

John Randolph Tucker High School

Henrico County Public Schools
2910 N. Parham Road
Henrico, Virginia 23294-4402



Student Handbook 2017-2018

MISSION STATEMENT

John Randolph Tucker High School is committed to helping students achieve their potential to be productive, responsible citizens whose ability to think critically and to work cooperatively will prepare them for their place in a global society.

IB Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.

SPECIALTY CENTERS

J.R. Tucker High School is proud to be home to three specialty centers. Detailed information for each specialty center can be found on our website.

Advance College Academy		Chairperson: Sheralyne Tierseron
Center for Spanish Language & Global Citizenship		Chairperson: Lisa Hand
International Baccalaureate		Chairperson: Elizabeth Harper

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Principal

Arthur G. Raymond III

Associate Principal

Melanie K. Phipps

Assistant Principal

Matthew A. Engel
Naeemah U. Rodriguez, Ph.D.
Joshua B. Schulhoff

Director of Student Activities

Chris Brown

Director of School

Counseling Carlotta Blackman

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY
(Area Code “804”)

Main Office	527-4600
Activities Director	527-4615
Attendance	527-4600
Band Office	270-7022
FAX – <i>School</i>	527-4619
Gym	527-4609
IB Office	967-2320
IB–FAX	967-2321
Center for Spanish Language and Global Citizenship	527-4618
ROTC	527-4679
School Counseling	527-4606
Welcome Center	527-4604
Call 12 – On Your Side (<i>School Closings</i>)	345-1212

J. R. Tucker High School Telephone Hotline

501 – 4109 (*dial 6599# to leave a message*)

School Website

www.schools.henrico.k12.va.us/tucker/

HCPS Policies and Regulations Manual

A copy of the *Policies and Regulations Manual* of Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS) is maintained in each school library as well as in any public library of the county and is available to students and employees as well as the public.

<http://webapps.henrico.k12.va.us/policy/>

HCSP Code of Student Conduct

Many of the policies and procedures in this handbook are based on the Code of Student Conduct. Students receive a hard copy of this at the beginning of the year in homeroom and whenever they enroll. All students must have the acknowledgement page signed by themselves and a parent/guardian on file each year. An electronic copy is available at

<http://henricoschools.us/pdf/Schools/CodeOfStudentConduct.pdf>

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2017-2018 Calendar

JULY 2017						
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4 Independence Day Holiday
7,14,21,28 Offices Closed

AUGUST 2017						
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4,11,18 Offices Closed
21-24 New Teacher Academy
28-31 Pre-School Activities/Planning & Development

SEPTEMBER 2017						
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1 Pre-School Activities/Planning & Development
4 Labor Day Holiday
5 Schools Open
21 Student Half Day/Staff PD

OCTOBER 2017						
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9 Student Half Day/Staff PD

NOVEMBER 2017						
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7 Student Holiday/Election Day/Staff PD/Clerical Day
22-24 Thanksgiving Holiday
(22 does not include 12-month employees)

DECEMBER 2017						
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18-29 Winter Break

JANUARY 2018						
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28	29	30	31			

1 Winter Break
2 Schools Re-open Following Winter Break
15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday
23-26 Student Exam Week/HS Early Dismissal
29 Student Holiday/Staff PD/Clerical Day

FEBRUARY 2018						
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19 Student Holiday/Staff PD

MARCH 2018						
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1 Student Half Day/Staff PD
?? Tentative SOL Writing Test Dates

APRIL 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

2-6 Spring Break
16 Student Half Day/Clerical Day
19 Kindergarten Registration

EASTER IS APRIL 1

MAY 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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?? Tentative SOL Testing Window
28 Memorial Day Holiday

JUNE 2018						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

5-8 Senior Exam Week
12-15 Student Exam Week/HS Early Dismissal
15 Student Half Day/Clerical Day
22, 29 Offices Closed
?? Tentative Summer School Start Date

Shaded figures denote holidays for staff and/or students as designated. = 1/2 day.

Blocked figures denote dates of importance to staff and/or students and parents as explained under each month.

Circled dates denote end of nine-week evaluation periods for students.

Students = 180 days
Teachers = 191 days (includes two .5 parent visitation evenings)

NOTE: Make up Day: Feb. 19

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday of pre-school week - all teachers will stay in their assigned schools. Wednesday may be used for centrally planned meetings or trainings.

J.R. Tucker High School

2017 - 2018 Regular Bell Schedules

Monday Bell Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Min</u>
8:00 - 8:50	Early Bird Classes	(50)
8:55	Warning Bell	
9:00 - 9:53	Period 1 + Morning Announcements	(53)
9:59 - 10:48	Period 2	(49)
10:54 - 11:43	Period 3	(49)
11:49 - 12:38	Period 4	(49)
12:38 - 2:03	Period 5 / Lunch / "Drop Everything And Read" A. 12:38 - 1:03 [Lunch A] + 1:08 - 2:03 ["DEAR" + Class] B. 12:44 - 1:08 ["DEAR"] + 1:08 - 1:33 [Lunch B] + 1:38 - 2:03 [Class] C. 12:44 - 1:38 ["DEAR" + Class] + 1:38 - 2:03 [Lunch C]	(25/55) (24/25/25) (54/25)
2:09 - 2:58	Period 6	(49)
3:04 - 3:55	Period 7	(51)

Herm and High Spr AM tech buses depart at 9:00 a.m.

Highland Spr PM tech bus departs at 12:55 p.m.

Herm PM tech bus departs at 1:10 p.m.

Regular TUESDAY - FRIDAY Schedule (Alternating Block)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Classes</u>	<u>Min</u>
8:00 - 8:50	Early Bird Classes	(50)
8:55	Warning Bell	
9:00 - 10:34	Period 1 / Period 2 + Morning Announcements	(94)
10:40 - 12:10	Period 3 / Period 4	(90)
12:16 - 1:35	Period 5 / Lunch A. 12:10 - 12:35 [Lunch A] + 12:40 - 1:35 [Class] B. 12:16 - 12:40 [Class] + 12:40 - 1:05 [Lunch B] + 1:10 - 1:35 [Class] C. 12:16 - 1:10 [Class] + 1:10 - 1:35 [Lunch C]	(25/55) (24/25/25) (54/25)
1:41 - 3:11	Period 6 / Period 7	(90)
3:16 - 3:55	Academic Extension a. 3:11 - 3:16 transition to AE location b. 3:16 - 3:55 AE (PA Announcements @ 3:50) All students are to be in their AE locations by 3:16.	(5) (39)

Tuesdays and Thursdays → ODD Blocks → Periods 1, 3, 5, 7 + AE

Wednesdays and Fridays → EVEN Blocks → Periods 2, 4, 5, 6 + AE

**Periods 1, 3, 5, and 7 meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays (ODD BLOCKS).

**Periods 2, 4, 5, and 6 meet on Wednesdays and Fridays (EVEN BLOCKS).

Lunch A: English, Wilson, Claytor, Mathematics, Edgenuity, Ex ED, PM Tech

Lunch B: Study Hall, CTE, Fine Arts, World Languages

Lunch C: Health and PE, Science, Social Studies

SCHOLASTIC AFFAIRS

Campus Hours

Supervised campus hours are from **8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** Students are not permitted to loiter on campus before or after these hours. Violators will be subjected to trespassing.

Attendance Policies

1. Please call the school (527-4600, press 1) to confirm a child's absence from school. If the absence is for an extended time, such as the flu, follow up with a doctor's note when the student returns. Notes need to be within 24 hours of return.
2. Approved excused absences include: illness, death in the family, serious family illness, court subpoena, and recognized religious holidays. Other absences, such as going out of town, must be pre-approved, in writing, by the grade level administrator.
3. A student's absence may be tracked by a parent/guardian through Powerschool.
4. A student who is tardy to school must report to the attendance office to sign in and obtain a pass to class. A note from the parent or a doctor is required to be considered for an excused tardy. Missing the bus, running late, and malfunctioning vehicles result in an unexcused tardy. However, a late school bus results in the student being marked as present.

HCPS Code of Student Conduct states:

(See the full *Code of Conduct* for additional information)

- When a student accumulates five (5) unexcused absences, the parent will be contacted and the school social worker will develop a plan with the parents to improve the student's attendance.
- When a student accumulates six (6) unexcused absences, the school social worker supervisor will report the attendance status to the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.
- When a student accumulates seven (7) unexcused absences, the school social worker will file a complaint against the student and/or parent through the Henrico Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court.

Unexcused absences

Truancy and skipping classes are usually the reasons for an unexcused absence. Truancy is defined as an absence from school when there is no knowledge of this on the part of the parent/guardian. Skipping class means that the student is in school but not in his assigned class. **When a student receives an unexcused absence, he does not have the right to make up the work and a grade of zero will be assigned.**

Leaving school property without permission

Once a student arrives on school property, he may not leave without permission prior to the end of the regularly scheduled school day. To do so will result in disciplinary action. This also applies to early school practices (i.e. athletic, choral, band practices, early bird classes, etc.) and to students who arrive early for whatever reason.

Disciplinary absences

Disciplinary absences are absences where an administrator, because of the student's behavior, has removed the student from classes. Suspended students are provided the opportunity to make up missed work.

Excessive absences

During the school year, a student who is absent in excess of ten days will be required to bring a professional note in order for the absences to be excused. This requirement is based upon Henrico County Schools Policies and Regulations. Professional notes would be those from an attending physician in the case of an illness, a lawyer in the case of an extended court appearance, etc. Excessive absences for whatever the reason have a direct impact upon a student's academic performance. Students who place themselves into this category without compliance of the stated policy will have the days missed counted as unexcused with no opportunity to make up any work. Students who are habitually absent from school without justifiable documentation can be suspended out of school pending a hearing before the school principal, referred to the Child Study Committee, or referred to the school's social worker to obtain a court petition for truancy.

Tardiness

Students are expected to arrive at school and report to all classes on time every day. Tardiness to school, whether excused or unexcused, is a disruption in the student's opportunity to learn. Students who arrive late to school at any time during the day receive a tardy to school, not just a tardy to class. A student who is tardy must report to the attendance office to sign in. A student who is tardy must have a parent/guardian come in to sign him in or must have an acceptable note from the parent, doctor, etc. explaining why the student is tardy.

To School - The following disciplinary actions apply when students are tardy (unexcused) to school:

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd offenses – The student receives warnings from the attendance office.
- 4th offense – The student receives a detention (1 day) from administrator.
- 5th offense – The student receives a Saturday School detention (1 day) from administrator.
- 6th offense - The student receives a Saturday School detention (1 day) from administrator.
- 7th offense - The student is assigned to ASP for one (1) day by the administrator.
- 8th + offense – The student is assigned to ASP for two (2) day by the administrator.
- 9th + offense - The student is assigned to ASP for three (3) days by the administrator along with a parent conference.

To Class – The following disciplinary actions apply when students are tardy (unexcused) to class:

- 1st and 2nd offenses – The student receives warnings from the teacher.
- 3rd offense – The student receives a Detention (1 day) from the teacher and phone call home.
- 4th offense – The student receives a Detention (1 day) from the teacher and phone call home.
- 5th offense – The student receives a Saturday Detention (1 day) from Administration.
- 6th offense – The student receives a Saturday Detention (1 day) from Administration.
- 7th offense – The student is assigned to ASP for one (1) day by Administration.
- 8th offense – The student is assigned to ASP for two (2) days by Administration.
- 9th Offense - The student is assigned to ASP for three (3) days by Administration.

Acceptable reasons for tardiness to school:

1. Personal illness verified by parent (either by note or in person);
 - Family emergency verified by parent;
 - Doctor or dentist appointment verified by parent or by a professional note from the attending physician;
2. Court appearance verified by parent or a copy of the court document requesting the student's presence in court.

3. Unusual circumstances approved by an administrator.

Unacceptable reasons for tardiness to school:

1. Truancy;
2. Oversleeping;
3. Walking to school;
4. Missing the bus/pre-arranged ride not showing up/car trouble;
5. Circumstances deemed unacceptable by an administrator.

The school attendance office and each grade level administrator will maintain a record of excused or unexcused late arrivals on each Tucker student. An unexcused tardy to school will result in the student receiving a zero for the portion of class or classes that he misses. A student who chooses to provide his own transportation may be counted unexcused tardy if the vehicle has mechanical or other problems. *Students granted parking spaces should note that truancy and/or unexcused tardies can be the basis for revoking parking privileges.*

Arrivals to Class

Students are expected to be in their seats when the tardy bell rings for the class. When a student is tardy for class after having attended any part of another class, the student will be marked tardy by the classroom teacher. If a student has not checked into any class that day or is returning to school after an early dismissal, the student must report to the attendance office.

Early Dismissals

Early dismissals disrupt a student's opportunity to learn. Parental requests for a student to be dismissed early from school should be for crucial and unavoidable situations. Requests for early dismissals should be made only when the situation is so critical that it cannot be taken care of after school hours or on a day when school is not in session. The following guidelines for releasing students from school prior to the regular dismissal time are:

1. In order to have an early dismissal pre-approved, please have the student turn in a note to the attendance office no later than 8:40 a.m. the day of the early dismissal. Once the request has been verified, the student will be sent a pass. The pass will allow the student to leave the classroom at the designated date/time written on the pass. The student must report to the attendance office to sign out prior to leaving campus.
2. Parents must report to the attendance office to pick up a child for an early dismissal that has not been pre-approved. Please allow enough time for your child to be located on campus, especially during the lunch hour and at the end of the school day. Please do not call the office to have a child pulled out of class.
3. Students will not be given permission for early dismissals when the request is called in by a parent. All early dismissals must either be pre-approved by a written note or verified in person with an ID.
4. Only individuals listed on the Authorization to Pick-Up Form will be allowed to sign for a student to leave school prior to the end of the school day. A picture ID is required of anyone, including parents, picking up a child or requesting to speak with a child.
5. Our school attendance policy is enforced to protect your child and is bound by federal, state, and local law. Your patience with and adherence to these tips are greatly appreciated.

A student returning from an early dismissal or clinic early dismissal during the school day must sign in with the attendance secretary/clinic and go immediately to class. If a student does not return to school for classes after an early dismissal, he should not be on school property during or after school hours unless permission has been given by an administrator to attend practice or participate in an extracurricular activity.

Permanent Early Dismissal

School Board policy states that only students who are enrolled in a work-study program (Marketing, COE, etc.) may receive a permanent early dismissal from school. These students receive a pass from their teacher, which must be carried by the student at all times to be shown, if requested, as they are leaving. These persons are not to visit other schools nor are they allowed to return to the school after their dismissal unless the student is participating in some type of school activity.

Academic Extension Procedures

Academic Extension is held Tuesdays through Fridays. Academic Extension offers many opportunities for our students; however, it will only work smoothly when all students adhere to the following procedures:

1. At the end of 6th or 7th period (3:10 bell) students will be dismissed to travel to their AE location. After 5 minutes (3:15), a tardy bell will ring and students must be in their final AE location.
2. Prior to Academic Extension (AE), a student must obtain permission from the requesting teacher and be put into the AE Google.doc. **NO PRIOR PERMISSION = NO GO!**
3. Before the Academic Extension (AE), the 6th or 7th period teacher will notify all of the students that will be allowed to travel during AE by accessing the AE Google.doc.
4. Students may only go to one AE location each day and must stay there for the duration of AE.
5. When the student arrives to his destination, the requesting teacher will mark in the AE Google.doc that they arrived. A late arrival to the AE destination will result in a tardy designation in the AE Google.doc and a disciplinary action (i.e. a teacher's detention, etc.) could follow.

Student laptops

Student laptops will be distributed to students at the beginning of the school year. All students are responsible for the care, maintenance and security of their student laptops and chargers. **The school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged student laptops or chargers.** A lost, stolen, or damaged student laptop should be reported to the student's grade-level principal. Rules for student conduct regarding laptops are detailed in the *Code of Student Conduct*.

Should a student need technical assistance, the Student Help Desk is located in Room COO2 [adjacent to Café 1] and is available for students during the following times:

8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Open to Students Only
11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Open for Teachers Only
12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Open for Students Only
1:30 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Open for Laptop Pick-up Only
2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Open for Teachers Only
3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Closed

- Students must have a hall pass when reporting to the Help Desk during class times. No exceptions.
- A student must have the laptop charged when reporting to the Help Desk.
- Students who are reporting a charger issue or a charging issue must bring the laptop and charger to the Help Desk.
- A student who is new to J.R. Tucker and has not received a laptop should report to Mr. Schulhoff in the main office.

Failure to bring a fully-functioning student laptop to class does not excuse a student from completing or turning in assigned work.

Textbooks and Fees

When textbooks are needed in a class, they will be provided by the county. Textbooks will be issued by the teacher and each student is responsible for the proper care of the books and other materials issued. The student, prior to the issuance of replacements, will pay for lost or damaged books. In instances where materials for instruction and fees for services are not paid for by the county, each student is charged according to a schedule distributed the first week of school.

Class Responsibilities

The main business of a student is school, and the most important aspect of school is the learning environment. Students should come to class prepared; that is with supplies and an alert mental attitude.

Homework/Classwork

The need for homework varies according to the content and level of courses. However, nightly homework and study are very important for the success of the student. Its value lies in practicing skills and doing research. The amount and frequency of homework will depend upon the course and class level. **Obtaining and completing missed assignments are the responsibility of the student.** The teacher is not required to constantly remind students to turn in missed work.

Make-up Work

Note: Missed work due to absence or tardiness may only be made up when the absence/tardy is excused. See the Attendance section for more information.

The responsibility for work missed when a student is absent from school lies with the student. During absences, students are encouraged to consult teachers' web sites for missed work. Upon return to school, students must contact their teachers for additional make-up work. Students should not wait until the next class period to schedule make-up times but rather the day he returns to school. Students must arrange with the teacher for completion of make-up work within two (2) class periods. In some instances where assignments were known in advance or where the student was out for an extended amount of time, this time frame may alter for a shorter or longer period of time as specified by the teacher. *For excused absences/suspension for five days or less, obtaining make-up work is the sole responsibility of the student. For excused absences/suspensions of the student exceeding five days, make-up work will be coordinated by the School Counseling Office at 527-4606.* Students who are absent because of suspension may make up all work, unless otherwise noted. Students who obtain an unexcused absence (tardy) to school/classes will be assigned the grade of "0" on all work missed.

HCPS Grading Scale

The grading scale used in Henrico County is: A (90-100); B (80-89); C (70-79); D (65-69); and F (below 65).

Secondary Failure Recovery Policy

Any student in grades 6-12 who fails a test will be given the opportunity to remediate and be reassessed to earn up to a passing grade of 65%. This only applies to major assessments (not quizzes) and excludes the semester and final exams. Additionally, In an effort to keep students from becoming discouraged and succumbing to failure, students will have the option to regain the grade based on the remediation plan that is established by the teacher. Once the student has successfully completed the approved remediation plan, the student will then be eligible to receive a grade which will not be lower than 55%. Option is either MP1 or MP2; not both.

Withdraw Pass/Fail Procedures

Once the school year begins, course changes are only approved for the following reasons:

- a. an obvious scheduling error has occurred,
- b. the schedule was not adjusted after the completion of summer school, or
- c. a student wishes to replace a study hall with an available course.

Any student wishing to request a course or instructional grouping change during the school year will be required to complete a "Class Withdrawal/Instructional Grouping Change Form" which provides input from the student, parent, teacher, and school counselor. Courses may not be dropped after the third interim. The request is reviewed by the administration. If a course withdrawal is approved, the student's permanent record is influenced in the following manner:

- a. if dropped prior to the end of the first quarter, the course is deleted from the transcript.
- b. if dropped after the end of the first quarter, a "WP" (withdrawn passing) or "WF" (withdrawn failing) is recorded on the transcript. A "WF" is a failing grade, which is calculated in the student's Grade Point Average (GPA).

School-Home Communication Tool (Powerschool / Schoology)

Powerschool is a communication tool that allows parents and students to access real-time grades and provides a link to Schoology, a website where homework and other information can be accessed. Students will be given login information at the beginning of the school year through their homeroom. **Any student or parent needing assistance should contact Ms. Phipps, associate principal in charge of this service at Tucker.**

Senior Exam Exemption Policy

If a senior is enrolled in a SOL course, he/she MUST take the SOL test. The following Senior Exam Exemption Policy is in effect for all non-SOL courses.

GRADE COMPONENT (All seniors must meet this component.)

- The student must have an 85/B average by the end of the third marking period. And, the student must maintain an 85/B average during the fourth marking period. The teacher is responsible for notifying students of this requirement.

ATTENDANCE COMPONENT (The senior must not fall under one of the following.)

- The senior must not have more than five (5) unexcused tardies to school. This list will be compiled by administration, and the names will be forwarded to teachers. Students on this list are required to take ALL of their exams.
- The senior must not have more than five (5) unexcused tardies to class, excluding periods 1 and 2. Teachers are responsible for notifying students of this requirement. Remember, periods 1 and 2 are considered unexcused tardies to school which is stated above.
- The senior must not have more than six (6) absences [unexcused or excused] to each class, excluding period 5. For period 5, the senior must not have more than ten (10) absences to class. This does NOT include five college visits which are pre-approved by the senior class assistant principal. (Note: School-related absences do not count within these absences.)
- The senior must attend two-thirds (2/3) of the daily class time in order to be considered present. The teacher is responsible for notifying students of this requirement.
- The senior understands that three (3) unexcused tardies to class equal one absence, as it relates to the senior exam exemption policy. The teacher is responsible for notifying students of this requirement.

INTEGRITY COMPONENT

- The senior must not have an infraction of integrity on file with administration (Code 6 – Plagiarism, Cheating, etc.) during the year. If so, he/she is required to take the exam for the course in which the infraction was made.

NOTE: There is no automatic exemption from any class, elective or otherwise. Exemptions are granted to *seniors only and only* with compliance to the criteria listed above or only in catastrophic circumstances and as approved by the principal and the director of high school education. Nothing in the policy shall be construed to exempt any student from the end-of-course SOL test requirements set forth in the State Board of Education's Standard of Accreditation, or alter the requirements for earning a diploma.

AP Exam Exemption

To be exempt from the final in an AP class, the student will need to...

1. Sit for the AP test
2. Meet the attendance portion of the senior exam exemption policy

Requirements for Graduation

In order to receive a high school diploma, students are required to meet the graduation requirements that have been established by the Virginia State Board of Education. The requirements for a student to earn a diploma from a Virginia high school are those in effect when that student enters the ninth grade for the first time. Diploma types and graduation requirements are outlined in Section I of the HCPS Planning Guide for Students and Parents (pages 7-14).

Promotion Policy

FOR STUDENTS IN GRADUATION CLASSES OF 2002 AND AFTER

Satisfactory completion of courses which meet graduation requirements determines promotion or retention on a course-by-course basis.

The requirements for classification of a student at specific grade levels are indicated below:

10th Grade - A student must have earned a minimum of 5 credits, 3 of which must be from the disciplines of English, social studies, mathematics, science, physical education, or Economics / Personal Finance.

11th Grade - A student must have earned a minimum of 10 credits, 6 of which must be from the disciplines of English, social studies, mathematics, science, physical education, or Economics / Personal Finance.

12th Grade - A student must have earned 15 credits, 10 of which must be from the disciplines of English, social studies, mathematics, science, physical education, or Economics / Personal Finance.

High school students must have passed the previous required level of English before being permitted to take the next required level of English; i.e., they may not be enrolled in English 11 and English 12 in the same school year. Students may take an additional English credit during the Evening School of Excellence Credit Program, dual credit offering, and summer school. Exceptions to "doubling" may be made by the high school principal on a case-by-case basis.

Students must complete a practical (Career and Technical Education) or fine arts credit prior to graduation.

Recommendations for exceptions to the requirements regarding high school may be made by the high school principal to the Director of High School Education for a decision on a case-by-case basis.

SUPPORT SERVICES

School Counseling Services

The J.R. Tucker school counseling program is sequentially planned to aid students in mastering the academic, personal/social, and career tasks which are essential to the development of academic and life skills. The primary task of the school counselor is to assist students and their parents in identifying the appropriate pathway that will provide a positive academic, social, and career direction.

School Counseling program services include:

- Small group counseling
- consultation with the important adults in children's lives
- coordination of the school-wide counseling program and services with community agencies

These program services are balanced between prevention and intervention and are based upon the needs of students.

The J.R. Tucker School Counselors each hold master's degrees and professional licenses in school counseling. Students may request to see their school counselor by submitting an appointment slip, to which the school counselor will respond by sending a pass for the student.

Silence Hurts For reporting information anonymously, students may utilize the website, J. R. Tucker Silence Hurts. This site is designed to keep students safe from bullying, drugs, suicide, gangs, violence, and any other threat to student safety. If immediate help is needed, please contact a J. R. Tucker teacher or staff member in person. Go to the following site to access J.R. Tucker's Silence Hurts: <http://schools.henrico.k12.va.us/tucker/silence-hurts/>

Library

The library is open Monday through Thursday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Fridays and before major holidays, the library closes at 4:00 p.m. Students are encouraged to use the library for research, reading, and computer use. We welcome students to the library before or after school without a pass; however, they must obtain a pass from the library staff in order to visit during school hours. Passes are written every morning before school.

The library website (www.tinyurl.com/jrtllibrary) provides links to the online catalog, useful websites, and databases that can be accessed on campus and from home.

Clinic

The clinic is located at the rear of the administrative building. Students too sick to remain in class or students needing temporary first-aid treatment must get a pass from the classroom teacher before being allowed to go the clinic. The nurse or other school personnel will administer no medication of any kind until the parent has completed the appropriate form which we will have on file in the clinic. Medical forms, and health care plans, can be found on the HCPS website for your convenience. Arrivals and departures through the clinic will be carefully recorded, and students who abuse the privilege will lose the right to use the clinic. If a student becomes ill while at school, they will be given a pass to go to the clinic. **NO STUDENT WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLINIC WITHOUT A PASS.** The nurse will contact the parent, and the parent will either come to school and sign the student out or send a FAX to permit the student to drive home. Parents will no longer be able to call the school to give permission to allow a student to drive home from the clinic. Any student returning to school after a clinic sign-out must return through the attendance office. Departure through the clinic must be within ten minutes of sign out.

School Food Services

The breakfast program is offered each day from 8:15 to 8:55 a.m. and the lunch program is offered through two lunch periods in the middle of the day. A student's lunch period is determined by the location of their 5th period class. Students are expected to follow these simple guidelines while at lunch:

1. Demonstrate an atmosphere of courtesy and respect toward everyone.
2. Eat lunch in one of the three cafeterias or in the court areas outside the cafeterias. No food or drink is to be taken to other areas.
3. Take the responsibility for disposing of trash properly and leaving the lunch tables clean.
4. Cutting into lunch lines and loitering around lunch lines and entrance and exit areas of the kitchen are not allowed.
5. No exchange of money is allowed among students while waiting in the lunch lines.
6. Remain in designated areas and walkways during the entire lunch period.

Failure to comply with these guidelines can result in administrative detention, assignment to the Alternative School Program, or temporary loss of cafeteria privileges.

GENERAL BEHAVIOR STANDARDS

John Randolph Tucker High School is a quality learning institution where courtesy prevails and respect for every individual exists. In cooperation with the faculty, students are responsible for maintaining an environment in which programs can flourish and both curricular and extra-curricular programs can go forward for the benefit of all. Students are expected to maintain courteous and acceptable conduct toward each other and toward school personnel. Failure to do so will result in quick and firm disciplinary action. In the best interest of every student of Tucker High School, the staff will vigorously enforce policies concerning responsible behavior as stated in the ***Henrico County Public Schools Code of Student Conduct 2017-2018***. Each student receives a copy of this document in homeroom or upon enrollment and must return the back page (P.71) signed. The document can be downloaded from

<http://henricoschools.us/pdf/Schools/CodeOfStudentConduct.pdf>

Disregard for school rules and inappropriate conduct may result in the loss of any school privileges to include, but not limited to, parking, bus transportation, assemblies, participation in graduation ceremony, etc.

To establish a standard of student behavior, each school principal is required to recommend a student's expulsion when the student:

1. Is in possession of a firearm;
2. Assaults a staff member;
3. Distributes over-the-counter drugs, prescription drugs, or illegal substances;
4. Endangers the safety of the school community and/or any of its members;

If a student is suspended out of school, he cannot participate in any extra-curricular and/or athletic activity, and he cannot be on any HCPS property during this time.

Cell phones

In accordance with the 2016-2017 Code of Student Conduct, cell phones may be used on campus before and after school, during lunch periods, and during the six(6) minute transition time between classes. If students are listening to music with headphones/ear buds, they must do so with one ear covered and one ear uncovered, to ensure that communication can still occur. Music may not be played without the use of headphones/ear buds. Cell phones must be turned off and stored out of sight during

scheduled class time, including any time that students might leave the classroom during that time frame. For the sake of consistency, faculty/staff are required to confiscate cell phones that can be heard or seen during class time. Confiscated cell phones will be given to the grade-level administrator for parent retrieval. (1) A first-time violation will result in confiscation and given back to parent/guardian. (2) A second violation will result in confiscation, a one-day Saturday School detention, and cell phone given back to parent/guardian. (3) A third violation will result in confiscation, a one day out-of-school suspension, cell phone given back to parent/guardian. (4) A fourth violation will result in confiscation, a three day out-of-school suspension, cell phone given back to parent / guardian, loss of cell phone privilege on campus for the remainder of the school year. Cell phones may not be picked up by the parent/guardian until the next school day after a confiscation in order to allow time for the infraction to be processed by the grade level administrator. However, a parental request to process the confiscated item before this time will result in the consequences of the next violation-offender status. **The school is not responsible for confiscated items.**

Honor Code

J. R. Tucker High School fosters an environment in which a high priority is placed upon personal honesty and integrity. The Tucker Honor Code is based upon the following two commitments:

As a student of Tucker High School, I accept as my responsibility the expectations implied by the principles of honesty, truthfulness, and fairness in working with the faculty, staff, and administration.

Regarding all aspects of the school program, I will not become involved with any of the following breaches of integrity as defined in the Henrico County Public Schools Code of Student Conduct, (Section 6); cheating, plagiarism, falsification, stealing or any attempts of these violations.

Violations of the Honor Code are extremely serious. Consequences are determined by, but not necessarily limited to, the recommended dispositions listed in the Henrico County Public Schools Code of Student Conduct. Students are also reminded that all phases of the Tucker High School Honor Code and the Henrico County Public Schools' Code of Student Conduct apply when students use any school computer resource. This includes, but is not limited to unauthorized use; removing data, programs or software; altering data, programs, or software; and making unauthorized or illegal copies, in any form, of computer data, programs, or software.

Physical Displays of Affection

Physical Displays of Affection (PDA) in public is not permitted in order to comply with Section 12 of the *Code of Student Conduct*. Students who have been warned about this type of behavior, but who continue to disregard the warnings, will be referred to the appropriate assistant principal.

Dancing

In order to comply with the *Code of Student Conduct*, particularly with Section 11, all students must dance in an appropriate manner. The following is prohibited: any dancing that is sexual in nature; partners dancing behind each other. Students dancing inappropriately may be asked to leave the dance without a warning or refund.

Restricted Areas

No student should be found in the following areas of the campus:

1. The boiler room in Cafeteria II;
2. Behind the cafeterias during lunch. Students must be between the cafeterias during lunch.
3. Any electrical or custodial closet or storage area;

4. Teachers' lounge;
5. The gymnasium, field house, locker room and stadium unless during a regularly assigned class or school activity;
6. The mail room in the main office;
7. The hallways of Tiger Hall and Immersion building during class time unless the student has a pass to be in the building; and
8. Any other unsupervised areas or areas not normally used by pedestrians.

Transportation

Proper behavior is required to, from, and at bus stops and while riding the bus to assure that the rights of others are respected.

The School Bus

It is important to know that riding a school bus is a **privilege**. Students who do not behave on the school bus may have the privilege of riding revoked for a specified time or permanently. The driver of the bus has the authority to, and the responsibility for, maintaining order and providing a safe environment. When the driver requires assistance to resolve a potentially harmful situation on the bus, the schools served by the driver will render assistance. Students are not allowed to use cell phones while riding on the bus. Please refer to school bus agreement.

Motor Vehicle Drivers

Only seniors and junior COE and Marketing students who meet the requirements and accept the responsibilities of driving private automobiles to school are permitted to do so. This entitlement depends upon the student's willingness to follow the parking and auto usage regulations as prescribed by Tucker High School. Seniors who plan to drive to school must register their vehicle, pay for a parking sticker, and display it properly on the vehicle. Parking stickers will be checked on a regular basis. Students whose vehicles have no parking sticker will not be allowed to park on school grounds. Violators run the risk of having their vehicles towed from the premises at the operator's expense. Student parking is a privilege and that privilege may be revoked at any time due to *Code of Student Conduct* infractions without a warning or refund.

Student Parking Regulations

1. Student parking stickers must be displayed properly on the vehicle and are not transferable.
2. Students may park only in the main parking lot;
3. Students are not to sit in cars or loiter in the parking lot;
4. Students may not return to their vehicles during the school day without permission from their grade-level assistant principal;
5. Students leaving school during the school day will be required to show either a permanent early dismissal card or have an early dismissal pass;
6. Technical center students are not allowed to transport student passengers to/from Tucker High School;
7. Students are required to lock their vehicles;
8. The playing of excessively loud music is not allowed;
9. Each student is responsible for operating his vehicle in a safe manner and abiding by the speed limit. Students should be aware that any type of careless and reckless driving may result in their losing their parking privileges for the remainder of the time they are in attendance at Tucker High School;
10. Passing other vehicles while entering/exiting the property is extremely dangerous and not permitted;

11. Students are required to park vehicles properly within the designated parking spaces provided. Students parked in “handicapped” or fire lanes are subject to ticketing by Henrico County Police. Anyone found to be parked illegally will be subject to a fine. Students may also lose any future privilege(s) of parking at school;
12. Tucker High School and/or Henrico County Public Schools are not responsible for vehicle damage while on county property;
13. All vehicles parked on Henrico County property are subject to search. The driver of the vehicle is responsible for items within his vehicle; and
14. Six unexcused tardies to school will result in the student’s parking privileges being revoked.

Trespassing

Any student who has been suspended / expelled from attendance may be considered trespassing if he appears on any Henrico County Public School property during the suspension/expulsion period. Students who loiter outside of campus hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) without specific need or supervision may be considered trespassing. No student or other person may attend or visit a Henrico County school as a guest without authorization from the school administration. If a student refuses to leave a school sponsored event when requested to do so by an administrator, he may be charged with trespassing. All non-students, including parents/guardians, must check in with the main office before entering campus during school hours. Meeting someone in the parking lot during school hours is prohibited. A parent or anyone else who has something to deliver to a student must first check in in the main office during the school day.

EXPLANATION OF DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

We believe that the first line of school discipline should be the classroom teacher. However, if the teacher’s efforts prove unsuccessful, referral will be made to an administrator. If the teacher is subjected to profanity, insubordination, physical aggression or other serious acts, administrative action will be immediate.

Alternative School Program (ASP)

This can be assigned by an administrator or an administrative aide. The ASP room is located around the back of cafeteria 3. A student may be assigned to this program for up to 10 days on any one offense. The ASP runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:55 p.m., each school day. Students are expected to work on assignments given to them by their teachers and no talking, sleeping, or playing is allowed in the ASP room. The student is supervised and will receive help, if needed. Students will also be expected to participate in community service activities around campus or complete an alternate assignment. In the event that a student does not fulfill his obligation in a satisfactory manner or for work not completed, the teacher may assign the grade of “o.” Any missed time in ASP must be made up. The ASP worker will arrange for special education accommodations and modifications necessary for assignments as communicated by the teacher.

Detention

This is assigned by the teacher, administrator, or administrative aide to students who have displayed an inappropriate behavior and is served Tuesday-Friday (8:05 a.m.-8:45 a.m.) in room 34, or Monday-Thursday (4:05 p.m.-4:45 p.m.) in room 110. A written notice must go home to the parent and be returned and signed, prior to serving the detention. Students without a parent/guardian signature will not be allowed to serve the assigned detention. Transportation is the responsibility of the student and/or his parent. Failure to return the form signed or failure to show for assigned detention will result in the student being re-assigned the original detention PLUS another detention by the teacher. If a student fails to serve the reassigned and/or the additional detention, the student will be referred to an administrator for further disciplinary actions.

Saturday School Detention

A student may be assigned to the Saturday morning school program for an accumulation of offenses or for any one offense deemed to be serious enough to warrant this punishment. The Saturday morning program runs from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m or 11:30 a.m. A person who is assigned to the 2 hour Saturday morning program but fails to show will automatically be placed in a 3 hour Saturday detention. If a 3 hour session is missed ASP will be assigned.

Suspension

An administrator or an administrative aide may suspend a student out-of-school for up to 10 days. During the time of the suspension, the student is not to be on any Henrico County School property. It is the responsibility of the student to request assignments from his teachers and coordinate due dates for all makeup work unless the suspension is more than 5 days, in which case the counseling office will collect work from teachers to be picked up by a parent or guardian.

Suspension Pending A Hearing Before The Principal

For certain offenses the student may be suspended to a hearing before the principal. The parent schedules this hearing by calling the principal's secretary and setting up a time for the hearing. Participants at the hearing will be the principal, the appropriate assistant principal or administrative aide, the parent, and the student.

Suspension Pending A Hearing Before The Office of Student Support and Disciplinary Review

For certain serious cases the principal or designee may suspend a student for ten days pending a hearing before the Disciplinary Review Hearing Officer who will decide the fate of the student.

Recommended Expulsion To The School Board

Expulsion is defined as the permanent exclusion of a student from the Henrico County Public Schools system, including Adult Education and the GED program for a period of one year after which the student may apply for readmission which is not automatic. Only the School Board can expel a student.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Assemblies

The assembly format may feature musicals, serious dramatic presentations, inspirational speakers, musical groups, science presentations, dance groups, comedies, pep rallies, etc. Assemblies are most commonly held in the gym, the auditorium, and cafeteria 3.

Bulletin Boards

The two bulletin boards in Tiger Hall are designated for use by specific groups. The three other enclosed bulletin boards are also designated for use by specific groups but may be used by others through permission of the appropriate school administrator. The bulletin boards found on the walls of various buildings such as buildings #1 and #6 are for student use; however, no posters or signs of any kind may be placed on any bulletin board without prior approval of the appropriate school personnel. Signs/flyers are NOT to be taped or stuck to painted surfaces (including doors and canopies). Such placement of signs, when damage to paint or other surfaces occurs, may be considered vandalism, and students may receive consequences for such damage. No outside person or organization can display posters of any kind on campus without prior approval of the school administration.

Dances

Tucker has various dances during the school year, two of which include the Homecoming Dance in the fall and the Junior / Senior Prom in the spring. Failure to adhere to all dance specific rules as well as the *Code of Student Conduct* may result in immediate removal from the dance without warning or refund.

Financial Obligations

Any student who incurs a financial obligation to the school must take care of that obligation immediately. Seniors with outstanding obligations are ineligible for a parking sticker. Financial obligations incurred at any time during a students' enrollment at Tucker may be reason for the student to be excluded from participation in certain activities, including senior graduation ceremonies.

Fire Drills

In accordance with the Henrico County School Board, the Henrico County Fire Department, and State Board of Education policies, fire drills will be held throughout the school year. During these drills students are expected to leave the buildings in a quiet orderly manner and go to the designated areas instructed by their teachers. There is to be no talking or running during these drills.

Lockers

Freshmen will be given priority when issuing lockers to students in Tiger Hall. Any upperclassmen wanting a locker must go to the Attendance Office to request a locker. All lockers will be assigned by homeroom teachers during the first week of school. Only locks provided by J. R. Tucker High School will be permitted on lockers. All other locks will be removed. Students are reminded that they are responsible for their lockers and should keep them clear of graffiti and all kinds of decals. Students who cannot utilize the locker properly will have the privilege taken away. Any problems with lockers should be reported to the homeroom teacher or attendance secretary immediately.

The Physical Education Department is responsible for the locks/locker in the gym, as associated with health and physical education classes. All personal belongings must be secured in this way during gym class. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Students are reminded that all lockers on campus are school property and subject to search at any time. The scope of the Henrico County Code of Student Conduct applies to these lockers.

Pep Rallies

Pep rallies are held in the gym and feature Tucker's band and cheerleaders and honor all of the sports teams during a particular season.

Personal Deliveries

The delivery of flowers, balloons, and other gifts will not be forwarded to students until the end of the day. The student will be informed of the delivery and it is his responsibility to come by the main office before leaving school that day to get the delivery. **For safety reasons, balloons are not allowed on school buses.**

The delivery of lunch money is prohibited; however, parents and guardians may report to the main office, sign in, wear a visitor's badge, and go to Café 2 to put money into the student's lunch account.

We will not interrupt instruction for any food delivery. The delivery of fast food lunch is prohibited. Parents may deliver a child's forgotten bagged lunch, but the student will not be called to the office to pick it up until after the instructional block. No student may meet a parent or anyone else in the

parking lot during the school day for any kind of exchange of money, food, books, clothes, etc. All deliveries to students of any type must go through the main office during school hours.

Telephones

No messages will be taken for any student unless the call is from a parent and is extremely urgent. All calls of this nature must go through the appropriate grade-level assistant principal or administrative aide. We have a designated office telephone that students may use after receiving permission from staff at the front desk in the main office.

Vending Machines

Vending machines located in the vending room opposite Tiger Hall are only open after school for student use. The vending machines located in the cafeterias are available for student use during lunch periods. They are off limits to students at any other times. The vending machines in the teachers' lounge are off limits to students at all times. **(Tucker High School is not responsible for money lost in these machines.)**

Visitors

All visitors on campus during school hours must report to the office to sign in and obtain a visitors badge. Students are not permitted to bring friends or relatives of high school age or younger to classes without advance notice and/or approval. Permission for any visitor to be on campus must be given by an administrator, and a campus visitor's badge must be displayed at all times. No student may meet any visitor in the parking lot, including a parent, during the school day.

Vocational Technical Education

Vocational technical students must not remain at Tucker on assembly/pep rally days unless the grade level administrator has granted permission.

Senior and Underclass Awards Assemblies

In late May and early June students are recognized for outstanding achievement. Awards are given for achievement in all subjects, perfect attendance, and overall achievement.

Veterans Day Assembly

On November 11 or a day surrounding the week of November 11, J. R. Tucker assembles to honor veterans who have served our country in the Armed Forces.

Student Activities

A student's high school career is not complete without involvement in some type of student activities whether it is student government, athletics, or clubs and organizations to which a student may belong, and we encourage the establishment of other appropriate organizations on campus. If some individual or group wants to establish a new student organization on campus, the guidelines outlined in the Henrico County Policy Handbook (6-12-003) must be met.

Athletics

Gymnasium capacity: **1800**; stadium capacity: **3100**; Group: **5A**; Region: **South**; District: **Conference 11**. (See Virginia High School League for eligibility requirements.) The rules and regulations as established by the Virginia High School League (VHSL) govern participation on interscholastic athletic teams. J. R. Tucker High School provides the following sports:

Boys – Football, Volleyball, Cross Country, Golf, Basketball, Wrestling, Indoor Track, Soccer, Baseball, Tennis and Outdoor Track

Girls – Cheerleading, Volleyball, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Golf, Gymnastics, Indoor Track, Basketball, Tennis, Softball, Soccer, and Outdoor Track

J. R. Tucker Athletic Team Rules

Athletic team rules have been developed in an attempt to unify individual team rules into a consistent set of Athletic Department rules. This is not to say that each team cannot have additional expectations or rules, which are associated to their sport.

1. All student athletes, along with their parent(s), must sign and agree with the HCPS Student Activities Contract, which states that “participation in athletics and other student activities is a privilege and, as such, requires that students adhere to certain rules – the use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, and other illegal drugs is prohibited.”
2. A student athlete found to be using or in possession of tobacco, alcohol, or other illegal drugs will be disciplined according to established school policy. In addition, the athlete will be:
 - a. 1st Offense – mandatory 30-day suspension from all VHSL team participation and extracurricular activities
 - b. 2nd Offense – mandatory 365-day suspension from all VHSL team participation and extracurricular activities
 - c. 3rd Offense – mandatory high school career suspension from all VHSL team participation and extracurricular activities
3. All student athletes are expected to travel to and from all athletic events by school-provided transportation unless the coach gives prior permission to do otherwise.
4. A student athlete who quits a team after the first two weeks of the season is prohibited from participating with any other team for the remainder of that team’s season (unless approved by all coaches involved). This includes off-season conditioning, camps, etc.
5. A student athlete is expected to attend school in order to participate in a game or practice. Attendance is defined as being legally present at least half of the school day.
6. As per HCPS requirements, students who wish to participate in athletics must have a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) at the end of any semester in order to be eligible to participate in the following semester. If the student does not have a 2.0, then they may apply for a one time waiver and stay eligible for athletics for that semester.
7. In addition to the above team rules, all athletes are expected to adhere to the Henrico County *Code of Student Conduct* and the Virginia High School League rules and regulations.

Class Organizations

Each grade level has its own organization with elected class officers and sponsors. Each class plans and implements certain class functions through this framework. Dues may be collected by the classes from student participation in these groups.

Freshman - The SCA organize the class council so that it may prepare for the election of its officers in September. Throughout the year the officers and council plan activities which provide methods of fund raising and a spirit of fun, fellowship, and unity.

Sophomore - Class members sponsor the Homecoming Dance and begin to plan for next year’s prom. Class rings are ordered during the fall for delivery before the winter break.

Junior - The Junior/Senior Prom is the big project for the Junior Class. Many fund raising activities provide opportunities for classmates to work together and to strengthen friendships.

Senior - Class members set the atmosphere of the school. Seniors hold most of the leadership offices and are frequently called upon to represent the school at community functions. They devote thought and time in preparation of their graduation activities.

“Senior Privileges” - The senior class president negotiates senior privileges with the principal and the assistant principal assigned to the senior class.

Graduating Activities - Senior Night is one of the many activities for them and their parents.

Senior Convocation – The formal and initial gathering of seniors to set the tone of their last year in high school as well as the tone of the school. The seniors are required to wear their caps and gowns for this formal assembly. Also, the senior class and administration choose a dignitary to speak at this assembly

“Senior Honors Assembly and Recognition Program” - Prior to graduation, the seniors are honored at a formal assembly for which they wear their caps and gowns. With family and friends in attendance, sponsoring organizations in the school and community recognize individual accomplishments, announce scholarships and present awards. The Faculty Awards and the John Randolph Tucker Memorial Award are also given at the assembly.

“Commencement Exercise” - The final gathering of the senior class features the participation of the entire faculty in an academic procession; the senior class president together with the valedictorian and salutatorian deliver the Commencement speeches; and the long-awaited diplomas are awarded.

Curriculum-Oriented Clubs

These clubs’ memberships are comprised of students who are taking similar courses and are bound together by leadership, friendship, and common interest through projects, conventions, banquets, etc.

Art Club, World Languages Clubs, Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), Photo Club, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), International Club, Technology Club, and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

Fraternities/Sororities

Fraternities and sororities are prohibited by Henrico County School Board policy.

Honor Societies

Membership eligibility in each of these organizations is based on strict criteria established usually on the national level. The procedure for tapping is set by each organization.

Thespians, National Honor Society (NHS), Art Honor Society, Mu Alpha Theta, National Beta Club, Quill and Scroll, World Languages Honor Societies

National Honor Society (NHS)

A minimum grade-point-average of 3.5 through the first semester of grades 11 or 12 is required. Five different activities (one in current year) with a narrative for each activity explaining what the student contributed to the activity. These narratives must be signed by the sponsor/coach. Consideration will be given to fewer activities if the quality of the student’s contribution to an activity is truly superior. Only those students who satisfy the activity requirement will be listed on the teacher-rating sheet. The selection committee will determine which students satisfy the activity criteria. The selection committee will review teacher-rating sheets. A 4.3 rating average will be required. Teachers may rate each candidate on a scale of 1-to-5. Tapping will be held in the spring. **Eligibility for National Honor Society is governed by the National Honor Society. See the club sponsors for more information.**

National Beta Club

Minimum grade-point-average of 3.0 through second semester of grades 10 or 11. List of candidates who meet the GPA criteria will be distributed to the faculty for their input concerning character. The faculty selection committee will review information sheets to determine membership status of the candidates. Violations of the honor code may make students ineligible for induction. It is possible for a student to be a member of both the National Beta Club and the National Honor Society. There is no maximum GPA for Beta Club membership. There is no quota for membership in either society.

Performing Groups

Membership in to one of these groups is based upon a specific interest and/or talent that a person might have. Each of these groups has its own selection process.

Band, Drama, Dance, Forensics, Step Team, Chorus, Debate

Publications

Membership to one of the publications is extended to students who have shown an interest and received a staff position from the sponsor.

“The Gavel” - The school’s newspaper has the goal of presenting news and articles about the different organizations and happenings around school.

“The Hearing” - The school’s literary magazine presents to students and faculty literary and art works which are proven to be exemplary in nature. This magazine comes out once a year.

“The Witness” - The school’s yearbook comes out once a year (usually the August following the school year) and is the record of school activities and functions throughout the year in pictures and text.

Service Clubs

Every student is encouraged to become affiliated with one of the service clubs on campus as their goals include individual development and community services.

Key Club, Interact, Keyettes, Peer Helpers, Key Links, Students’ Organization on Developing Attitudes (SODA)

Special Interest Clubs

These clubs are comprised of students who have common interest and who have a strong desire to learn and participate in the functions of the club.

Student Government

The SCA is responsible for promoting student participation in clubs and organizations and for promoting unity, communication, and understanding between students and faculty/administration. The SCA is also responsible for all student organizations with the exception of class organizations. Every student in the school is a member of the SCA.

Virginia High School League (VHSL) Eligibility Requirements

Athletic coaches, and sponsors of forensic, debate, and drama activities must be familiar with every detail of the many eligibility requirements established by VHSL (and some of them are quite complicated).

The requirement quoted below is one that every teacher should be aware of: “28-4-1 SCHOLARSHIP RULE: The student shall have passed, at the end of the semester immediately preceding that in which he desires to compete, not less than five subjects or their equivalent, offered for credit or required for graduation, and requiring full time in the regular schedule of classes. He shall be currently enrolled in not less than five subjects or their equivalent offered for credit or required for graduation.”

There are several exceptions to and interpretations of the above available in the League Handbook if someone wishes to see them. Virginia High School League activities comprise an important part of the total educational program. Teachers are asked to identify students who participate in athletics and/or league activities and encourage and assist them in remaining eligible under the terms of the scholarship rule. Classroom teachers are requested to cooperate with coaches and sponsors by supplying grades for league participants at the close of the first semester and prior to the first competition of the second semester. Checking eligibility is the direct responsibility of the coach or sponsor of each activity.

PTSA

The J. R. Tucker PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) is an active and vibrant organization. Joining PTSA is an easy way to support J. R. Tucker and our teens. We welcome every student, parent, and staff member. Membership helps to sponsor Party All Night (our after prom party to keep teens safe), hold programs of special interest to teens and families, provide teacher/staff hospitality events, beautify the Tucker campus, sponsor community events, support scholarship programs, recognize and exemplary teacher chosen by students, and so much more! Where there is a need at Tucker, our PTSA is there. For more information, email us at president@jrtuckerptsa.com.

John Randolph Tucker Booster Clubs

J. R. Tucker High School has an athletic, drama, and a band boosters club that serve the purpose of promoting school spirit in the school community. They also provide financial support for the groups they represent. For contact information regarding participation and parent organizations, contact the Director of Student Activities at (804) 527-4615.