8th Grade Night

Houston County High School

Spring 2024

Welcome to Bear Country!

**Dr. Jay Jones
Principal
Houston County High School**

Assistant Principals

Jared Allen
Assistant
Principal of
Discipline

Last Names
A-D

Jason Brett
Assistant
Principal of
Discipline,
Athletic Director

Last Names
E-K

Trinidy Rawlins
Assistant
Principal of
Instruction

Karma Hayes
Assistant
Principal of
Discipline,
CTAE Supervisor

Last Names
L-R

Melanie Moore
Assistant
Principal of
Discipline

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Mrs. Jenny Dykes
Last Names: A-D

Mrs. Melanie Hudson
Last Names: E-K

Dr. Lori Sarazine
Last Names: L-R

Dr. Melissa Jones
Last Names: S-Z

Ms. Donna Green
Special Programs/
Testing

23-24 HCHS Department Chairs

Dr. Jennifer Bowers
World Language

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CTAE

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Science

Mrs. Amanda Heavner
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Dr. Donna Milling
English

Mrs. Lauren Nguyen
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Mrs. Tiffany Rumell
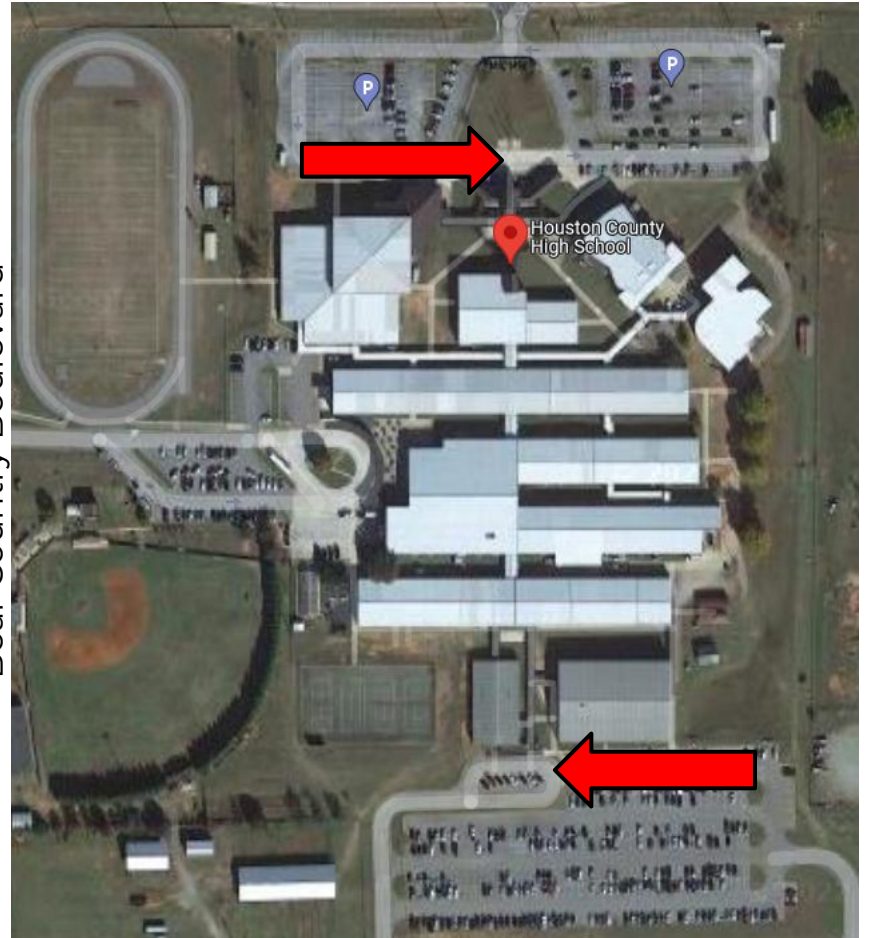Self-Contained

Ms. Brandee Tillman
Math

Dr. Katherine Wyatt
FIne Arts

Parent Pickup/Dropoff

- Students should be dropped off and picked up ONLY in the front or back of the building.

- Front drop off/pickup is located at the front of the school off of Highway 96.

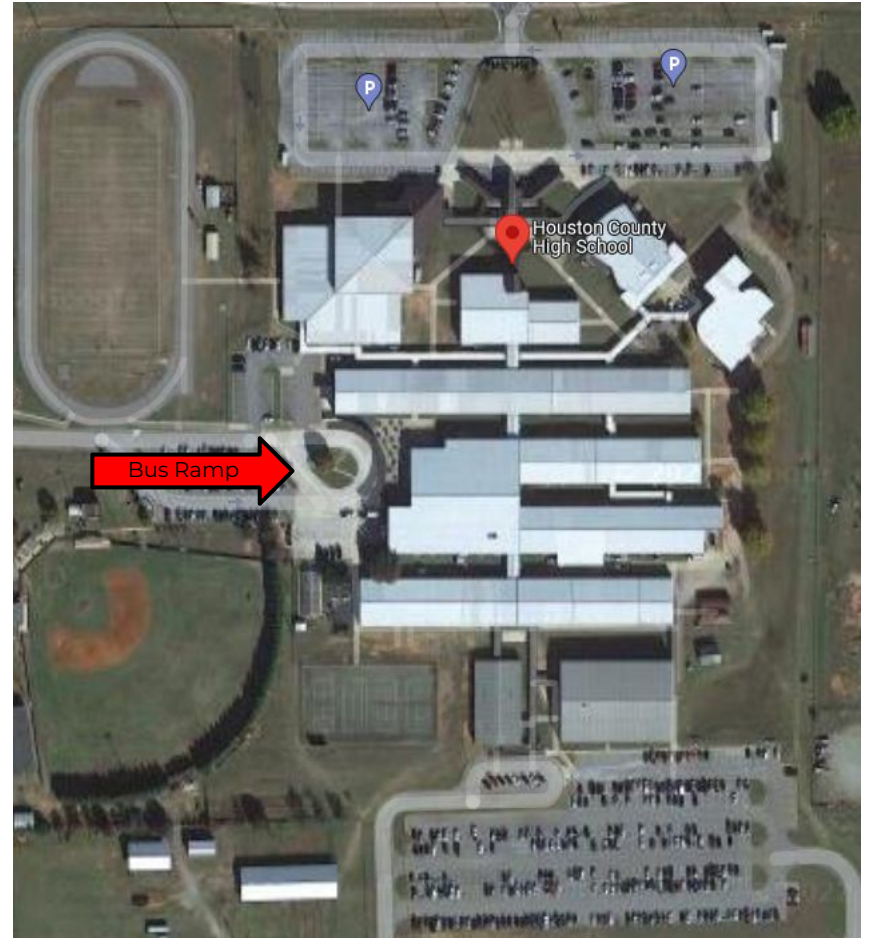- Back drop off/pickup is located in the back parking lot off of Jerry Barker Dr.

Parent Pickup/Dropoff

The side lot & bus ramp are NOT to be used for parent pick up or drop off.

Highway 96

Bear Country Boulevard

Sutherlin Drive

Houston County High School

Bus Ramp

Jerry Barker Drive

<u>Dress Code</u>

- No Hats/Hoods on your head at any time

- No Undergarment exposure

- Skirts, Dresses, and Shorts must reach mid-thigh

- No holes above mid-thigh that allow skin to show

- No crop tops that allow skin to show

- Bandanas (or bandana print) of any color are prohibited.

- Leggings may be worn, but a dress, shirt, or skirt must be worn over the leggings. The dress, shirt, or skirt must be mid-thigh length or longer.

- Pajama pants are not permitted.

Electronic Devices

- Cell phones and earbuds/headphones are not allowed during the school day, except for during lunch.

- Lunch phone rules:
    - No photos or videos should be taken
    - No music should be played from the phone
    - No calls are to be made or received

- If wearing earbuds/headphones while going to a parking lot or before/after school, only one ear should be in use/covered for safety purposes.
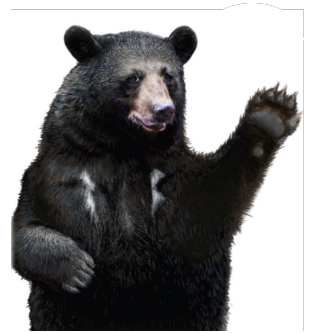
Athletics/Extracurricular Activities

- All 9th grade students are eligible to participate in athletics during Fall semester. To be eligible to participate in the spring, students must pass 5 out of 7 classes.
- Physicals are required to participate in athletics and should be uploaded in Dragonfly.

Examples of Clubs/Extracurricular Activities	2023-2024 Athletics
Air Force JROTC Black and Silver Brigade Band Beta Club Creative Writing Club Debate Team DECA FCCLA FCA French Club FBLA FFA National Honor Society Partner's Club Pep Club Robotics Alliance Sources of Strength Student Council Technology Student Association	Baseball Basketball- Girls and Boys Bass Fishing Basketball Cheerleading Football/Competition Cheerleading Cross Country-Girls and Boys E-Sports Girls Flag Football Football Golf- Girls and Boys Soccer- Girls and Boys Swimming-Girls and Boys Softball Tennis-Girls and Boys Track-Girls and Boys Volleyball Wrestling- Girls and Boys

Lunch Information

- Students will attend lunch with their 5th period class.

- Students can eat the Main Cafeteria, Middle Cafeteria, or Outdoor Dining area, but not the Senior Cafeteria.

- Multiple line options are available in all cafeteria areas.
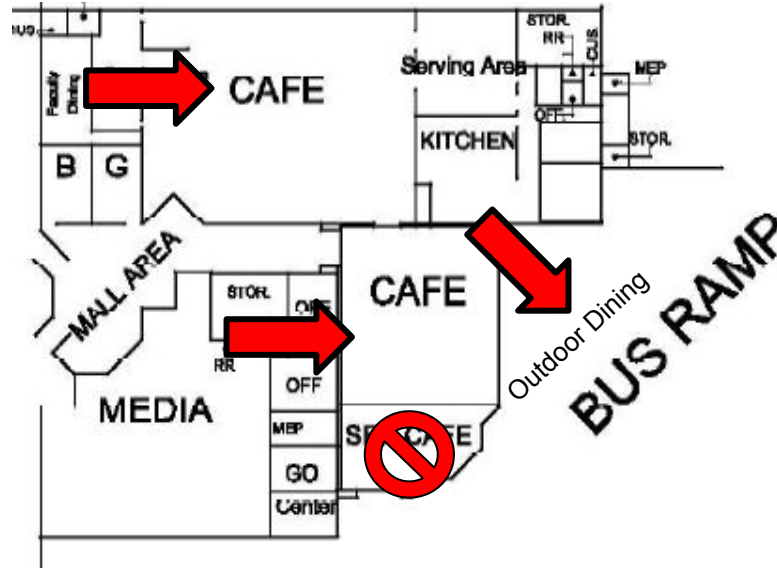
Class Transitions

- Students have freedom to travel through the entire building during transition, and will not be escorted class-to-class. It is the student's responsibility to follow the shortest and quickest route to avoid being tardy.

- There are 5 minutes between classes. There is a bell to warn students that they have 1 minute to be in class as well as a tardy bell to begin each period.

- Late entry to each class period will produce tardies, which carry consequences. Students will have the first few days of school before they are counted tardy for classes.

Grading/GPA Information

- Your Georgia high school HOPE GPA starts calculating as soon as you begin 9th grade. Your overall high school GPA, includes all courses attempted during the high school years.

- Each students' HOPE GPA only includes core curriculum courses:
  - English
  - Math
  - Science
  - Social Studies
  - Foreign Language

HOPE Scholarship Academic Eligibility Requirements as an entering freshman at an eligible college or university in Georgia (after high school graduation)
- Students Must Meet the following criteria:
  - Graduate with a minimum 3.0 calculated HOPE GPA.
  - Earn a minimum of four full rigor credits from the Academic Rigor Course List.

Course Selection: Electives

CTAE
- Basic Agricultural Science
- Food Nutrition and Wellness
- Early Childhood Education
- Entrepreneurship Essentials
- Foundations of Engineering- *Must have an 85 or higher in Math.*
- Introduction to Graphics
- Fine Furniture 1
- Jr ROTC Aerospace Science
- Introduction to Software Technology
- Introduction to Business and Technology
- Marketing Principles

PE
- Lifetime Sports
- Team Sports

Fine Arts
- Band
- Theater Fundamentals (Drama)
- Beginning Men's Chorus
- Beginning Women's Chorus

World Language
- French 1- *Must have a 95 or higher in Honors Language Arts*
- Spanish 1- *Must have a 95 or higher in Honors Language Arts*

Course Selection: CTAE (Electives)

- Be intentional
  - Have the conversations to talk through the best fit
  - Use presentation posted to guide you
    - Pay attention to labs, skills, interests, career options

- Highly encourage participation in CTSOs (Career Technical Student Organizations)
  - Leadership, competition, scholarships

- 3 years of a pathway + passing End of Pathway Assessment = Cord for Graduation

Plant Science (Agriculture)

Description:
Introduces the major areas of scientific agricultural production and research focused on plant & horticulture science. Builds introductory skills & knowledge in agricultural science and agri-related technologies.

CTSO: FFA

Careers:
- Environmental Scientist
- Hydrologist
- Landscape Architect
- Botanist
- Turf Management Specialist
- Biologist

Lab Details:
Greenhouse work daily

Skills/Interests:
- Agriculture
- Plant Science/Botany
- Hands-on learning
- Leadership
- Discipline
- Working with plants

Pathway Courses:
1. Basic Agricultural Science
2. General Horticulture & Plant Science
3. Nursery & Landscape

End of Pathway Assessment:
Horticulture NOCTI

If this pathway interests you, sign up for...
BASIC AG

Food Animal Systems (Agriculture)

Description:
Introduces the major areas of scientific agricultural production & research focused on the raising of agricultural livestock.
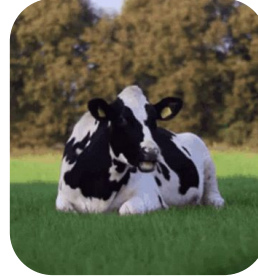
Skills/Interests:
- Agriculture
- Farm Management
- Leadership
- Discipline
- Working with animals
- Teamwork

CTSO: FFA

Careers:
- Veterinarian
- Farm & Ranch Managers
- Animal Scientist
- Animal Trainers
- Biologists
- Zoologists

Lab Details:
-Farm/Barn-daily (rain or shine)
-Work boots required

End of Pathway Assessment:
Precision

Pathway Courses:
1. Basic Agricultural Science
2. Animal Science & Biotechnology
3. Agricultural Animal Production & Management

If this pathway interests you, sign up for...
BASIC AG

Nutrition and Food Science

Description:
- Project-Based Learning Course focused on wellness and nutrition necessary for being well and living healthy

Skills/Interests:
- Teamwork
- Public Speaking
- Strong Science Background
- Organizational Skills
- Projects

End of Pathway Assessment:
ServSafe Food Handler

CTSO: FCCLA

Careers:
- Dietician
- Nutritionist
- Food Scientist
- Dietetic Tech
- Fitness & Wellness Coordinator
- Food Service Managers

Pathway Courses:
- Food, Nutrition, and Wellness
- Food for Life
- Food Science

Lab Details: Labs are reserved for upper level courses. Hair must be tied back, closed toed shoes must be worn, and no jewelry in the lab

If this pathway interests you, sign up for...
Food, Nutrition, & Wellness

Early Childhood Education

Lab Details:
Students in ECE II and ECE III have the opportunity to work with young children in Little Bears Preschool.

Description:
- Project-Based Learning Course focusing on child development and practices for working with young children

CTSO: FCCLA

Careers:
- Teacher
- Preschool / Daycare Worker
- Counselor
- Child Life Specialist
- Social Worker

Skills/Interests:
- Teamwork
- Strong Work Ethic
- Communication Skills
- Organizational Skills
- Working with Children
- Project-Based Learning

Pathway Courses:
- Early Childhood Education I
- Early Childhood Education II
- Early Childhood Education III

End of Pathway Assessment:
NOTI Early Childhood Education & Care

If this pathway interests you, sign up for...
Early Childhood Education

Start-Up Entrepreneurship

Description:
- Entrepreneurial Self Discovery
- Planning Your Future Business
- *Running your own business*

Skills/Interests:
- Leadership
- Creativity
- Passion
- Financial Gain
- Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Adaptability
- Flexibility

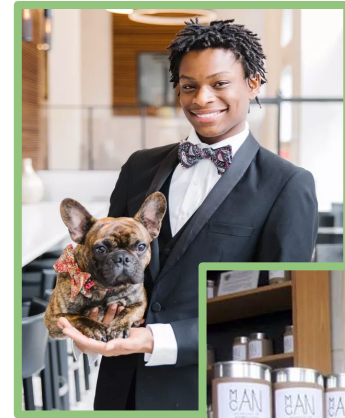**CTSO**: Future Business Leaders of America

Careers:
- CEO of Your Own Company
- Business Managers

Pathway Courses:
1. Entrepreneurship Essentials
2. The Entrepreneurial Venture
3. Advanced Entrepreneurial Strategies

End of Pathway:
National Industry Credential Assessment

If this pathway interests you, sign up for...
Entrepreneurship Essentials

Engineering

Description:
- Introduces basic engineering disciplines
- Project-based curriculum

Skills/Interests:
- Analytical
- Strong Math Sense
- Good with Hands-On Projects

End of Pathway Assessment:
- NOCTI Engineering Assessment

Careers:
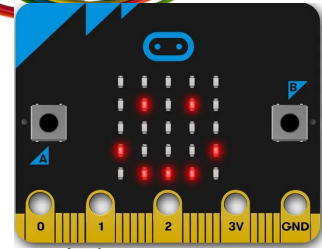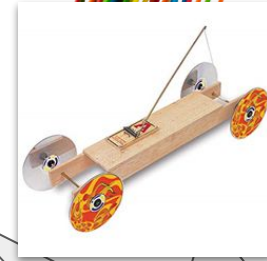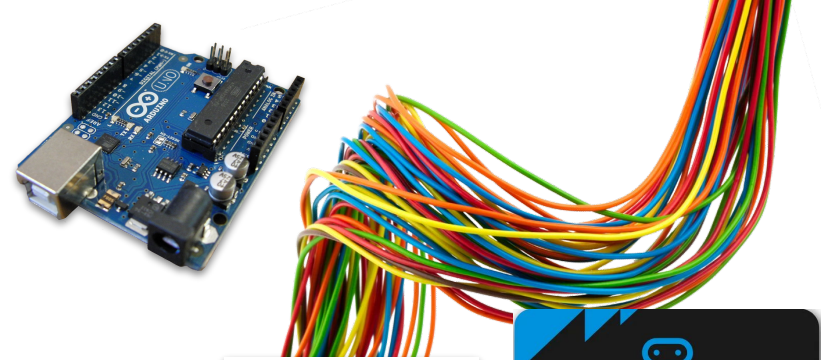- Engineering

CTSO:
- Technology Student Association (TSA)

Lab Details:
- Hands-On Projects
- Lab Fee

Pathway Courses:
1. Foundations of Engineering
2. Engineering Concepts
3. Engineering Applications

If this pathway interests you, sign up for...
Foundations of Engineering

Graphics

Description:
- Learning Graphic Design
- Exploring the Elements of Art and Principles of Design
- Print Graphics and Digital Art

Pathway Courses:
Introduction to Graphic Design
Graphic and Production
Advanced Graphics

Careers:
Graphic Designer
Digital Artist
Photographer/ Videographer
Entrepreneur
Illustrator
Print Shop

Skills/Interests:
Computer Proficient
Digital Art
Specialty Printing
Layout Design

End of Pathway Assessment:
SkillsUSA Skills
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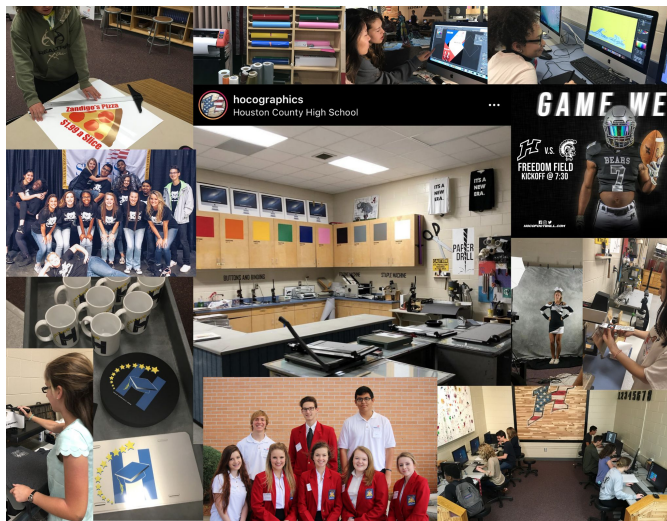
Lab Details:
Full Service Print Shop including wide format printing, sublimation, digital press and more!

If this pathway interests you, sign up for...
Introduction to Graphic Design

Fine Furniture and Cabinetmaking

CTSO: SkillsUSA

Description:
- ❏ Students will build handmade furniture from solid wood at a professional level
- ❏ Hands on: learning heavy machinery
- ❏ Building and creating furniture
- ❏ HCHS Furniture Site

Lab Details:
- ❏ Lab fee required
- ❏ Additional material cost are needed
- ❏ 90% or better on all machine test
- ❏ Full woodshop with dress code requirements
- ❏ No jewelry, no loose clothing, closed toe shoes

Skills/Interests:
Strong Work Ethic
Eye for Design
Learns By Doing
Woodworking

Careers:
Construction
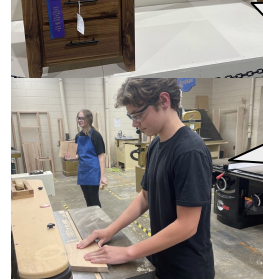Cabinetmaker
Furniture Designer
Interior Designer

End of Pathway Assessment:
NOCI Cabinetmaking

Pathway Courses:
Fine Furniture and Cabinetmaking 1
Fine Furniture and Cabinetmaking 2
Fine Furniture and Cabinetmaking 3

HOUSTON COUNTY

SkillsUSA

HIGH SCHOOL

If this pathway interests you, sign up for...
Fine Furniture 1

AFJROTC: Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps

Description:
Students will take a variety of courses that cover basic military customs and courtesies, Air Force history, physical/ health education, management, cultural awareness, and space exploration.

Skills/Interests:
Leadership, management, team building, citizenship, attention to detail, camaraderie, drive & determination
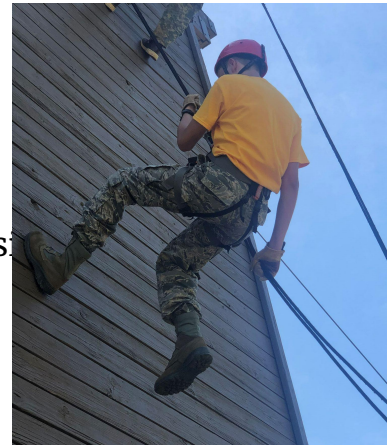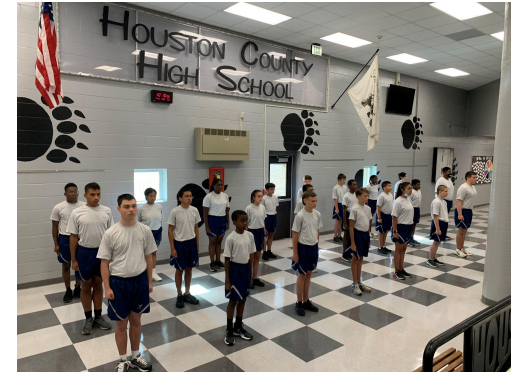
Pathway Courses:
AS/LE 100, AS/LE200, AS/LE300 & AS/LE400

Careers:
Active/reserve military (5 Branches of Service), computer science, engineering, technology, math profess

Lab Details: N/A

End of Pathway Assessment: N/A

If this pathway interests you, sign up for...

AFJROTC

Summer Leadership Camp
Georgia Military College: Repel Tower

Computer Science

Description:
Students cultivate their understanding of coding through analyzing, writing, and testing code as they explore concepts like modularity, variables, and control structures.

CTSO: FBLA

Careers:
- Software Engineer
- Mobile App Developer
- IT Project Manager

Skills/Interests:
- Problem-solving
- Collaboration
- Curiosity
- Creativity

Pathway Courses:
- Introduction to Software Technology
- Computer Science Principles or AP Computer Science Principles
- AP Computer Science A

End of Pathway:
NOCTI Computer Programming

If this pathway interests you, sign up for...
Introduction to Software Technology

Human Resources Management

Description:
HIRED OR FIRED? Learn the hiring, managing, and firing functions of a job. Students also get an overview of business and technology skills required for today's business environment.

Skills/Interests:
Microsoft Office
Google Apps

End of Pathway Assessment:
NOCTI Human Resources Management Exam

CTSO:
FBLA

Careers:
★ CEO (Chief Executive Officer)
★ Business Manager or Agent
★ Human Resources Manager
★ Business Analyst
★ Administrative Assistant

Pathway Courses:
1. Intro to Business & Technology
2. Legal Environment of Business
3. Human Resources Principles

If this pathway interests you, sign up for...
Introduction to Business & Technology

Business Accounting

Description:

- Where does all the money go? Students will learn how to make decisions about planning, organizing, and allocating resources using accounting procedures. Students will also learn to understand the importance of the financial world, including planning and managing money wisely.

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Skills/Interests:
- Professional communication skills & practices
- Problem solving
- Presentation skills

Careers:
- Web Developer
- UX Design
- Web Designer
- Cybersecurity

End of Pathway Assessment:
Business Financial Management

Pathway Courses:
- Introduction to Business Technology
- Financial Literacy
- Accounting I

If this pathway interests you, sign up for...
Intro to Software Technology

Sports & Entertainment Marketing

Description:
- Explore the value of marketing in everyday life
- Use marketing strategies and concepts to prepare yourself for ANY career
- Job experience in School Based Enterprise (SBE/school store)

Skills/Interests:
- Sports and Entertainment
- Teamwork
- Initiative
- Strong Work Ethic
- Creativity
- Customer Service Mindset
- Project Based Learning

End of Pathway Assessment:
MBA Research Standard Marketing Program of Study Exam (NOCTI)

CTSO: ◇DECA

Careers:
- Sports Agent
- Social Media Manager
- Entrepreneur
- Public Relations
- Event Management
- Travel & Tourism Ag... (Sales)

Pathway Courses:
1. Marketing Principles
2. Intro to Sports & Entertainment Marketing
3. Advanced Sports & Entertainment Marketing

Lab Details:
- 3rd & 4th year Marketing students work Bear Necessities (SBE/School Store)
- 2nd level and up participate in Fantasy Sports projects

If this pathway interests you, sign up for...
MARKETING PRINCIPLES

Fine Arts

Band

Provides opportunities to develop performance skills on a wind, brass, or percussion instrument. Emphasizes performance and production. Organizes objectives for self-paced progress. Stresses individual progress and group experiences.

Congratulations!

Houston County High School
GHSA Class 6A Literary Champions

HOCO CHORUS

LGPE 2024 RESULTS

Advanced Women
STRAIGHT SUPERIORS

Silver Singers
STRAIGHT SUPERIORS

Men's Chorus
STRAIGHT SUPERIORS

Combined Women
STRAIGHT SUPERIORS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Beginning Men's and Women's Chorus

Provides opportunities for young men and young women to develop performance skills and knowledge in all-male or all-female choral singing.

Theater Fundamentals

This course serves as an introduction to the theatre arts. Students investigate theatre as a whole by exploring the techniques and origins of a wide variety of theatre arts in various cultures and periods.

World Language

French 1

Introduces the French language; emphasizes all skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing in an integrated way. Includes how to greet and take leave of someone, to ask and respond to basic questions, to speak and read within a range of carefully selected topics and to develop an understanding of French-speaking cultures.

Spanish 1

Introduces the Spanish language; emphasizes all skills: listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in an integrated way. Includes how to greet and take leave of someone, to ask and respond to basic questions, to speak and read within a range of carefully selected topics and to develop an understanding of Spanish-speaking cultures.

** If students are interested in completing an AP Foreign Language course they must take Spanish 1 or French 1 as a 9th grader or test in to Spanish 2 or French 2**

Registration Overview

Students will take 7 classes *per semester* worth 0.5 credit each. Obtaining 5 credits is required to earn classification as a sophomore, which means 10/14 classes must be passed. Your high school GPA begins at the end of Fall semester, so a good start is important.

Registration is for the full academic year 2023-2024. Students take part A of each course first semester and part B second semester.

 As a freshman, 5 classes are required
- ➔ 9th Grade Literature
- ➔ Algebra 1 or Honors Geometry
- ➔ Biology
- ➔ American Government/World Geography
- ➔ Health & Personal Fitness
  - ◆ In Health, students will fulfill the requirements for ADAP, which is required to receive a Georgia driver's license.

The remaining 2 classes are electives.

Students will select four elective classes in order of their preference on their registration form.

We do our very best to schedule the top two selections, however if those classes are full or do not fit in the schedule, the third and fourth choice may be scheduled.

Students are not eligible for Dual Enrollment until the summer after 10th grade

Registration Form

REQUIRED COURSES

23.0610010	9th Literature/Comp A
23.0610020	9th Literature/Comp B
27.0811010	Algebra CC 1A or Geometry A H*
27.0811020	Algebra CC 1B or Geometry B H*
45.0570000	American Government/Civics
45.0711000	World Geography
26.0120010	Biology 1A
26.0120020	Biology 1B
17.0110000	Health
36.0510000	Personal Fitness

For Teacher Use Only

Circle one environment for each course:

Social Studies:	R	SG	CT	H
English:	R	SG	CT	H
Math:	R	SG	CT	H
Science:	R	SG	CT	H

Registration Form

ELECTIVE CHOICES

Directions: Select your top four elective choices. On the blank provided, write a 1 for your first choice, 2 for your second choice, 3 for your third choice, and 4 for your fourth choice. **You may only make a total of four selections.**

_____ 20.4161010	Food Nutrition and Wellness	_____ 21.4250010	Foundations of Engineering *Must have an 85 or higher in Math.*
_____ 46.4540010	Fine Furniture 1	_____ 02.4710010	Basic Agricultural Science
_____ 28.4110010	JROTC Aerospace Science	_____ 07.4413010	Intro to Business & Technology
_____ 11.4150010	Intro to Software Technology	_____ 48.4610010	Intro to Graphics
_____ 20.4281010	Early Childhood Education	_____ 08.4740010	Marketing Principles
_____ 36.0320010	Lifetime Sports (PE)	_____ 36.0410010	Team Sports (PE)
_____ 53.0642010	Band	_____ 52.0210010	Theater Fundamentals (Drama)
_____ 60.0110010	French 1– ** 95 or higher in Honors Language Arts*	_____ 54.0291010	Beginning Men's Chorus
_____ 60.0710010	Spanish 1– **95 or higher in Honors Language Arts*	_____ 54.0241010	Beginning Women's Chorus
		_____ 06.4510000	Entrepreneurship Essentials

Elective choices are not guaranteed as schedules are based on class availability and potential scheduling conflicts.

Student Signature_____   Date_____

Parent Signature_____   Date_____

Thank you!

Bear Down!!