

John T. Hoggard High School

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To: Parents of Seniors (or qualifying students) for 2020-2021 school year

From: MaryPaul Beall, Principal

Subject: Signing up for Early Release 2020-2021 school year

Parents, thank you for your interest in your child's future education. Because of varying circumstances, some students may be interested in signing up for less than a full schedule due to being over scheduled one semester vs. another or they are a senior and only need a few classes for graduation (Seniors must take the minimum of two classes per semester unless they are in sports and then they need to have three credits in the Fall semester. Underclassmen (grades 9-11) must earn 8 credits per academic school year.) As you consider the options for this school year, please be alert to the following items.

1. **Some colleges are looking very seriously at the academic load that students who are applying for admission are taking their senior year. They are insisting that students they accept are taking a full academic load their senior year. It is also recommended that they take classes in all four core areas.**
2. **If your child does sign up for only three classes per term for their senior year, he/she must pass all three classes in the first term in order to be eligible for athletics the second term (earning up to three credits), or in some cases to retain their driver's license. Each year a few athletes are ineligible the second term because they only took three classes and failed one of them. It is the responsibility of the student/parent to be aware of how many credits they are taking and how this effects athletics. Counselors are not responsible for knowing who is or is not an athlete.**
3. **Be sure that your child has some margin of error in his/her schedule. Many times, students sign up for only six classes even though they need exactly six to graduate. If they fail a class, this will prevent them from graduating with the rest of their class.**

We feel that a decision such as attaining an Early Release for your student is the type of decision that can seriously impact his/her future. Please feel free to contact a counselor over the next few weeks if you have additional questions. Thank you again for your time and support.

I have read the above letter and would still like to sign up for only two/three classes per term/s listed below for the 20-21 school year.

Student Name (Please Print) _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Early release requested for (Please circle)

Fall Semester

Spring Semester

Both Semesters

Class/Classes I will be dropping if granted early release

1). _____

2). _____

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*Although we are virtual for the first 9 weeks, this is still a necessary document so that parents are aware their student has an early release in their schedule. It will also be used for when we return to campus. *