

Horseheads Middle School



Late Winter Edition



February 2026

Contact Us!

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What's Happening at HMS

FEBRUARY

2/5/2026

Yearbook Group Picture Day

2/6 - 2/7/2026

Middle School Musical

Friday @ 7:00pm, MS Café

Saturday @ 2:00pm MS Café

2/16 - 2/20/2026

February Break - No School

2/27/2026

Winter Dance & Open Gym

2:15 - 4:00pm

MARCH

3/4/2026

MS Variety Show

7:00pm * MS Café

3/11/2026

Progress Report #3 Distributed



Middle School Musical

This year's play will be "**Legally Blonde, Jr.**"! The show is scheduled for Friday, February 6th at 7:00pm, and Saturday, February 7th at 2:00pm right here on our stage! The cast consists of approximately 30 students with 10 in the technical crew. There is a lot of solo singing as well as group singing and dancing featured. Auditions and rehearsals will begin early October. Any Middle School student is eligible to audition for the musical. Advisor is Mrs. Stratton.

Final Exams

Final exam testing will take place June 24–25, 2026. Students will begin working on in-class exam components during the week of June 8. Please note that early exams cannot be accommodated. Any student who misses a scheduled exam will have the opportunity to complete it on June 26.



Spelling Bee Results

Congratulations to **Alex Bocek**, winner of the 2025-26 Middle School Spelling Bee! **Thaddeus Schiavone** finished in second place. Both will compete in the Regional Spelling Bee in Corning next month. Good luck!

Parent Information



Progress Reports / Report Cards

Parents are informed of student progress in two ways. Progress reports are sent home with students at the five-week point of each marking period. A report card is sent home with students at the end of the ten-week marking period.

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| Distinguished Honor Roll | 95-100 |
| High Honor Roll | 90-94.99 |
| Honor Roll | 85-89.99 |
| Failing Grade | 64.0 or lower in any course |

A failing grade or incomplete in any class eliminates the student from the Honor Roll.

Progress Report Cards Issued March 11, 2026

Lost and Found

Lost your lunchbox? Misplaced your sweatshirt? Check the Lost and Found! There are blue bins under the table in the Main Office.

We encourage all students to reach out to a trusted adult if they are not feeling well physically, emotionally or socially. Parents are encouraged to call the school if they feel their student needs additional support.

Attendance Auto-call and Email

To keep you updated regarding your child's attendance, the middle school will send you an auto-call and email when your student(s) are absent from school. If a student is absent from first period, a call and email will be generated and delivered in the morning. If the student continues to be absent, another call will be generated and delivered in the evening with all of the periods the student has missed.

Learn up-to-date information about our schools and district:

- Facebook: The district and each of our seven schools have pages. "Like" them to see our information in your news feed Twitter: Follow us on Twitter at @HhdsSchools to read our tweets
- Follow us on Instagram at hhdsschools
- Visit our district website at www.horseheadsdistrict.com.
- Questions about our website or social media?

E-mail hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com

PTO is looking for volunteers!

Please consider joining our PTO and help us have an outstanding school year! There will be plenty to do:

- Three school dances
- 8th-grade Celebration
- Refreshments for awards ceremonies
- Have other ideas?

Organizing and funding these events takes time and effort. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Contact the school at: 739-6357

Want to Donate? Use the VENMO code below.



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@HMSPTO



Life Powered by You Conference

These 8th grade girls participated in the Life Powered By You conference at the Corning Radisson. This conference is sponsored by the Career Development Council. Students attend workshops and network with local women in business. This year's keynote speaker was Christina Sonsire, an attorney at Ziff Law Firm. Ms. Rahr, school social worker, directed the group.



Left to right: Audrianna Kole, Kinsley Tenney, Rena Bingham, Myanna Mazurowski, Sara Lower, and Charlotte Davis.

Important Contact Information

- Safe Schools Line - 607-795-2044
- Mr. Holloway- Principal - rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com
- Mr. Hoeffner - Assistant Principal - thoeffner@horseheadsdistrict.com
- Middle School Main Office - 607-739-6357
- Middle School Website - <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/HHMS.cfm>
- Horseheads District Phone Number - 607-795-5601
- Horseheads District Website - <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com>
- Athletic Office Phone Number - 607-739-5601 x4254
- Athletic Office Website - <http://horseheadsdistrict.com/athletics.cfm>



Call The Safe Schools Line

607-795-2044 or 1-800-305-4984

Mr. Holloway

rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com

Mr. Hoeffner

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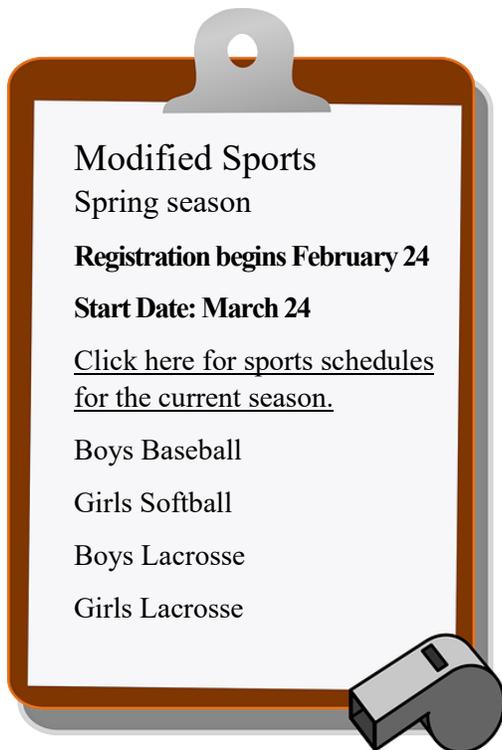
- Facebook: The district and each of our seven schools have pages. “Like” them to see our information in your news feed
- Twitter: Follow us on Twitter at @HhdsSchools to read our tweets
- Follow us on Instagram at hhdsschools
- Visit our district website at www.horseheadsdistrict.com.
- Questions about our website or social media? E-mail hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com
- URL for Mobile App is now: gst1.schooltool.com/horseheads

Athletic Information

2025-26 Spring sports season Registration begins February 24.

Modified Spring sports begin March 24.

For spring sports information, visit our district athletic website. [Athletics](#)



To report child abuse or neglect, call toll free 1-800-342-3720 or ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps



PARENT PORTAL

Don't have Parent Portal? Please visit our website. In the "QuickLinks" section in the middle, near the bottom, hover over "Parent Portal". You will be directed to complete a short form online. If you have questions, please call Genie Connel at 739-5601, x4251 or email gconnel@horseheadsdistrict.com

Checking your student's grades on Parent Portal? The URL for a computer browser is:

<https://schooltool.horseheadsdistrict.com>

The URL for the mobile app is:

<https://gst1.schooltool.com/horseheads>



aimsweb Plus is a reliable computer-based screening assessment, which is administered in the fall, winter and spring. This year on **May 27th and 28th**, students will be taking the **spring** *aimsweb* Plus benchmark assessments in reading and math. *aimsweb* Plus allows us to monitor our students in reading and math and provides us with valuable information we can use to make educational decisions for our students. Results will be shared with parents and students three times per year. Our goal is for each student to demonstrate academic growth from fall to winter and winter to spring. No special preparation for the *aimsweb* Plus testing is required.

If you would like additional information regarding the *aimsweb* Plus assessments, please visit the *aimsweb* Plus website at <http://www.aimswebplus.com/> or call us at 739-6357.



Career Development Council

The school district has many career related events including career days, career panels, job shadows, classroom speakers, field trips, and mock interviews. **We are always looking for volunteers** for these events. We are looking for parents, grandparents, other adult family members and friends as well as community volunteers in every career field.

If you feel your career is not of interest or you are currently at home, you may still contribute through mock interviews and other fun classroom events. We will be doing many of these events on-line, but they are still important experiences for the career development of our students. Most events are only an hour or two on a given day, yet **your experience and career knowledge** can deeply influence a child's life, career goals, and future educational path.



If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about how you can get involved, **please contact Deb Lynch**, the Career Development Representative for the Horseheads School District, or **Jennie Sonsire** at (607)795-5320 or dlynch@gstbooces.org or jsonsire@gstbooces.org.



HMS is Proud to Present our 2nd Marking Period Distinguished Honor Roll Students!

7th Grade

| | | |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Claire Barron | Riley Johns | Alexis Sheehan |
| Alexia Bednarski | Chloe Jones | Andrew Snedecor |
| Emmery Bennett | Cole Kamas | Rily Stilts |
| Lucy Brennan | Emilie King | Lucy Swartz |
| James Brookins | Nora Klein | Chloe Tenny |
| Joseph Brookins | Leighton Knapp | Matthew Updyke |
| Maxx Brown | Ryan Koehler | Dominic Vetrino |
| Carson Bullers | Kendall Kozemko | Lucas Weaver |
| Neola Castellano | Bryce Kramer | Madilyn Westerfer |
| Alyssa Clark | Allistair Lanipao | Arianna White |
| Macilea Collins | Lilianna Letchford | Robinson Wisneski |
| Madigan Collins | Isacc Mayer | |
| Skyy DePrimo | Evan Miele | |
| Cassidy Dziennik | Aerianna Narosky | |
| Alwaleed El-Kahlout | Marin Parsons | |
| Yuxin Fan | Madilyn Phillips | |
| Quil Fazzary | Ian Proctor | |
| Elijah Ham | Andrew Pronti | |
| Austin Hart | Ellie Rayle | |
| Dominic Harvey | Samantha Rhodes | |
| Norah Hays | Lucas Robinson | |
| Mason Hornsby | Hunter Rosekrans | |
| Nathan Hughson | Thaddeus Schiavone | |



HMS is Proud to Present our 2nd Marking Period High Honor Roll Students!

7th Grade

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| Griffin Adams | Owen Hastings | Harley Ripley |
| Max Adams | Jah'nya Haynes | Jackson Root |
| Jenna Ames | Peyton Hopson | Rylie Roupp |
| AnnaLynn Barber | Adam Ibrahim | Nolan Ruhmel |
| Mason Beard | Amelia Jackson | Jasiri Schmidt |
| Vincent Biddle | Charlotte Jamison | Sofia Shock |
| Emily Blake | Bryson Jarvis | Mason Silvers |
| Raegan Bliss | Brody Keenan | Landon Smith |
| Benjamin Brink | Bryson Keenan | Mia Smith |
| Braylen Burchard | Brady Kondikoff | Bryson Snyder |
| Gabriel Charlanow | Sofia Madden | Sydney Sommers |
| Alexis Clark | Julia Mangino | Cornellious Speed, Jr. |
| Madilyn Confer | Max Marsh | Landen Spencer |
| Jamiylah Connell | Blake Mason | Brynn Sullivan |
| Owen Crout | Kylie Miller | Hadley Sullivan |
| Camden Crowley | Ava Mills | Sadie Titsworth |
| Katherine Derry | Pyper Monahan | Ellie Tremaine |
| Gavin Dick | Parker Moshier | Amie Vo |
| Brooklyn Dye | Efrain Nieves | Jacob Wales |
| Zoey Farnsworth | Ava Noteboom | Dax Weldon |
| Xander Friends | Kruthik Patel | Casper Wetherbee |
| Sofia Garcia | Sophia Patterson | Alana Wheeler |
| Valerie Gerow | Olivia Paulman | Isabelle Wheeler |
| Sawyer Godwin | Maurianna Peake | Adah Wood |
| Alexa Hancock | Jeremiah Perry | |
| Ashlyn Harkness | Olivia Ragan | |
| Jillian Hartsock | Lyla Redner | |



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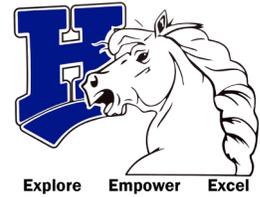
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| Mia Alexander | Maddox Monks |
| Brady Baccile | Giovanna Ocasio |
| Brody Blide | Amelia O'Dell Wehling |
| Harmony Blim | Dondavid Okolo, Jr. |
| Charles Bohan | Layla Parrish |
| Catherine Brand | Emerald Price |
| Quinn Butts | Ashton Quick |
| Mollie Byron | Liam Robinson |
| Maverick Carman | Natalie Ryan |
| Vincent Denicola | Hudson Sena |
| Myalia Eastwood | Alivia Smith |
| Landon Field | Colton Smith |
| Gavin Harmer | Jaxon Stage |
| Declan Hogue | Tateum Sustello |
| Greyson Hornsby | Lucas Talvi |
| Rene Jones | Charlie Tremaine |
| Emmalynn Kozak | Bella Upham |
| Elijah Leone | Thomas Vesek |
| Cooper Lynch | Carson Vieselmeyer |
| Kolten Marmor | Camden West |
| Griffin Marone | Thora Yarrington |
| Amelia Marshall | Jackson Zelko |
| Haden McKinney | Averie Zuchowski |



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8th Grade

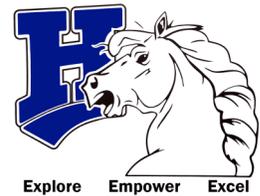
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| Alise Andrew | Layla Hoeffner | Isabella Pellor |
| Sophie Barron | Gracie Houseknecht | Mischa Podolec |
| John Bean | Evalynn Howe | Michaela Richardson |
| Hannah Beck | Ellie Jaynes | Antonio Rios |
| Nathan Blauvelt | Aditi Kamaraju | Lake Sena |
| Alexander Bocek | Emilia Karney | Sophia Smith |
| Cullen Bourgeois | Adilynn Kerbein | Lilyana Sours |
| Gavin Brooks | Hunter La Row | Madison Swartwood |
| Emily Buono | Gabrielle Laughlin | Zaylee Vang |
| Aaliyah Cady | Savanna Lazenby | Khoa Vo |
| Noah Campanelli | Jordynn Lewis | Ryan Von Bevern |
| Zoey Canestaro | Ryan Madison | Hannah Williams |
| Mason Cartagena | Aedan Manzer | Jayden Williams |
| Selina Chen | Myanna Mazurowski | Jenna Wright |
| Haven Erway | Bailey McCarthy | Zihan Yang |
| Vincent Foote | Presley McInnis | Anna Zeller |
| Nasiba Fuad Zeba | Fallon Mickley | |
| Liam Gagliardi | Max Mintegui | |
| Liam Gleckner | Hawkins Mitchell | |
| Clara Harrigan | Aubrianna Morgan | |
| Manahil Hasan | Calais Morse | |
| Julia Headley | Jai Pakyala | |
| Stella Hillman | Gabriel Peake | |



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8th Grade

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|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Stella Aikman | Owen Frost | Caleb Nah |
| Landon Andrews | Kamdyn Gilbert | Josiah Nicolae |
| Brysen Beach | Natalie Hartigan | Cormac Oakden |
| Michael Belosky | Alana Hawk | Sophia Ostrander |
| Reagan Bement | Zoe Hobbs | Tanner Ostrander |
| Skylinn Benitez | Rachel Hughson | Cruze Owen |
| Madilyn Benson | Nadia Jackson | Phillip Oyekanlu |
| Rafey Bhatti | Amari Johnson | Purva Patel |
| Juliana Bixby | Brooke Jones | Macy Phillips |
| Rebekah Black | Quinn Kent | Adrian Rijo |
| Morgyn Bocko | Payton Kline | Aubrey Romanick |
| Laken Bola | Ally Kozemko | Adrian Rosekrans |
| Joseph Brennan | Ryan Kozemko | Joseph Saks |
| Ashton Campbell | Hailey Krug | Joseph Saunders |
| Jacob Canestaro | Cooper Lambert | Michael Saunders |
| Koda Carpenter | Jake Lambert | Nicholas Serebro |
| Jonah Charlanow | Lyra Lesstino-Hoyles | Lillian Shutts |
| Benjamin Coon | Layla Little | Derrick Smith |
| Ivory Coon | Sara Lower | Reagan Stanton |
| John Cooper | Maeve Manwaring | Kennidi Sternquist |
| Braelynn Culshaw | Alexia Marmor | Aaron Sullivan |
| Summer Cunningham | Sabrina Martinez | Anthony Sullivan |
| Owen Dahl | Alexander Mayotte | Adrianna Swartwood |
| Aariayonna Davis | Ayden McComis | Kinsley Tenny |
| Charlotte Davis | Brennen McCullough | Demetree Tetreault |
| Maeley Denson | Eric McGrain | Ava Traluksamee |
| Mason Dispenza | Zachary Mendez | Camden Vasicek |
| Keira Dyer | Paislee Mickinkle | Olivia Whipple |
| Audrey Earl | Micah Mis | Christian Williams |
| Reese Faulisi | Miguel Molina Chilton | Ryan Williams |
| Connor Fitzpatrick | Jordahn Moore | Sophia Wood |
| | Taylen Moore-Phillips | Thomas Woodward |
| | | Ethan Yaw |



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8th Grade

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| Corilee Aiken | Eleanor Manwaring |
| Jordan Apgar | Emelia Wilcox |
| Brandilyn Beach | Easton McDonald |
| Jonathan Bower | Rori Munley |
| Rosalie Briggs | James Mustico |
| Nathan Burdick | Addyson Perry |
| Dominic Cancel | Colton Powell |
| Noah Cloke | Kaylee Renwand |
| Charles Coon | John Ruvalcaba |
| Joseph Drake | Khloe Shevenko |
| Brian Evans | Wyatt Stewart |
| Noah Farrell | Owen Tiffany |
| Jasper Fisher | Benjamin Valicenti |
| Oliver Gates | Adalyn Wahl-Knowlden |
| Annabelle Guardi | Amelia Warrick |
| Gabe Harpur | Coltin Warrick |
| Sophia Hoffman | Ava White |
| Loghan Ives | Ayden Williams |
| Lillian Johnson | Genevive Williams |
| Benjamin Kistner | Joseph Wooten |
| Audrianna Kole | Norah Wylie |
| Sophia Lynch | Alexandra Yackel |
| Nathan Malandra | Brandalyn Zywicki-Johnson |



Horseheads Central School District Information about Emergency School Closings/Delays

Schools are closed when the weather makes it impossible to have reasonable attendance or when the schools or vehicles would not be able to operate safely. The school day is delayed when inclement weather conditions improve by early morning. Inclement weather may include snow, ice, and freezing temperatures. If the school day is delayed, buses will run and schools will open two hours later than the usual time.

The district announces school closings and delays in a variety of ways:

- **Text messaging** – Parents/guardians can receive a text message if schools are closed or delayed by opting in to our text messaging service through SchoolMessenger. To opt in, text Y or Yes to 67587. You will receive a text response confirming that you are registered for texting.
- **District website** at www.horseheadsdistrict.com
- **District Facebook pages** (the district and all seven schools have pages)
- **Twitter** - @HhdsSchools
- **Local television and radio stations:**
 - o TV - WENY, WETM, Spectrum Cable News
 - o Radio – WELM 1410AM, WNKI 106.1FM/WPGI 100.9FM, WENY 1230AM/MagicFM 92.7FM/WGMM 98.7

Note: Television and radio stations also put closing/delay information on their websites.

Please do not call the radio/TV stations or the district's Transportation Office.

Important notes about school closings/delays:

- There may be a time when any of these means of communication do not work due to Internet or other issues, so we ask that you check more than one of our communication methods to determine if school is in regular session or not for that day.
- If schools are closed, they will remain closed all day for scheduled activities, including remedial programs, extra-curricular activities, use of facilities by non-school groups, and evening programs.
- When school is delayed, there is no supervision for students until schools open two hours later than the usual time, so parents should not drop their children off at school until they open. Additionally, on school delays, there is no breakfast served.
- On school delays, prekindergarten begins at 10:30am.
- If a storm develops after school begins, usual procedure is NOT to close school early. This allows time for highway crews to plow and sand the roads and has proved to be less disruptive and confusing than attempting to send students home early.

School/District Communication

Our schools publish newsletters monthly or every other month. The district has an annual budget newsletter and other communications shared as needed. These will be sent by email and are available online.

The online district calendar can be found here: <https://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/fullcalendar.cfm>. It is updated regularly. Calendar information is also shared in school and district newsletters.



The Horseheads Central School District partners with



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for School Community Engagement

Parents/Guardians:

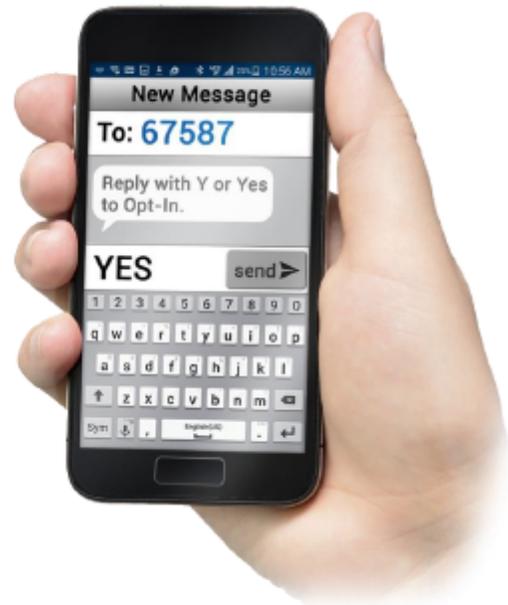
You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

The Horseheads School District uses the SchoolMessenger system to deliver **text messages**, straight to your mobile phone with important information about school closings, safety alerts, and more.*

You can participate in this service* by sending "Y" or "Yes" by text to our school's short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the [Student Privacy Pledge™](#), so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from
your mobile
phone now!**



**Just send
"Y" or "Yes"
to 67587**

Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.



Make it a great day,



the Raider Way!

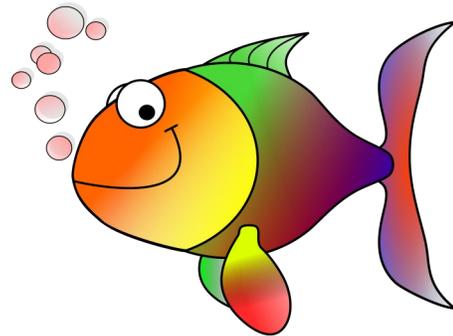
Raider Way:



- Fair and Just
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Good Citizen
- Trustworthy
- Caring and Kind

Fish Philosophy:

- Choose Your Attitude
- Make Their Day
- Be There
- Play



Think:

Before you say or do anything:

- *T - Is it true?*
- *H - Is it helpful?*
- *I - Is it inspiring?*
- *N - Is it necessary?*
- *K - Is it kind ?*

Non-discrimination Policy



District Dignity Act Coordinator

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for the Horseheads Central School District is Caitlin DeFilippo, director of Human Resources. If there is a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment or bullying of any student, the complaint should be filed with Caitlin DeFilippo, at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845; 607-739-5601 x 4211 or at cdefilippo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

Middle School Dignity Act Coordinator

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for the Horseheads Middle School is Ron Holloway, building principal. If there is a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment or bullying of any student, the complaint should be filed with Mr. Holloway at 950 Sing Sing Rd., Horseheads, NY 14845; 739-6357 x 3640 or at rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com.

Notice

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, marital status, military status, sex, sexual orientation, age, gender identity, predisposing genetic characteristic, or disability, and provides equal access to applicable groups under the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Caitlin DeFilippo, Title IX/DASA Coordinator, and Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; Anthony Gill, Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; or Kelly Squires, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.

This policy of non-discrimination includes access by students to educational programs, counseling services, course offerings, and activities, as well as recruitment and appointment of employees and employment pay, benefits, advancement and/or termination.

Horseheads Middle School:



Home of the Raider Way