result in exclusion from Prom, graduation, and other end of year activities.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

For your safety, video cameras have been installed in the hallways, the school building, and in parking lots on campus. Be advised:

- School administrators and law enforcement officials monitor both the cameras and the recordings.
- Video recordings are used to investigate violations of school rules and the law.
- Video recordings may become part of a student's educational record.

STUDENT PARKING REGULATIONS

Driving to school and parking on school property is a privilege. All student vehicles parked on school property must be registered with the school office. Parking passes cost \$30. During school hours, no students are permitted to park in any of the following areas: the faculty and cafeteria parking area; the faculty parking lot at the front of the main building; the side of any road on campus. All vehicles parked on school property are subject to search by the school administration. Speeding, parking violations, and reckless operation of a motor vehicle are prohibited and will result in school-based consequences and/or the loss of driving privileges. Students are not permitted to either loiter in or go to their cars without permission from a school official. A valid school parking tag must be displayed and visible in any student's vehicle parked on school property.

All students will be assigned a parking spot. If there is another student parked in the spot, the student under which the spot is registered should notify the front office. If a student drives a vehicle other than the one that is registered, the student should notify the Front Office.

BUS REGULATIONS

All students must follow directions from their bus driver and refrain from inappropriate behavior while riding the school bus. All school rules apply while riding on the bus or waiting for a bus at a bus stop. Failure to follow bus rules can result in suspension from bus ridership.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be available every 9 weeks. Progress reports are available once each semester. Progress reports and report cards are available through the Parent Portal of PowerSchool. Paper copies are available upon request.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Students are required to complete one of two credit options: 22 credits or 27 credits for graduation
2. Students attempting to earn credits outside of Cabarrus County Schools must have prior approval from the Principal and the High School Director.
3. A student must successfully complete the following course:

English	4 credits; One each in English I-IV.
Mathematics	4 credits. Note Math I and/or Math II successfully completed in middle school will fulfill the Math I/Math II course & graduation requirements.
Social Studies	4 credits. Civics, American History, World History, and Economics & Personal Finance.
Science	3 credits. Biology, Earth & Environmental Science, and either Chemistry or Physical Science
Health/PE	1 credit.

4. Students are required to take all exams required by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and fulfill any other state-required learning outcomes. Final exams will count 25% toward the final course average.

PROMOTION STANDARDS

Students are promoted from middle school to 9th grade upon completion of all middle school requirements. Students are promoted to 10th, 11th, and 12th grades based on the number of credits earned.

To be classified as a:	You must earn:
Sophomore	a total of 6 credits
Junior	a total of 13 credits
Senior	19 credits and be eligible to graduate in the spring

GRADING SCALE

A = 90-100

B = 80-89

C = 70-79

D = 60-69

F = 0-59

GPA

GPA is determined by the Final Grade achieved in each class.

90-100%	4.0
80-89%	3.0
70-79%	2.0
60-69%	1.0
<59	0.0
WF	0.0

INC	0.0
WP	0.0
AUD =	0.0
P	0.0

*An additional 0.5% is awarded for an honors class

** An additional 1.0% is awarded for an Advanced Placement Course

CABARRUS COUNTY SCHOOLS DROP-ADD GUIDELINES

Cabarrus County High Schools operate on a block system. There are two semesters with four courses each lasting 90 minutes per class. The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction requires a minimum number of seat-time hours to earn a credit. If a student is absent for more than 8 days in a course, credit may be withheld. Therefore, the following procedures are in effect for any student who requests a schedule change:

1. No schedule changes will be made on or after the first day of classes unless there has been an administrative error or for pupil balancing.
2. A schedule change window is open when schedules are provided to students in the Spring. Change requests made after that window closes will be considered due to extenuating circumstances and are dependent upon seat availability in the desired class(es).
3. Students failing the first course of a two-part sequence or a prerequisite course will be dropped from the subsequent course.
4. Second semester changes are discouraged once the school year begins. This is especially true for Seniors who have applied to college as their intended classes are part of their college application.
5. Students requesting to drop a class once the term has begun must seek the Principal's approval. If approved, a Withdraw/Fail grade of (WF) will be recorded on the student's report card and transcript. The WF will be averaged into the overall GPA as a failing grade.
6. These guidelines also apply to courses taken at a community college for dual credit.

HIGH SCHOOL FINAL EXAM POLICY

The Cabarrus County Board of Education requires that final examinations be given in all classes in grades 9-12. State end-of-course tests and CTE exams shall serve as the final examination in designated courses. All State final exams must be taken at the scheduled time. Each high school principal shall follow the final exam schedule as established by the superintendent or designee.

Exam Exemptions

The board wishes to reward high academic achievement by exempting qualifying students from taking final examinations according to the following criteria:

1. A first or second semester senior may be exempted from taking the final examinations in each class for which the following conditions are met: the student earns at least a “B” average (80), is absent from the class no more than 3 times (excused or unexcused) and receives no suspensions during the semester.
2. No students may be exempt from a state made final exam.
3. If a qualifying student wishes to take an examination from which he/she is exempt, the student may do so. The final examination grade for a student qualifying for the exemption will be used only if it improves the student’s grade in the course.
4. The final grade of a student opting not to take the final examination will be computed based on the tests and course work completed during that term.
5. At least two days before the examination period, teachers must notify students who qualify for an exam exemption. A qualifying student must notify the teacher of whether they intend to take the examination at least one day prior to the examination.
6. Any high school student who is enrolled in an Advanced Placement (AP) course and takes the AP exam is exempt from the regular class exam. Any high school student participating in an AP class first term and who commits to taking the AP exam in the spring shall be exempted. (Note: In order to receive credit for an AP examination, the AP exam must be documented by a grade report to the student’s high school.) Failure to take the AP Exam shall result in a zero for the course exam, subsequently affecting rank and academic honors. Should a first term AP student elect to take the class exam, he/she may also have the opportunity to choose to take the AP Exam in the spring. The class exam will count 25% of the final grade. Students choosing not to take the AP exam will not have the opportunity to receive college credit.
7. Students who qualify for exam exemptions are expected to continue to attend classes and complete all assignments.

GRADE SUPPRESSION

Under some circumstances, students may repeat a previously failed course or a course for which credit was earned, but a higher grade is sought. See the CCS Parent Handbook or contact a School Counselor for additional information

BETA CLUB

Students desiring membership in the Beta Club must: have a GPA of 4.0 or better and have never received any type of suspension (OSS or ISS) or violated the Academic Integrity guidelines.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Students desiring membership in the National Honor Society must: have a GPA of 4.25 or better and have never received any type of suspension (OSS or ISS) or violated the Academic Integrity guidelines.

ATHLETICS

Hickory Ridge offers students the opportunity to participate in the following competitive sports: football, volleyball, cross-country, soccer, tennis, basketball, wrestling, swimming, baseball, softball, track & field, golf, flag football, and cheerleading.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for a team a student must:

1. Pass a minimum of three (3) courses during the previous semester at an approved high school. Being an office assistant does not count as a course offering and will not count toward athletic eligibility purposes.
2. Meet local promotion requirements (See Graduation Requirements listed above)
3. Meet CCS domicile requirements for HRHS.

VISITORS

ALL VISITORS MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE to be welcomed, given a Visitor's Pass and directed to appropriate places. Appointments are encouraged.

Any unauthorized visitor found on campus will be considered trespassing. Do not bring other high school visitors during times when other schools are dismissed for holidays, etc. Students may not eat lunch with visitors on campus.

LOCKERS

For a \$5 rental fee, students may rent a locker for the storage of books and equipment. It is the student's responsibility to see that his locker is kept locked and in order at all times. Personal locks are not permitted. Students may not share lockers. Students are expected to keep their lockers in good condition. Students who do not have their assigned lock at the end of the semester/year will be required to pay a replacement fee. The administrators can conduct searches of lockers as they deem it appropriate. No one should leave classes or the cafeteria to go to his/her locker without permission.

TEXTBOOKS / FEES / CAFETERIA

Any student who does not return their assigned textbook at the end of the semester will be charged the full price for the missing book. Students will be assessed a fee for any damages to textbooks that may occur. Students are strongly encouraged to place covers on their textbooks. Students with overdue fees owed to HRHS will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities including participating in and attending athletic events. Students with a negative cafeteria balance will not be allowed to purchase a la carte items until their negative balance is paid off. Textbook reimbursement for off-campus classes will not be fulfilled after the stated deadlines.

PARENT-SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

The Athletic Booster Club works with all areas of the HRHS athletic program.

The Band Booster Club organization works with all areas of the HRHS band program.

STUDENT SERVICES

Student Services is available for every student in the school. Services provided include assistance with educational planning, interpretation of test scores, occupational information, career information, study helps, help with home, school and /or social concerns, or any issues the student may feel he would like to discuss with the counselor.

Students are assigned a Counselor based on the first letter of their last name. Assignments are as follows:

A - E = Mrs. Dunn

F - K = Mrs. Dusch

L - Q = Mrs. Habjanic

R - Z = Mr. Whalen

Grad Coach = Mrs. Siler

MTSS/504 Coordinator = Ms. Liddle

Parents are encouraged to contact the Counselors throughout the year. Information regarding careers, college admissions, financial aid, curriculum offerings, testing, records, and personal assistance is available. The Student Services phone number is 704-260-6639 and the webpage is: https://hrhs.cabarrus.k12.nc.us/4341_3

NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

Cabarrus County Schools provides equal access and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability or age in its programs or activities. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding non-discrimination policies:

504 Coordinator – **Angela Fitzwater** (704) 260-5770 angela.fitzwater@cabbarus.k12.nc.us

Title IX Coordinator – **Dr. Michael Williams** (704) 260-574 michael.williams@cabbarus.k12.nc.us

Upon reading the handbook in its entirety and by filling out the Scribbles form, you acknowledge that you have read the entire handbook, including all rules, policies and compacts and understand Hickory Ridge High School's expectations for the 2024-2025 school year.