

Welcome to Lake Elkhorn Middle School's Back to School Night

Please mute your microphone to ensure the best experience for everyone. Thank you!



LEMS Administrative Team



Melissa Shindel
Principal



Nick Cometa
6th Grade
Administrator



Jacquie Sica
7th Grade
Administrator



Kamille Guinn
8th Grade
Administrator

LEMS School Counselors

School Counselors:

- Bettina OliverMcCain
 - 6th grade
 - 7th grade, last names A-K
- Julie Fischer
 - 7th grade, last names L-Z
 - 8th grade



PTSA and Getting Involved

We need you! Stay involved!

PTSA President Jason Jones: jasonkingjones@mac.com

<https://www.facebook.com/LEMSPTSA/>

<https://www.lems-ptsa.org/>





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

School and System News and Information



Email

School news, HCPSS News,
emergency notices



Text

Urgent/emergency
notices only



HCPSS website

www.hcpss.org

Systemwide news and
information resource



School website

LEMS.hcpss.org

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

Social Media

Lake Elkhorn Twitter: [@hcpss_lems](#)

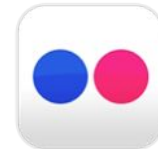
Principal's Instagram: [@principal_shindel](#)

HCPSS Facebook: www.Facebook.com/HoCoSchools

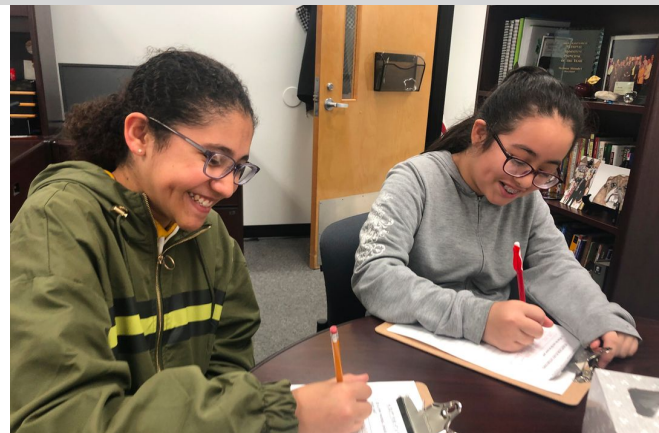
HCPSS Instagram: [instagram.com/hocoschools](https://www.instagram.com/hocoschools)

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

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



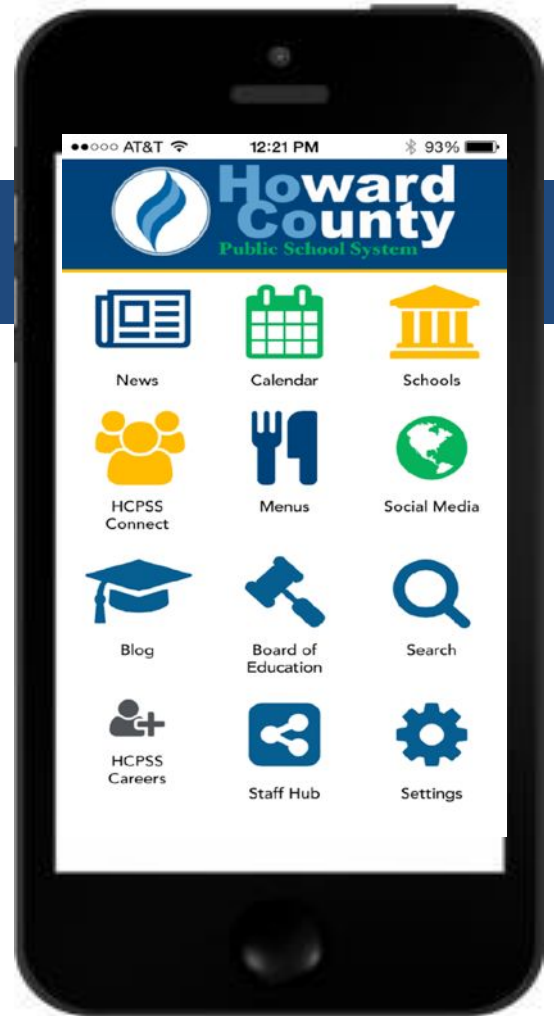
- School system news and announcements
- Upcoming events
- Opportunities to share input on HCPSS policies and decisions



HCPSS Mobile App

Free download on App Store:

- iPhone
- iPad
- Android



School Closings/Delays



www.HCPSS.org



@hcpss



HCPSS News



HoCoSchools



HCPSS Status
status.hcpss.org



Hotline
410-313-6666

Mental Health and Student Supports

School Counselors:

- Bettina OliverMcCain, 6th grade and 7th grade A-K
(Bettina_Olivermccain@hcpss.org)
- Julie Fischer, 7th grade L-Z and 8th grade (Julie_Fischer@hcpss.org)

School Psychologist: Michele Rudnicki (Michele_Rudnicki@hcpss.org)

BSAP Liaison: Tahesha Todd (Tahesha_Todd@hcpss.org)

Hispanic Achievement Liaison: Citlali Bacmeister (Citlali_Bacmeister@hcpss.org)

Pupil Personnel Worker: Tracey Williams (Tracey_Williams@hcpss.org)

More information:

www.hcpss.org/supports/mental-health-wellness

hcpss *connect*

**Synergy Student
Information System**

**Canvas
Learning System**

Family File

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[®]

Student Information System

- Athletic participation forms

www.hcpss.org/connect

HCPSS Connect: How to Get Help

Login Assistance:

Contact the school office



Guides and Resources:

www.hcpss.org/connect



Canvas: What to Expect



Course Homepage:



Overview



Student privacy information

Resources



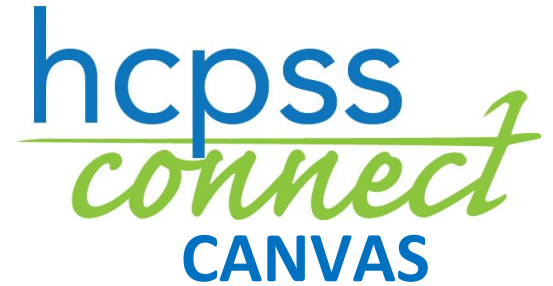
Calendar dates/events



Announcements



Student skill building (grade appropriate)



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



Orientation

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/

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



APPLICATION

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

Community Resources

Several organizations in Howard County offer services and resources for students and families.



www.hcpss.org/community-news-and-programs/

2020-2021 Fall Instruction



Information and updates:
www.hcpss.org/2020-2021/

Answers to frequently-asked
questions:
help.hcpss.org

Sample Virtual Instructional Schedule

Sample schedules can
be found online

www.hcpss.org/2020-2021/



Lake Elkhorn "PRIDE" & PBIS

At Lake Elkhorn
we have

PRIDE!



Attendance



Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

- Attendance is taken for each class

Wednesday (complete at least one item during the week)

- Students will be marked present in their class if they:
 - Submitted at least 1 assignment to their teacher since last Thursday
 - Engaged in at least 1 synchronous class with a teacher or service provider

Grading

Student grading will follow traditional grading practices.

Parents should check Canvas for updates on performance.



Special Education Services

Each student's IEP or IFSP team, which includes the parent, will discuss how the student's current plan will be implemented for 2020-21.

The previous individualized continuity of learning (ICOL) plans will no longer be used.

Parents will be contacted at the start of the school year on how best to provide services for their child in a virtual environment.



School Meal Services

Grab-and-Go Meal Service

Breakfast: 8am-9am

Lunch: 10:45am-12:45pm Weekdays at all HCPSS schools (*except Burleigh Manor MS & Hammond HS*)

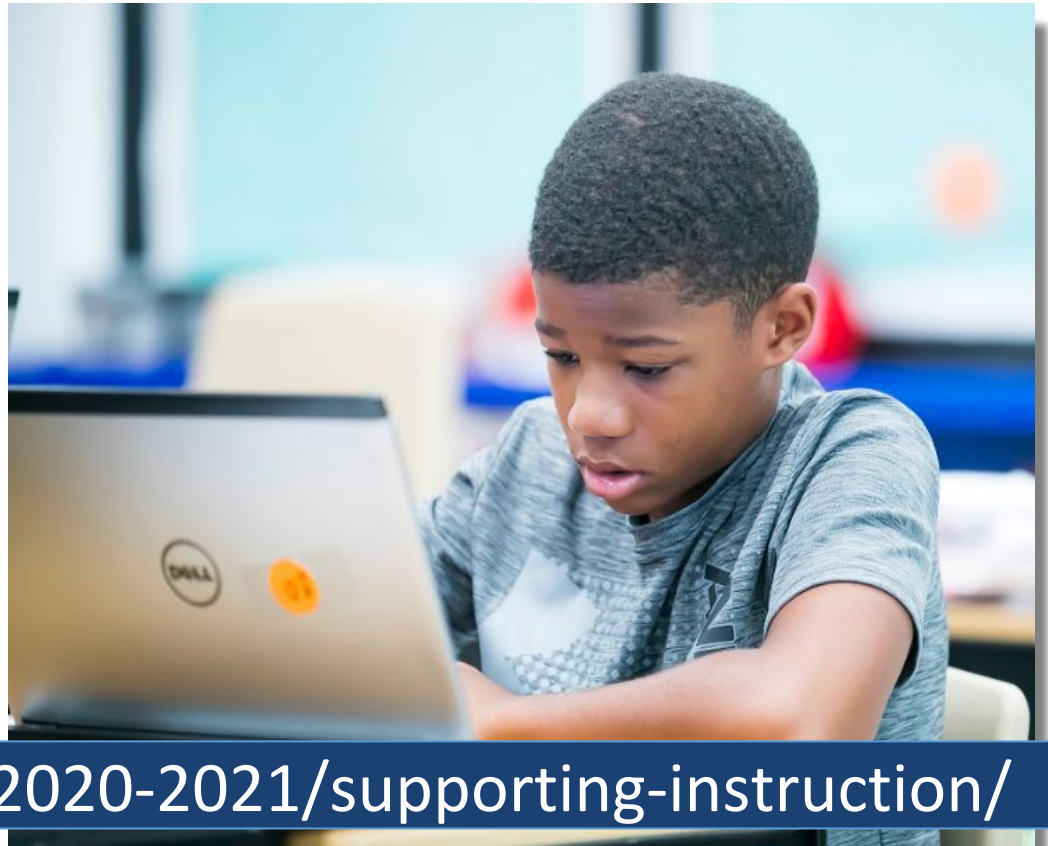
Until December 31 = free; After that prices based on eligibility status (free, reduced-price, or full-price)

* Students may receive meals at any location



Supporting Instruction at Home

HCPSS offers best practices to support families in transitioning to virtual instruction in the home environment



<https://www.hcpss.org/2020-2021/supporting-instruction/>

Obtaining a Device

To identify your need for a Chromebook or internet:

1. Parents/guardians should log in to HCPSS Connect.
2. From the left menu, last choice, select “More Options” then choose “Student Technology” from the center of the screen.
3. On the HCPSS Student Technology screen, use the drop down arrows to indicate the Technology Requested for each student. Changes are saved immediately.
4. If a device has already been issued, it will appear in the inventory list. If a student already has a device issued, a new request will not be processed.
5. Families will receive a confirmation email with necessary information, including pickup location, date and time.



Coffee and Conversation



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September 25, 2020 at 11:00 am. Google Meet Code: lems-coffee-talk

THANK YOU!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN SOON!

