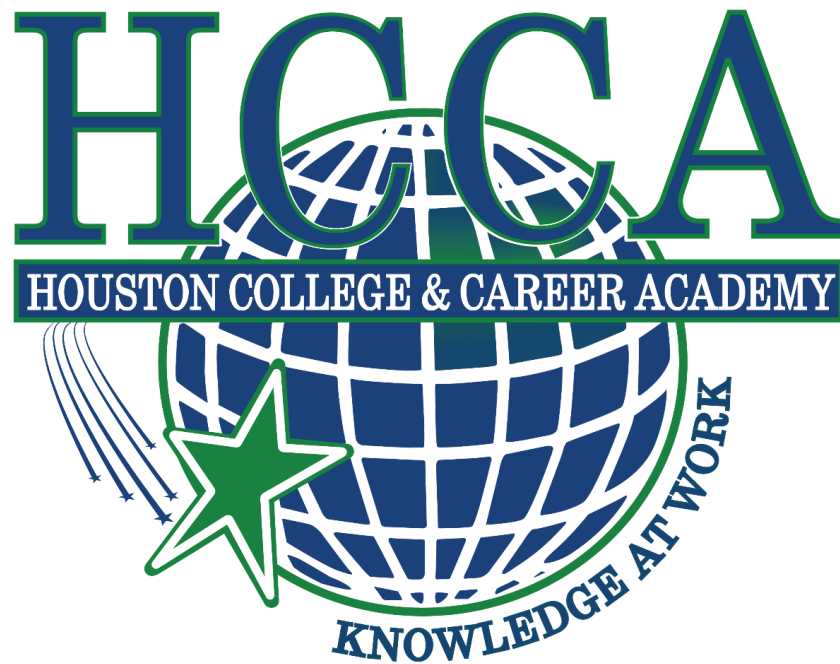


Houston College & Career Academy 2026-2027 Parent & Student Informational Guide



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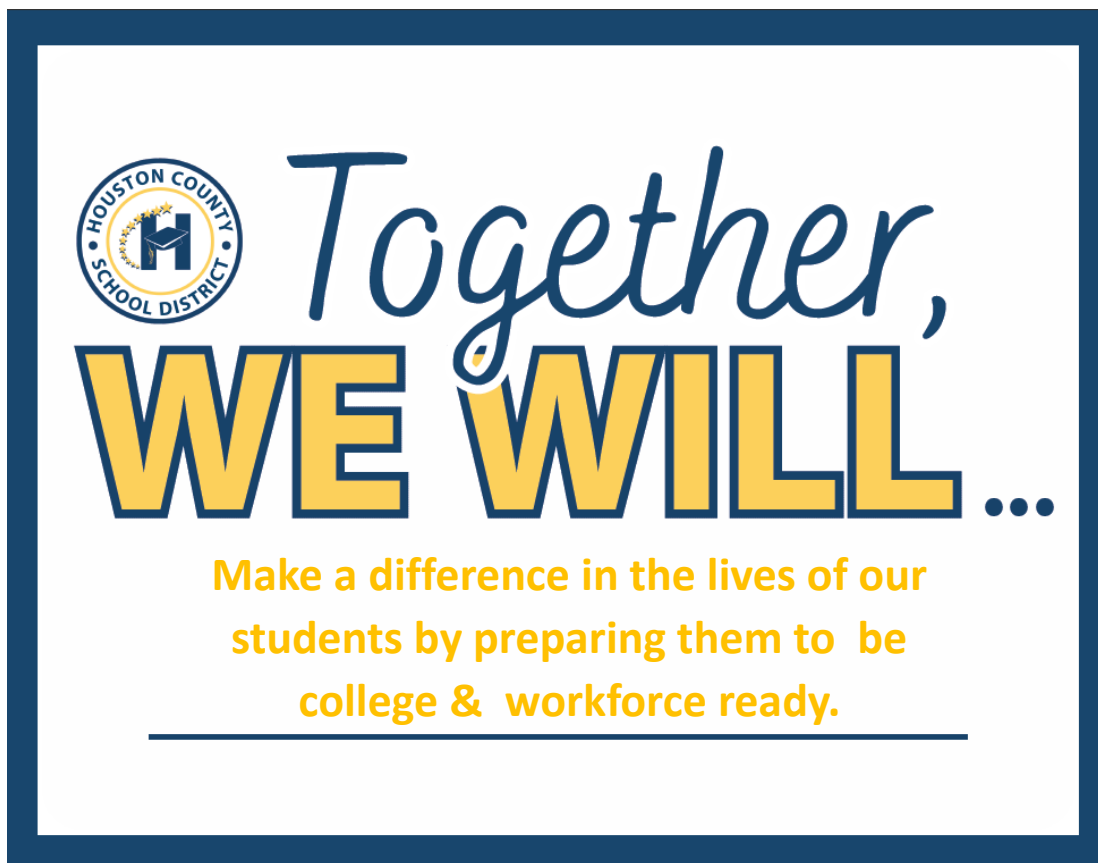
Dr. Tonya Wallace
Assistant Principal/Counselor

Dr. Lindsey Gentry
2026-2027 Teacher of the Year

Maura Williams
2026-2027 Support Staff of the Year

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WELCOME FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to SUCCESS!! I am excited that you have chosen to attend the Houston College & Career Academy (HCCA). The administration, faculty, and staff are eagerly looking forward to the 2026-2027 school year. The goal of HCCA is to provide students with job skills for employment prior to leaving high school and to provide employers with skilled workers, as well as a readiness for college. HCCA is a joint effort between the Houston County School District, Central Georgia Technical College, Middle Georgia State University, Robins Air Force Base, Houston County Development Authority and local business and industry as represented by the Warner Robins and Perry Area Chambers.

Our **Mission** is to ensure a viable 21st Century workforce for Houston County.

Our **Vision** is to become the premier model in the state of Georgia by offering a seamless pipeline of workers to high-demand careers in strategically identified industries.

To ensure your success, I ask that you embrace the beliefs that have been set forth.

Beliefs:

- Business and community partnerships are key to providing a viable 21st century workforce.
- Academic success leads to a knowledgeable and skilled 21st century workforce.
- Effective professional and student learning are relevant, rigorous, and project based.
- Career pathways provide focus and direction for post-secondary and workforce opportunities.
- Career Technical Student Organizations provide leadership opportunities, enhance learning, and promote graduation.
- Strong work ethics will yield a more employable, responsible, and productive 21st century workforce.
- Work-based learning gives students practical experience and develops confidence.
- The practical application of these beliefs will increase graduation rates, enhance communication skills, and build cooperative relationships.

Sincerely



Principal

2026 – 2027 Faculty and Staff

Administrative Personnel

Dr. Sherry Johnson, Principal/CEO
Dr. Tonya Wallace, Assistant Principal/Counselor
Jenny Dykes, Youth Apprenticeship Coordinator
Kayla Paulk, School Secretary/Bookkeeper
Maura Williams, Administrative Technology Secretary (ATS)

Central Georgia Technical College

Kimberly Gunn, Executive Director for High School Initiatives
Marsha Brooks, High School Coordinator
Holly Turner, High School Coordinator

Support Personnel

Marilyn Brown, Lead Custodian
Jimmie Reeves, Custodian

Instructional Staff

Lawanda Ambler, Criminal Justice
Ryan Ashford, Cybersecurity
Dylan Biddle, Automotive
James Brock, HASP (Advanced Math)
Michael Cannon, Barbering
Dr. Brian Cherer, Latin
Brandon Force, EMR (Spring)
Dr. Lindsey Gentry, HASP (Advanced Math)
Jeffery Grange, HASP (Advanced Math & Science)
Candace Hollingshed, Audio Video Tech & Film
Ariel Lawrence, Nurse Aide
Tammie Love-Davis, Artificial Intelligence
Rachel Lumley, Cosmetology
Erin Morton, Education as a Profession
Kristie Norris, Fine Furniture/Cabinet Making
Angela Robitzsch, Nurse Aide
Joseph Rossi, Engineering
Kimberley Thomas, Medical Terminology (Fall)
Ginette “Gigi” Trapp, Healthcare Science
Christopher “Shane” Trimm, HVAC
Eli Walker, Information Technology
Ridge Wallace, Welding
Thomas Woolsey, Automation Technology
Micah “Shawn” White, HASP (Advanced Math)
Chef Suni Wilson, Culinary Arts

Paraprofessionals

April Barfield
Linda Flowers
Brandalyn Turner



2026-2027 Bell Schedule

8:00 - 9:30	1st – 2nd Periods
9:25 - 9:55	Teacher planning
9:55 - 11:15	3rd - 4th Periods
11:30 - 12:10	Lunch
12:10 - 1:10	Teacher planning
1:25 - 2:35	6th - 7th Periods
2:40 - 3:00	Teacher planning
3:00 - 4:00	Extended day

AO Bell Schedule **Tuesday Only**

8:00 - 9:10	1st – 2nd Periods
9:30 - 10:15	AO/PLT
10:35 - 11:35	3rd - 4th Periods
11:35 - 12:15	Lunch
12:15 - 1:30	Teacher planning
1:40 - 2:40	6th - 7th Periods
2:40 - 3:00	Teacher planning
3:00 - 4:00	Extended day

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION AND SUPPORTS (PBIS) MATRIX

We are WORK FORCE...	PARKING LOT/BUS	COMMON AREAS	LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS
R esponsible	Adhere to the transportation policy	Help maintain facility by cleaning up after yourself	Follow classroom expectations Be engaged and turn in all assignments
E xcellence in work	Enter/exit in a timely manner	Display appropriate speech and behavior	Exceed academic and behavioral expectations Take pride in your work
A ttendance Matters	Attend school regularly and come prepared for the day	Be present, alert, and aware of your surroundings	Actively participate everyday Attendance = higher grades
D edicated to Learning	Come to school prepared to learn	Move quickly to class prepared for the day	Come dressed for success and ready to learn Follow directions and stay on task
Y es to Success!	Yes, we greet others as professionals!	Yes to professionalism!	Yes to being college and work force ready!

Houston College & Career Academy

Career Technical Student Organizations

AUDIO, VIDEO TECH & FILM ORGANIZATION

Sponsor: Candace Hollingshed

Membership Requirement: Open to students enrolled in the AV Tech & Film pathway and pathway completers

Financial Obligations/Dues: \$25 including T-shirt

Purpose: A student-led organization dedicated to exploring the art, craft, and industry of film, media, and broadcast production. Members will collaborate on projects such as live broadcasts, short films, and event coverage, gaining hands-on opportunities that build both skill and confidence. From behind-the-scenes technical work to creative directing and editing, students take full ownership of their storytelling.

Planned Activities: Monthly meetings at the Houston College & Career Academy and serves as a creative hub for students to connect, create, and prepare for the media industry.

ESPORTS CLUB

Sponsor: Ryan Ashford

Membership Requirement: Open to students enrolled in the Cyber Security class

Financial Obligations/Dues: None

Purpose: The rapid growth of the esports industry has created unique opportunities for students to build technical, social, and leadership skills in an environment that aligns with their interests. An Esports Club provides a structured, inclusive space for students who may not participate in traditional athletics or other extracurriculars to engage meaningfully with peers while developing critical 21st-century skills. An Esports Club is more than just gaming — it's a modern, strategic investment in student engagement, workforce readiness, and a connected school culture.

FAMILY, CAREER, COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA – FCCLA

Sponsor: Chef Suni Wilson

Membership Requirement: Open to Culinary Arts or Food Science students

Financial Obligations/Dues: \$30.00 includes a t-shirt plus the cost of conferences, trips, and competitions.

Purpose: To promote personal growth and leadership development through Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

Planned Activities: Monthly meetings, Fall Rally @ GA National Fair, Fall Leadership Conference @ FCCLA Camp, Region and State STAR Events Competitions, State and National Conferences. Community service projects for United Way, Valentines Day, and Family Fun night.

FIRST ROBOTICS

Sponsor: Mrs. Tammie Love-Davis

Membership Requirement: Open to all students

Purpose: FIRST Robotics Competition gives high school students and their adult mentors the opportunity to work and create together to solve a common problem. Teams of students are challenged to design, build, and program robots and compete for awards, while they also create a team identity, raise funds, hone teamwork skills, and advance respect and appreciation for STEM within the local community.

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA (HOSA)

Sponsor: Ginette Trapp

Membership Requirement: Open to all interested students

Financial Obligations/Dues: \$30.00 includes a chapter T-shirt

Purpose: HOSA's mission is to empower HOSA-Future Health Professionals to become leaders in the global health community, through education, collaboration, and experience. HOSA actively promotes career opportunities in the health industry and enhances the delivery of quality health care to all people. HOSA's goal is to encourage all health science instructors and students to affiliate and be actively involved in the HSE-HOSA Partnership.

JUNIOR CLASSICAL LEAGUE (JCL)

Sponsor: Dr. Brian Cherer

Membership Requirement: Enrolled in Latin I or II

Financial Obligations/ Dues: \$25.00

Mission: To encourage exploration in all aspects of ancient Greek or Roman civilization.

Planned activities: Films, books, projects, festivals, games, etc.

SKILLSUSA

Sponsor: Ms. Hollingshed and Ms. Norris

Membership Requirement: current students in pathways at HCCA or formerly enrolled HCCA students.

Financial Obligations/Dues: \$30.00 plus state/national dues and a chapter t-shirt

Mission/Purpose: To empower students to become skilled professionals, career-ready leaders, and responsible community members.

Planned Activities: Fall leadership conference, Champions Rally, Region and State Leadership & Skills Conference, community service, and SkillsUSA week.

Frequently Asked Questions

What do I do if I . . .

1. HAVE BEEN ABSENT?

- You must bring a copy of a doctor/parent note to the HCCA Attendance Clerk (ATS) to change an unexcused absence to an excused absence within 3 days of returning.
- You must also let the Attendance Clerk (ATS) at HCCA know if you missed a class due to a non-instructional absence (NI) at your home school, such as a field trip or sporting event.
- Maura Williams-ATS- 478.322-3280 ext. 1671

The written note must contain the following information:

- *Name of Student*
- *Date of Note*
- *Date of Absence*
- *Reason for Absence*
- *Parent Signature*
- *Phone Number of Parent*

2. WANT TO DRIVE TO HCCA?

HCCA Transportation Policy

- Students are not allowed to drive to HCCA unless they are granted permission by Dr. Johnson, Dr. Wallace, or their home school Assistant Principal/CTAE Supervisor prior to driving.

What to do if you are running late or miss the bus?

- Students **must contact** their home school Assistant Principal/CTAE Supervisor for permission to drive to HCCA **for that day only** prior to driving.
 - HOCO: Shayna Brown
 - VHS: Dana Morris
 - PHS: Jay Wood
 - Northside: Heather Burley
 - WRHS: Robert Walker
- The home school Assistant Principal/CTAE Supervisor will call the front office (Mrs. Williams), Dr. Johnson or Dr. Wallace to let them know they have granted permission for you to drive **that day only**.

Reasons for Requesting Permission to Drive

- Students who are leaving HCCA to go directly to their Dual Enrollment class on the college campus are granted permission to drive.
- Students who come directly from their Dual Enrollment class on the college campus are granted permission to drive.
- Exceptions to the above two reasons, will be addressed on an individual basis.

How to Request Permission to Drive?

- Students must stop by the front office to pick up a request form.
- Bring signed forms and a copy of their high school and college schedule back to the office for Dr. Johnson or Dr. Wallace to review.
- Students are not allowed to transport other students in their vehicles. Failure to adhere to this agreement will suspend the driving contract and your child will lose their driving privileges. Students must abide by the rules and regulations listed on the parking permit application and that failure to do so can revoke their driving privileges. Driving infractions will be reported to the home high school for disciplinary action.

If granted permission to drive and I have unexcused tardies?

- An accumulation of **3 unexcused tardies**, I will lose my driving privileges for **3 weeks**.
- An accumulation of **2 additional unexcused tardies (5 total)** after the initial suspension, I will lose my driving privileges for the **remainder of the semester**.
- I have a current parking permit from my home high school on file in front office.

3. DON'T UNDERSTAND THE AO/TESTING SCHEDULE?

- HCCA does not always follow the same AO/Testing schedule that your home school follows.
- Please make sure you ask your HCCA teacher or home school Assistant Principal/CTAE Supervisor if you are uncertain of the schedule for your class at HCCA during AO or testing.

4. WANT TO HAVE MY SCHEDULE CHANGED?

- You must speak to your home school counselor to make any changes to your schedule. HCCA does not make schedule changes for students.

5. TARDY TO SCHOOL?

- Students are considered tardy to school if they arrive to class after morning announcements have been made.
- If a student arrives late to their class, he or she will report to the front office and check in with the Attendance Clerk and receive an Admission Slip to their class.

6. NEED TO SEE MY HCCA GRADES ON INFINITE CAMPUS?

- To see your HCCA grades in IC, you must use the drop-down menu located where your school is listed and select HCCA.

7. NEED TO LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY?

- Any student who needs an early dismissal should check out in the front office with the Attendance Clerk.
- Any student who leaves campus for any reason without following the appropriate check-out procedures will be subjected to disciplinary action. This rule applies even if you leave before the 1st Block starts.

8. NEED TO USE THE PHONE?

- Office telephones are to be used only with the permission of office personnel.
- The access and/or use of personal electronic devices (including smartphones, smartwatches, headphones, or any other personal device capable of communication, internet access or media functions) is prohibited on Houston County School System campuses during the entire instructional period of the school day, in accordance with Georgia House Bill 1009 passed in 2026.***
- Students who are ill must report to the front office with a pass. In the event of an emergency, students may use a phone in the front office.
- Any student found in violation of this policy will be subject to the disciplinary policies of their home high school (**Houston County, Northside, Perry, Veterans, or Warner Robins High School**), as outlined below. Violations include both intentional and unintentional use, such as alarms, alerts, notifications, or text messages. Electronic devices must not be visible or in use upon entering or exiting the HCCA building and must remain out of sight.

1st offense	Warning
2nd offense	Alternative Discipline
3rd offense	3 days ISS
4th offense	5 days ISS/Behavior Contract
5th offense	1 day OSS
6th offense	2 days OSS/Parent Meeting
7th offense	WIN Academy Placement (Willful & Persistent)

9. **WHAT DUAL ENROLLMENT CTAE COURSES ARE OFFERED AT HCCA?**

HCCA has a partnership with Central Georgia Technical College (CGTC) and Middle Georgia State University (MGA). Videos of each pathway are accessible on our school website.

• Aircraft Structural (off campus)	• Emergency Medical Responder
• Automation Technology (formerly Industrial Systems)	• Engineering and Technology
• Automotive	• HVAC
• Barbering	• Information Technology
• Computer Science (off-campus MGA/ Synergy Ctr)	• Law and Justice
• Cosmetology	• Nurse Aide
• Cybersecurity	• Welding
• Culinary Arts	

10. **WHAT CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL CTAE COURSES ARE OFFERED AT HCCA?**

- Artificial Intelligence
- Audio, Video, and Tech & Film
- Culinary Arts
- Education: Education as a Profession
- Fine Furniture/Cabinet Making
- Sports Medicine/Allied Health
- Workforce READY (Employability Skills Training) is embedded in all classes
- Work-based Learning (WBL) and Youth Apprenticeship opportunity for students

11. **WHAT CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC COURSES ARE OFFERED AT HCCA?**

- **Houston Accelerated Scholars Program (HASP)**
 - Advanced Math (DE with Middle Georgia State University (MGA))
 - 10th grade- Honors Advanced Algebra & AP Precalculus
 - 11th grade- AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC & Honors History of Mathematics
 - 12th grade- Multivariable Calculus & Linear Algebra
 - Advanced Science
 - 10th grade- Honors Advanced Algebra & AP Precalculus
 - 11th grade- AP Physics 1 & AP Physics 2
 - 12th grade- AP Physics C
- **Latin** – This accelerated learning program gives students the opportunity **to earn two units** of World Language in **one school year**.

