

John T. Hoggard High School

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To: Parents of Seniors (or qualifying students) for 2018-19 school year

From: MaryPaul Beall, Principal

Subject: Signing up for Early Release 2018-2019 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 be in classes that will accumulate up to three credits per semester. Under classmen (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 loads 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.**
3. **Be sure that your child has some margin of error I 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 three classes per term/s listed below for the 18-19 school year.

Student Name (Please Print) _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

****Schedule changes will only be made in person, please bring this form to your meeting with a counselor while inquiring about a schedule change****

Early release requested for (Please circle)

Fall Semester

Spring Semester

Both Semesters

Class/Classes I will be dropping if granted early release

1). _____

2). _____