

**Welcome to  
4th Grade  
Hammond ES**

**Back to School Night**





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

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



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

**Hammond  
Elementary School**

**2021 - 2022  
Theme**

**"The band is back together  
and we didn't miss a  
beat!"**

**2021 - 2022  
Tuffy The Tiger**



**Artist:**  
*Mr. Wethington*

# Hammond Elementary School

## School Start & End Times

**School Day (9:00 - 3:30)**

**Doors Open @ 8:45**

**Breakfast Available between 8:45 - 9:00**

**Instructional Day Begins @ 9:00**

**Dismissal Begins @ 3:25**

**School Day Ends @ 3:30**



# Hammond Elementary School

## Administrative Team



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# School and System News and Information



## Email

School news, HCPSS News,  
emergency notices



## Text

urgent/emergency notices  
only



## HCPSS website

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

Systemwide news and  
information resource



## School website

<https://hes.hcpss.org/>

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

# Social Media

Hammond ES Twitter: [@hcpss\\_hes](https://twitter.com/hcpss_hes)

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

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

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

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



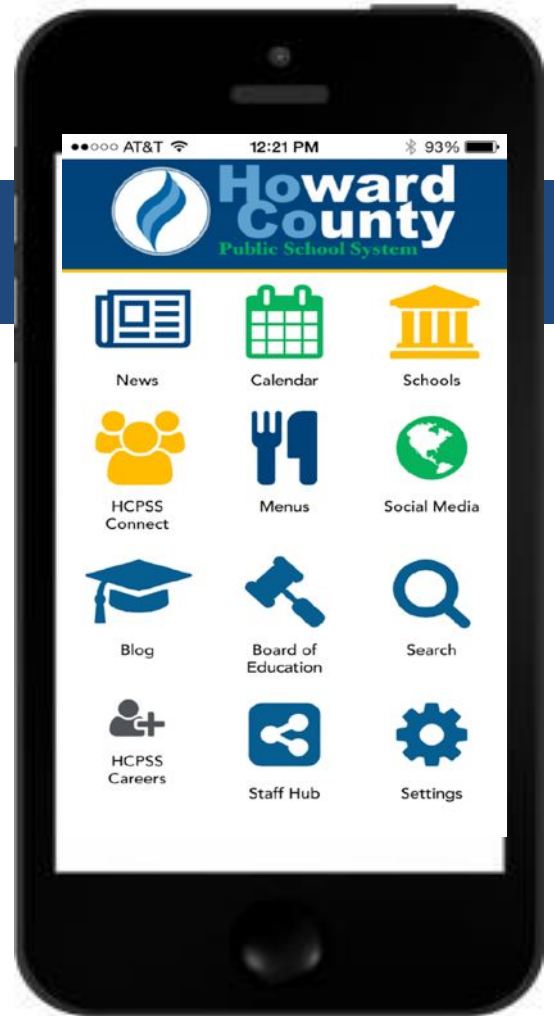


- School system news and announcements
- Upcoming events
- Opportunities to share input on HCPSS policies and decisions

# HCPSS Mobile App

Free download on App Store:

- iPhone
- iPad
- Android



# School Closings/Delays



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



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HCPSS News



Hotline

410-313-6666



HCPSS Status

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



HCPSS TV

42 Verizon / 72 Comcast

# Mental Health – School-Based Supports

School Counselor:

Maggie Kennedy (5th Grade) and Ryann Plotkin

School Psychologist:

Laurie Downin and Angela Freitag

Pupil Personnel Worker:

Kevin Lee

More information:

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

# Mental Health Resources

Network of Care

Howard County Resources

Community-based Wrap-around Services

Foreign-Born Support Services/Bilingual Support Services

Howard County Health Department

[Guide to Community Services in Howard County:](https://www.acshoco.org/resources/guide-to-community-services/)

<https://www.acshoco.org/resources/guide-to-community-services/>

More information:

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# hcpss *connect*

**Synergy Student  
Information System**

**Canvas Learning  
Management System**

**Family File**

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

# Update Student Information



FAMILY  
File

- Parent contact information
  - Medical data and contacts
  - After-school transportation
  - Data privacy preferences
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**Synergy**<sup>®</sup>

Student Information System

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- Athletic participation forms

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

# HCPSS Connect: How to Get Help

## Login Assistance:

Contact the school office



## Guides and Resources:

[hcpss.org/connect](https://hcpss.org/connect)



## Password Reset Guide:

[hcpss.org/f/connect/synergy-parent-access.pdf](https://hcpss.org/f/connect/synergy-parent-access.pdf)



# Canvas: What to Expect



Course Homepage:

Overview

Student privacy information

Resources



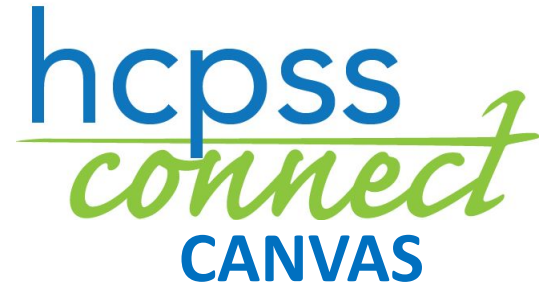
Calendar dates/events

Assignments & Gradebook

Announcements



Student skill building (grade appropriate)



**New! Updated Interface**

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



Orientation

# Assessments at the Elementary Level

- MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program)
- MAP (or Measures of Academic Progress)
- CogAT (Cognitive Abilities Test)
- MISA (Maryland Integrated Science Assessment)



# Interactive School Menus on Nutrislice



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

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

# Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMs)

Qualifying families can receive free or reduced-cost:



HCPSS - FAMILY FILE (EMERGENCY FORM)



MAIN NAVIGATION

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

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



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

[\[ Download \]](#)

**Free and Discounted Benefits**

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

**Log out**

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

# Free and Reduced-Price Meals (FARMs)

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

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

## How to Apply

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

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

## Online

APPLY ONLINE

(ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES AVAILABLE)

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

HCPSS WEBSITE

The screenshot shows the 'MY SCHOOL Apps' website for the Howard County Public School System. A blue banner at the top right says 'APPLICATION'. The navigation menu includes 'Getting Started' (highlighted), 'Household Information', 'Students', 'Children (Non-Student)', and 'Signer's Information'. The 'Getting Started' section is active, displaying the heading 'Getting Started' and the sub-heading 'What you will need to provide during the application process:'. Below this, a bulleted list specifies the required information: current household income, school and grade for every student, an electronic signature, and an optional email or phone number for communication. At the bottom, a teal button reads 'BEGIN ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS'.

APPLICATION

MY  
SCHOOL  
Apps

Howard County Public School System

Getting Started

Household Information

Students

Children (Non-Student)

Signer's Information

## Getting Started

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

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

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

BEGIN ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

# Masking Requirements

**Masks MUST be worn** by all students, staff and visitors:

- In school buildings
- On buses

**Masks are NOT required:**

- Outdoors on school grounds
- While eating/drinking indoors

Learn more at  
[help.hcpss.org](https://help.hcpss.org)  
under “Health &  
Safety”

# Student Home Screening Protocol

Parents/guardians should keep their children home if they are experiencing [symptom\(s\) associated with any communicable disease](#), including COVID-19. In addition, parents/guardians are to perform the following COVID-19 health check every day before the student leaves home.

A child should NOT come to school with any of these symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4 degrees or higher
- Sore throat
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea or vomiting
- New onset of severe headache (especially with fever), or
- New loss of taste or smell



For persons with chronic conditions such as asthma, the symptoms should represent a change from baseline.

**Children exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 are to be kept home and may not attend school.**

# Notes From the Health Room

## Regarding COVID-19

- If a student complains of any Covid-19 like symptoms at school, **staff will notify the Health Room.**
- Health staff will evaluate the student and protect the student's confidentiality.
- Staff will follow the triage protocol from MSDE/MDH and determine if a student will be sent home or return to class.



# Notes From the Health Room

## Regarding COVID-19

- An **isolation room** is available for those students who will need to wait to be picked up to go home.
- As much as possible, **healthy children will be kept out of the health room** in order to minimize possible exposure to illness.
- **Teachers will have health kits** in their classrooms (band aids, basic items, etc.)

# What happens if someone tests positive for COVID?

- An **unvaccinated student** determined to be in **close contact** with a person with verified **COVID-19** must quarantine.



# What happens if someone tests positive for COVID?

- Contact tracing is handled by the Howard County Health Department (HCHD), with support from and in coordination with the HCPSS Office of Health Services.



# What happens if someone tests positive for COVID?

- Close Contact Definition-Closer than 6ft for longer than 15 minutes of a 24 hour period of time
- \*NEW 3-6ft and Masked for Students-if students are consistently wearing masks in the classroom and are at least 3ft apart, then they are not close contacts
- Staff and Adult visitors closer than 6ft are considered close contacts

# Notes From the Health Room

**Questions?**

**Contact Mrs. Rozgonyi at  
[mrozgonyi@hcpss.org](mailto:mrozgonyi@hcpss.org).**

**Thank you in advance for your patience as  
Mrs. Rozgonyi is actively attending to  
students during the school day.**

# LGBTQIA+ Youth



New web page:

<https://www.hcpss.org/supports/lgbtqia-youth/>

Optional pronoun settings:

<https://news.hcpss.org/news-posts/2021/04/optional-pronoun-settings-in-canvas/>

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion  
information:

<https://www.hcpss.org/diversity/>

# Student Technology Use in Elementary School

Students may use their personal technology:

- When permitted by a teacher or administrator
- Before and after school

Devices must remain off and in backpack at all other times

Personal devices are *not* required for school

## HCPSS-Issued Laptops

- **Pre-K – Grade 1:** Devices will not be assigned to students at the start of the school year. Students will have access to Chromebooks in school when needed for instruction.
- **Grades 2-5:** All students are issued a school system laptop.

*HCPSS Policy 8080: “Responsible Use of Technology, Digital Tools, and Social Media” <https://policy.hcpss.org/8000/8080/>*

# 2021-2022 Fall Instruction

Information and updates:

[www.hcpss.org/2021-2022/](http://www.hcpss.org/2021-2022/)

Answers to frequently-asked questions:

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



# What Your Child Will Learn Guides



On Canvas via  
HCPSS Connect

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

Curriculum content  
overview for each

- Grade (PreK – 5)
- Subject area

# Daily Schedule

<b>09:00 AM</b>	<b>SEL</b>
<b>09:15 AM</b>	<b>Science/Social Studies/Health</b>
<b>10:15 AM</b>	<b>Related Arts (RA)</b>
<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>English Language Arts</b>
<b>12:45 PM</b>	<b>Recess</b>
<b>01:15 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>01:45 PM</b>	<b>English Language Arts continued</b>
<b>02:10 PM</b>	<b>Mathematics</b>
<b>03:25 PM</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>

## Grade 4 Student Schedule

Student Day  
8:45 am-3:25 pm

# **SEL 9:00-9:15**

## **Social Emotional Learning Program**

- **To help students become caring, responsible members of their school communities and grow into humane, principled, and skilled citizens of democratic society by:**
- **Building caring relationships**
- **Explicitly teaching social and emotional skills**
- **Creating calm, orderly learning environments through effective classroom management**
- **Helping students develop self-discipline through a teaching-and-learning approach to discipline**

# Grade 4: Science Expectations

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- There are four units of instruction:
  - Q1 - Energy
  - Q2 - Waves
  - Q3 - Earth's Systems: Shaping the Earth
  - Q4 - Structure, Function, and Information
- For HCPSS Science information, visit:  
<https://www.hcpss.org/academics/elementary-science/>
- For more information about the Next Generation Science Standards, visit: <https://www.nextgenscience.org/parentguides>

# Grade 4 - Health Education

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- There are four units of instruction:
  - Q1 - Social & Emotional Health
    - Instruction will be all asynchronous tasks in Q1
  - Q2 - Safety & Injury Prevention
    - Two synchronous lessons in Q2, with additional asynchronous tasks
  - Q3 - Disease Prevention
  - Q4 - Nutrition
- Students will be using a Health Journal in most lessons
- For more information about the HCPSS Health Curriculum, visit:

<https://www.hcpss.org/academics/health-education/>

# Social Studies Expectations

- There are four units of instruction, one in each quarter.

<b>Kindergarten</b>	Home and School	It's a Busy World	My Country Tis of Thee	Maps and Me
<b>1st Grade</b>	Working Together	Our World of Cultures	Communities at Work	Our Changing World
<b>2nd Grade</b>	Comparing Communities	People and the Environment	Let's go Shopping	Citizens in a Community
<b>3rd Grade</b>	Communities Change	Location Matters	Our Relationship with the World	Project Citizen
<b>4th Grade</b>	The First People	Early Settlements	Colonial Life	Maryland and Business
<b>5th Grade</b>	American Revolution	Building a New Nation	Challenges of a New Nation	We The People

- For more details on the main concepts of each quarter, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/2020-SocSt-Matrix>

# Related Arts 10:15-11:15

- HCPSS will continue to implement "Color Rotation" schedule for related arts.

**Strategy to Consider:** You may wish to encourage students to wear their tennis shoes to school each day to ensure they are ready for P.E. Also, if recorders are utilized for instruction, students will be encouraged to keep those at school.

## September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
September holidays and other dates of interest National Hispanic-American Heritage Month (9/15-10/15) 7 Rosh Hashanah (2 days) - Jewish* 16 Yom Kippur - Jewish* <small>*Designates sunset of previous day</small>						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Labor Day Schools and offices closed (State mandated holiday)	Schools and offices closed				
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

[HCPSS Color Rotation Schedule for Related Arts \(link to view\)](#)

# Technology



1 hour for K, 3, 4

30 min for 1, 2, 5

2-5 will have a device

k-1 will use devices in the building

Email: [sara\\_koerber@hcpss.org](mailto:sara_koerber@hcpss.org)



# Media

## Library Media



30 min for K, 3, 4

1 hour for 1, 2, 5

- 1st-5th grades have started book check
- Please practice good book care
- Return books on MEDIA **COLOR** day

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# Art

## Visual Arts



## Goals:

- experiment and take risks to investigate multiple solutions to a problem.
- respond to technical, formal and conceptual ideas and challenges
- use knowledge and understandings to create engaging, purposeful artistic expression with a focus on personal choice making and quality.

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# Physical Education



K-5: 90 min total in a color rotation

Please make sure you child wears/brings tennis shoes on PE days.



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# Music



1 hour total for K-5

Students will be singing,  
moving and playing  
instruments

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[kyle\\_pompei@hcpss.org](mailto:kyle_pompei@hcpss.org)

# Chorus



- All 4th and 5th grade students can sign up for chorus
- 30 min practice each week
- Visit the Music page on Canvas to sign up

Email: [larissa\\_sanders@hcpss.org](mailto:larissa_sanders@hcpss.org)

# Orchestra



- Lessons start the week of Monday, September 20
- Instruments and materials due by Friday, October 1
- Please come to first lessons even if you do not have your instruments or materials yet
- Mrs. Jacobs will send more information on instruments, materials, and schedules via Thursday folders, email, and Canvas

Email: [brittany\\_jacobs@hcpss.org](mailto:brittany_jacobs@hcpss.org)

# Band



- All 4th and 5th Graders can participate in Band
- Instruments Include:
  - Woodwinds: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone
  - Brass: Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba
  - Percussion
- Two half-hour rehearsals per week
- Students pulled from related arts, content, recess for band
- Lessons begin week of September 20th

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# ELA 11:15-12:45 and 1:45-2:10

- Demonstrate knowledge of phonics and word recognition
- Demonstrate comprehension of literature and informational text
- Respond to text in writing in a variety of ways
- Demonstrate comprehension and collaboration when listening
- Present knowledge and ideas through speaking
- Demonstrate knowledge of conventions of standard English when writing or speaking
- Acquire and use vocabulary
- **Homework: Reading for 20 minutes daily began 9-20-21**



# Math 2:10-3:25

The screenshot shows a website interface for Grade 4 Mathematics. At the top, there is a blue header with 'GRADE 4' in a white pill-shaped button and 'MATHEMATICS' in large white letters. To the right is a yellow button labeled 'Grade 4 Course Navigation'. Below the header is a dark blue bar with 'OVERVIEW' in white. The main content area on the left contains three paragraphs of text describing the Howard County Public School System's mathematics program. On the right, a navigation menu is open, listing various resources under 'Grade 4 • Mathematics', including an overview, what children will learn, a parent video library, and links to specific topics like Whole Numbers, Multiplication and Division, Fractions, Decimals, Measurement and Data, Geometry, and Patterns. It also includes links for Basic Facts and Resources, as well as other subjects like English Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies.

GRADE 4

MATHEMATICS

OVERVIEW

The Howard County Public School System's mathematics program is crafted so that every student with rigorous mathematics. The HCPSS Mathematics Curriculum is modeled after the Maryland Standards. It demands that students develop a depth of understanding and ability to apply math college students and employees regularly do.

In prekindergarten through grade 8 mathematics, the standards lay a solid foundation in whole number multiplication, division, fractions, and decimals. Students develop understanding of concepts, procedures, and mathematics. Elementary students develop fluency with number and operations. Taken together, these practices build student's ability to learn and apply more demanding mathematics concepts and procedures in mathematics.

Howard County's mathematics programs call on students to practice applying mathematical ways of thinking and challenges; they require students to think and reason mathematically. Children mature mathematically throughout each grade level, and demonstrate various levels of implementation of the practices, which often emerge during certain learning activities and through the study of specific, critical mathematics standards.

Students of mathematics have daily opportunities to

Grade 4 Course Navigation

- Grade 4 • Family and Community Resources Overview
- Grade 4 • English Language Arts
- Grade 4 • Mathematics
  - Grade 4 • Mathematics Overview
  - Grade 4 • Mathematics What Your Child Will Learn
  - Grade 4 • Parent Video Library
  - Grade 4 • Mathematics How to Support Your Child
  - Grade 4 • Mathematics • Whole Numbers
  - Grade 4 • Mathematics • Multiplication and Division
  - Grade 4 • Mathematics • Fractions
  - Grade 4 • Mathematics • Decimals
  - Grade 4 • Mathematics • Measurement and Data
  - Grade 4 • Mathematics • Geometry
  - Grade 4 • Mathematics • Patterns
  - Grade 4 • Mathematics • Basic Facts
  - Grade 4 • Mathematics • Resources
- Grade 4 • Mathematics • GT
- Grade 4 • Science
- Grade 4 • Social Studies

## [Grade 4 Family and Community Resource on Canvas](#)

**Homework will begin 9/20/21. Look for more information to come from your child's math teacher.**

# Community News and Programs

Find activities and resources for students and families offered by many community non-profits and agencies

- Search by keyword, ages or topic



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

PTA



**QUESTIONS**

**ANSWERS**

