

**Welcome to**  
***Atholton High***  
***School***

**Back to School Night**  
**2020**



MEET THE ATHOLTON  
ADMINISTRATIVE  
TEAM...

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MS. NASIR  
MR. RICHMAN  
MS. VESLANY

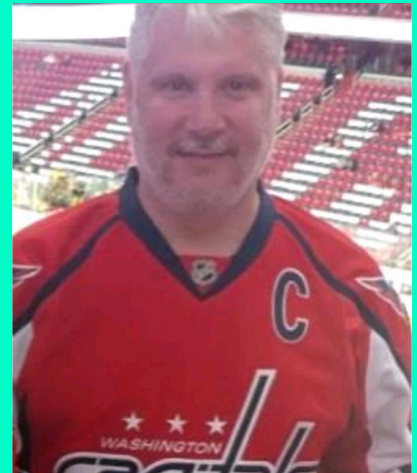
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**VISION:** Every student and staff member embraces diversity and possesses the skills, knowledge and confidence to positively influence the larger community.

**MISSION:** HCPSS ensures academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student in an inclusive and nurturing environment that closes opportunity gaps.



More information: [www.hcpss.org/scta](http://www.hcpss.org/scta)





*Atholton High School Values*

# School and System News and Information



## Email

School news, HCPSS News,  
emergency notices



## Text

Urgent/emergency  
notices only



HCPSS website  
[www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org)

Systemwide news and  
information resource



School website  
[ahs.hcpss.org](http://ahs.hcpss.org)

School news, calendar, sports  
and clubs, staff directory; more



# Social Media

Atholton High School Twitter: [@hcpss\\_ahs](https://twitter.com/hcpss_ahs)

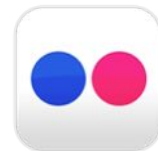
HCPSS Facebook: [www.Facebook.com/HoCoSchools](https://www.Facebook.com/HoCoSchools)

HCPSS Twitter: [www.Twitter.com/HCPSS](https://www.Twitter.com/HCPSS)

HCPSS Instagram: [instagram.com/hocoschools](https://instagram.com/hocoschools)

HCPSS Flickr: [flickr.com/photos/hcpss](https://flickr.com/photos/hcpss)

Superintendent Twitter: <https://twitter.com/mjmsuper>

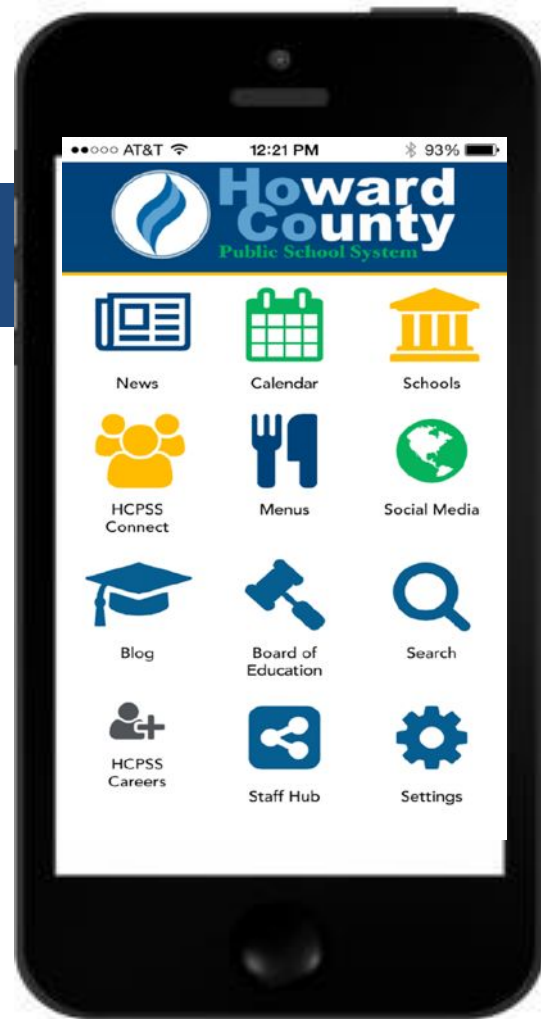


- School system news and announcements
- Upcoming events
- Opportunities to share input on HCPSS policies and decisions

# HCPSS Mobile App

Free download on App Store:

- iPhone
- iPad
- Android



# School Closings/Delays



[www.HCPSS.org](http://www.HCPSS.org)



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HCPSS News



HoCoSchools



HCPSS Status

[status.hcpss.org](http://status.hcpss.org)



Hotline

410-313-6666

# Mental Health and Student Supports

## School Counselors:

- **Ms. Wade** -- 9th Grade ONLY (Kim\_Wade@hcpss.org)
- **Mr. Cohen** -- Last Name A - E / Grades 10 - 12 (Phillip\_Cohen@hcpss.org)
- **Ms. Meledick** -- Last Name F - Kj / Grades 10 - 12 (Dana\_Meledick@hcpss.org)
- **Ms. Clearfield** -- Last Name Kk - P / Grades 10 - 12 (Lisa\_Clearfield@hcpss.org)
- **Ms. Rogers** -- Last Name Q - Z / Grades 10 - 12 (Yvonne\_Rogers@hcpss.org)

More information:

[www.hcpss.org/supports/mental-health-wellness](http://www.hcpss.org/supports/mental-health-wellness)

# Mental Health and Student Supports

School Psychologist: Dr. Michael O'Shaughnessy,  
Michael\_O'Shaughnessy@hcpss.org

BSAP Liaison: Cheryl Grimes, Cheryl\_Grimes@hcpss.org

Pupil Personnel Worker: Donna Blackwell,  
Donna\_Blackwell@hcpss.org

More information:  
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**Synergy Student  
Information System**

**Canvas  
Learning System**

**Family File**

**[www.hcpss.org/connect](http://www.hcpss.org/connect)**

# Update Student Information



- Parent contact information
  - Medical data and contacts
  - After-school transportation
  - Data privacy preferences
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- Athletic participation forms

[www.hcpss.org/connect](http://www.hcpss.org/connect)

# HCPSS Connect: How to Get Help

## Login Assistance:

Contact the school office



## Guides and Resources:

[www.hcpss.org/connect](http://www.hcpss.org/connect)



# Canvas: What to Expect



Course Homepage:



Overview



Student privacy information

Resources



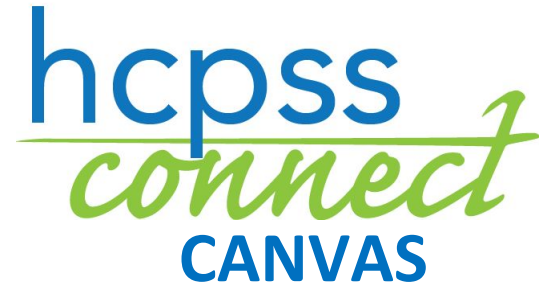
Calendar dates/events



Announcements



Student skill building (grade appropriate)



Have Canvas Questions? Click the **Orientation** box  
on the Canvas homepage to access Parent Guides



Orientation

# Interactive School Menus



- Food descriptions
- Nutrition and allergens
- Carb counts
- Pre-payment links
- FARMS application link
- Breakfast and lunch menus

- <http://hcpss.nutrislice.com>
- free iPhone or IOS app
- HCPSS Mobile App

# Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMs)

Qualifying families can receive free or reduced-cost:



## HCPSS - FAMILY FILE (EMERGENCY FORM)

### MAIN NAVIGATION

- Students
- Parents/Guardians
- Emergency Contacts
- Medical
- Arrival/Departure
- Media
- Data Confidentiality
- Student Creative Work
- PTA Directory / School Directory
- Submit

Thank you. You have successfully submitted the family file information.



Click the below link to download the printed emergency procedure card:

[\[ Download \]](#)

### Free and Discounted Benefits

The FARMs program provides families with significant benefits to help you save money. Eligibility is based on family size and income, and enrollment is confidential.

[Log out](#)

- School meals
- Health insurance
- HCC tuition
- SAT, ACT and AP exam fees
- Camps, sports, child care
- Many other benefits



# Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMs)

**Step 1:** Visit [www.hcpss.org/farms/](http://www.hcpss.org/farms/)

**Step 2:** Click “Apply Online” to begin the online application process

## How to Apply

Please submit only one application per household. Families that need computer or language assistance to apply online, please contact your child’s school.

View the [federal income eligibility guidelines](#).

## Online

APPLY ONLINE

(ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES AVAILABLE)

- After the online application has been submitted and reviewed, eligibility notifications will be sent via email/mail.

HCPSS WEBSITE



Howard County Public School System

Getting Started

Household Information

Students

Children (Non-Student)

Signer's Information

## Getting Started

**What you will need to provide during the application process:**

- The name and **current** income of every member of your household
- The school and grade of every student in your household
- Your electronic signature
- (Optional) A valid email address or phone number for district communication about the status of the application.

If you are ready to get started, click the button below to begin the online application process.

BEGIN ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

APPLICATION

# School Meal Services

## Grab-and-Go Meal Service

**Breakfast:** 8am-9am

**Lunch:** 10:45am-12:45pm

Weekdays at all HCPSS schools  
(except Burleigh Manor MS & Hammond HS)

Prices based on eligibility status  
(free, reduced-price, or full-price)

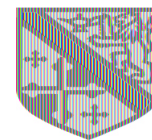
\* Students may receive meals at  
any location





# *JumpStart*

## DUAL ENROLLMENT



HOWARD  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**JumpStart**, a partnership of the Howard County Public School System and Howard Community College, seeks to provide expanded options for students to gain college credits, explore possible careers, or earn an associates degree within a nurturing and inclusive environment.

### **JumpStart Contact Information**

Students and families should **first** contact their school counselor to review opportunities

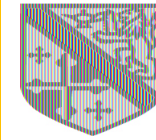
**HCPSS Contact:** [jumpstart@hcpss.org](mailto:jumpstart@hcpss.org)

**HCC Contact:** [jumpstart@howardcc.edu](mailto:jumpstart@howardcc.edu)



# *JumpStart*

## DUAL ENROLLMENT



HOWARD  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Getting Started with JumpStart at HCPSS

- Select HCPSS-based courses are eligible for students to earn college credit through HCC
- Check your schedule for courses with a CC designation. To earn HCC credit, visit <https://tinyurl.com/jumpstart2020hcpss> and complete all steps

**Deadline to register for HCC credit in an HCPSS-based CC course is  
September 11th!!**



***JumpStart***  
DUAL ENROLLMENT



HOWARD  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Getting Started with JumpStart at HCC

- Schedule a meeting with your school counselor to review options for HCC-based JumpStart Dual Enrollment courses
- Review <https://tinyurl.com/jumpstart2020hcc> and follow all indicated steps.

# 2020-2021 Fall Instruction

Information and updates:  
[www.hcpss.org/2020-2021/](http://www.hcpss.org/2020-2021/)

Answers to frequently-asked questions:  
[help.hcpss.org](http://help.hcpss.org)



# Community Resources

Several organizations in Howard County offer services and resources for students and families.



[www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/](http://www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/)

# Sample Virtual Instructional Schedule

Sample schedules can  
be found online

[www.hcpss.org/2020-2021/](http://www.hcpss.org/2020-2021/)



# Attendance



## **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**

- ES homeroom teacher and mathematics teacher take attendance
- MS & HS attendance is taken for each class

## **Wednesday** (complete at least one item during the week)

- Submit assignment to one teacher
- Engage in synchronous instruction with an HCPSS teacher
- Complete work in the Canvas learning management system, DreamBox or Lexia Core5

# Grading

Student grading will follow traditional grading practices.

Parents should check Canvas for updates on performance.



# Athletics



2020-2021 High school fall and winter competition season postponed for the first academic semester

Efforts will continue to finalize a plan for modified competition seasons for all sports during the second semester.



# Career and Technical Education (CTE)

Career and Technical Education (CTE) career academies will be offered through classes typically based at:

- Applications and Research Laboratory (ARL) technology center
- Individual high schools





# Dual Enrollment

Dual enrollment opportunities will continue to be available to students.

Students must:

- Complete an HCC application for admission
- Register and pay for college credit in the high school-based course or at HCC. Students receiving FARMs are eligible to attend for free.

Contact your school counselor.



# Special Education Services

Each student's IEP or IFSP team, which includes the parent, will discuss how the student's current plan will be implemented for 2020-21.

The previous individualized continuity of learning (ICOL) plans will no longer be used.

Parents will be contacted at the start of the school year on how best to provide services for their child in a virtual environment.



# Supporting Instruction at Home

HCPSS offers best practices to support families in transitioning to virtual instruction in the home environment



<https://www.hcpss.org/2020-2021/supporting-instruction/>

# Obtaining a Device

## **To identify your need for a Chromebook or internet:**

1. Parents/guardians should log in to HCPSS Connect.
2. From the left menu, last choice, select “More Options” then choose “Student Technology” from the center of the screen.
3. On the HCPSS Student Technology screen, use the drop down arrows to indicate the Technology Requested for each student. Changes are saved immediately.
4. If a device has already been issued, it will appear in the inventory list. If a student already has a device issued, a new request will not be processed.
5. Families will receive a confirmation email with necessary information, including pickup location, date and time.