



Haysville High School News



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HAYSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL-SUMMER/FALL NEWSLETTER, 2018

ACELLUS PROVIDES PERSONALIZED, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE LEARNING: HHS piloted Acellus, a new computer based learning program, in the Fall of 2017 then fully integrated the learning system in the Spring of 2018. While **HHS does not offer a virtual learning program**, Acellus does allow students to work on their courses anytime, in any environment with an internet connection and a device. While there are always growing pains with new programs and learning tools, the challenges with this new program have been very minimal and the early results show that students are earning credit at a faster pace as they have the opportunity to work from home in the evenings and on the weekends. In this program learning is the constant and time is the variable.

While at HHS, students engage their learning through Acellus in a classroom setting with a device provided by the school and a content-area expert, fully licensed teacher to support their learning, proctor all exams, and guide them on their educational journey. Attendance each day is vital to the success of this program as this is not a virtual, online program.

The Acellus program consists of videos recorded by a cadre of master teachers, all of whom have been vetted as some of the best and brightest throughout the country. Many of them have been recognized at the state and national level as Teacher of the Year in their respective states. Courses are broken down into lessons with teachers presenting concepts via video to students in four to twenty minute segments followed by unit quizzes, mid-term exams, and final exams, all proctored by HHS Staff. Students must pass all quizzes and test with minimum score of 60% to earn credit and move on in the course. This cutting edge, competency-based learning approach personalizes learning for students, giving them more control of their time, path, pace and place of learning. The role of the classroom teacher at HHS with this program has shifted from delivering content to that of a learning facilitator/coach as teachers' track student progress and help students when they are stuck or having trouble understanding difficult concepts.

ONLINE ENROLLMENT OPENS IN JULY: Enrollment for all students will be done online again this year. Online Enrollment for your student will be available approximately the middle of July. Check the district website for more details.

ORIENTATION/OPEN HOUSE: Orientation/Open House for all HHS Students and parents will take place on Thursday, August 16th. There will be three separate sessions of Orientation Open House. Students are required to attend one of the three Orientation Sessions with a parent or guardian. Students new to HHS are required to attend the initial session

from 8:00 to 9:52. Returning students are to call the school at 554-2231 beginning July 30th to schedule their Orientations Session (10:00-Noon or 1:00-3:00). Orientation will consist of a welcome/presentation followed by students attending their classes with parents/guardians for ten minutes with three-minute passing periods between each class. This is a great opportunity for students, parents, and teacher to get to know one another better and to go over the course syllabus, classroom management, communication, and to answer any questions you may have. We will not have a seminar on Friday, August 17th but will run a normal schedule. Students not attending Orientation will be required to stay for seminar on Friday, August 24th, for an Orientation Session with Mr. Foster.

DUAL CREDIT COLLEGE ENGLISH AND COLLEGE ALGEBRA TO BE OFFERED AT HHS: HHS students will continue to benefit from the strong partnership which exists between HHS and WSU-TECH (formerly WATC) as we continue to offer Dual Credit College English for college credit and concurrent credit for Senior English. We will also offer College Algebra for dual credit in the Spring, provided we have enough students enroll. College English, which will begin at the start of the second nine-weeks on October 22nd is taught by Mrs. White, and will end on December 19th. Dr. Gross is our instructor for College Algebra which will begin on January 4th (provided we have enough student enrolled to offer the course). College Algebra unlike College English lasts for 18 weeks. Both courses, through WSU-TECH, are part of the Kansas Board of Regents Seamless Transfer System and are guaranteed to transfer to public Kansas colleges and universities. The cost of these courses is a very affordable \$69 per credit hour (\$207 total for 3 credit hours). Our students will not have any textbook fees as they will be able to use loaners provided by HHS. The same courses at WSU would cost \$654 plus books which could easily be \$200 per course. This is the fifth year we have offered college courses on our campus for dual credit and it has been a huge success. It is very exciting to see students grow in their confidence as they embrace and achieve the challenge of earning college credit. If your student is interested in taking these courses please contact Kelly Rummery, School Counselor, via email at krummery@usd261.com

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: We will hold our first Parent-Teacher Conference on Thursday, September 20th from 3:30-7:30. You will not need to make an appointment for these conferences which occur halfway through the first nine-week grading period. We will hold Individual Plan of Study Conferences on October 15th & 17th from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and again on October 18th from 7:00-11:00 a.m.

HHS SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE Students who are eligible to take Dual Credit College courses may apply for a scholarship through the HHS Scholarship Committee and the Haysville Education Foundation. Staff members and other donors fund this program through their donations. Scholarships are awarded through an application process when funds are available. If your student is interested in applying please have him or her make contact with Kelly Rummery, School Counselor or Mrs. White.

PROGRESS REPORTS & STUDENT PLANNERS We continue to encourage having strong lines of communication between our school and our parents. Please be sure to check your student's weekly progress report which is embedded in your student's planner. Each week teachers will fill out the Progress Report for your student indicating their current grade percentage, whether there are missing assignments or tests, and if your student has earned early release as a reward for passing all classes with a 70% or higher with no missing assignments and on track with Acellus to complete their course by the end of the nine-week grading period. Students must earn early release by meeting these criteria. Please make a note to check your student's planner and sign it each Thursday evening.

PATHWAYS/ELECTIVES AT CHS OPEN TO HHS STUDENTS: Many of our Juniors and Seniors will be taking Pathways courses and Elective courses at Campus (First Period only). As part of our ongoing partnership with Campus our students have been approved to attend Campus during first hour each day to pursue Pathways such as Automotive, Woodworking, Welding, CNA, Fire Science, Business, and Family and Consumer Science Courses as well as Fine Arts classes. Students taking these classes will ride the bus to Campus in the mornings on the day of their classes, determined by which day their class falls on, Black or White. First period at Campus ends at 9:12 at Campus. Students will then have eight minutes to catch the bus from Campus to HHS. The bus will depart at 9:20 and will transport students to HHS in time for second academic period classes at HHS. Students must have written permission from their parents to drive to Campus and then from Campus to HHS and may not have any passengers. Students not driving themselves will be required to ride the bus from Campus to HHS.

Many students have already been enrolled in these courses. Space is limited but if you are interested in this opportunity for your student please let us know and we will see if he or she can enroll for either Fall or Spring classes.

WSU-TECH & SENATE BILL 155: Last year we continued our ongoing partnership with Wichita Area Technical College, now WSU-TECH to offer free tuition courses for eligible Juniors and Seniors through Senate Bill 155. Courses offered included: Welding (10 Credits), CNA (10 Credits), Composites (15 Credits), HVAC (11 Credits), Automotive (10 Credits), Aviation (12 Credits), Machining (11 Credits), Aero-structures (15 Credits) as well as many others. This is a great opportunity for our students to go to college for free. While the status of this program may change

due to funding, taking free college classes is a great advantage for our students! Please visit their website at <https://wsutech.edu/> and click on the High School tab for a dropdown menu for more information on the Jump Start program for high school students to take free college courses through this program. Forms are available as well as information on how to enroll in these classes. Please follow up by emailing Kelly Rummery, School Counselor, at krummery@usd261.com if you are interested in having your student take advantage of this program this Fall.

MEALS: High school lunches are currently \$2.70 a day. Breakfast is currently \$1.15. These prices are subject to change for next year. Applications for the Child Nutrition Program (free/reduced priced meal benefits) can be done online at the district website or you can stop by The Food Service Office located in the Grand Lane Shopping Center, 132 Stewart, to fill out a hard copy application beginning July 1st. Food Service Office Hours are: 6:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Applying for the Child Nutrition Program is free and provides a great service to families who qualify.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

August 16 th	Orientation/Open House
August 17 th	First Full Day of School (No Seminar)
September 3 rd	Labor Day-No School
September 20 th	Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30
September 21 st	Community Service Day Early Release At 11:15
September 28 th	Building In-Service-No School
October 12 th	½ Work Day-1/2 Collaboration-No School
October 15 th	Plan of Study Conferences 5:00-8:00 p.m.
October 16 th	Last Day of 1 st Session-Final Exams
October 17 th	Plan of Study Conferences 5:00-8:00 No School-Enrollment for 2 nd Session
October 18 th	Plan of Study Conferences 7:00-11:00 a.m. No School.
October 19 th	Conference Release Day-No School
October 22 nd	First Day of Second Session
November 12 th	Veterans Day-No School
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Holiday-No School
December 19 th	Last Day of 2 nd Session-Final Exams
December 20 th	½ Work-1/2 Collaboration-No School
Dec. 20-Jan 2	Christmas Break for Students
January 3 rd	Enrollment for 3 rd Term-Orientation for new students only 8 a.m. or 1 p.m.
January 4 th	First Day of 3 rd Session

TUITION & FEES: Tuition fees are \$55 per session. A one-time fee of \$20 pays for ID, Student Planner, & Lanyard.

TRANSPORTATION: Bus transportation must be arranged through the Transportation Department 554-2213.

School Hours: 7:40-3:10 Office Hours 7:15-3:30

*Students are not allowed in the building until 7:15 a.m.

As always, please call if you have any questions or need clarifications on anything (554-2231). We hope you and your family have a great summer! We look forward to working with you and your student as we relentlessly pursue excellence together!!!