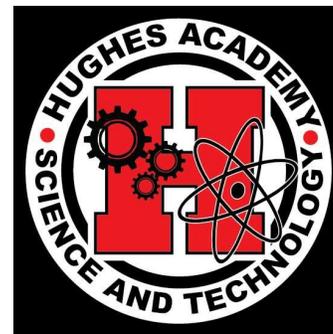


2018—2019 CLUBS AND ATHLETICS AT HUGHES ACADEMY



Science Club

6th, 7th, and 8th grade Science club focuses on extending the middle school science curriculum and exploring challenging science topics through inquiry and experimentation. The club meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 3:45 – 4:30. The faculty sponsors are Mrs. Partin, Mrs. Singh, and Mrs. Helling

Robotics Club

Students work with a team to design, build, and program a robot that can compete in this year's VEX Robotics competition. Students also learn to write programming so that their robot can run independently for the first 15 seconds of the competition. The faculty sponsor is Mr. Taber

Junior Beta Club

6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Junior Beta Club is a national honor society club emphasizing the motto, "Let us lead by serving others." Junior Betas work to establish and uphold the virtue that leadership-through-service builds character. These attributes are attained through Junior Beta's dedication to academics, school and community service. Junior Betas compete at state, regional and national competitions. The faculty sponsors are Mrs. Merck, Mr. Melton, Mrs. Primus Brown, and Mrs. Luchies

Spanish Club

The Spanish Club brings together 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Spanish students that are interested in the Spanish language and culture. The main activities this year are: dancing, cooking, crafts, and singing. The faculty sponsors are Mr. Cortes, Miss. Gonzalez, Mrs. Carpio, and Mrs. Chambers

Student Council

Student Council is a committee of peer-elected students who will meet to discuss the needs of Hughes Academy from a student perspective as well as conduct service-oriented projects to improve the school and surrounding community. The faculty Sponsors are Mr. Sessions, Mrs. McCain, and Mrs. Patry

United Nations

Designed to help students learn about diplomacy, how the United Nations works, and learn more about other countries. Through research and debating, the students will become very aware of major national issues facing individual countries and the impact they have on the international level. The program leads up to the Model U.N. conference in the Spring of 2019. The faculty sponsor is Mrs. Dixon .

Youth and Government

Designed to help students learn about the mechanics of the state legislature, and to teach the importance of active participation in democracy. The program concludes with the YIG conference in November at the state capital in Columbia, where students present and debate their bill that they have written in committee and hopefully in the House and the Senate chambers. If the bill passes both chambers, then the Youth Governor can sign it. The faculty sponsor is Mrs. Dixon.

Battle of the Brains

Battle of the Brains, a question-and-answer competition, requires middle schools in the Upstate to put on their thinking caps. The faculty sponsors are Mrs. Merck and Mr. Melton

Mathcounts

The MathCounts competition club is part of a national program that provides students the opportunity to compete in live, in-person math contests against and alongside their peers. The club meets to work on problem solving sheets provided by the national MathCounts organization. The faculty sponsors are Mr. Hill and Mrs. Merck .

Heart and Sole

Heart and Sole is a running club for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls. The club promotes girls to be joyful, confident, and healthy. The faculty sponsor is Ms. Corn.

Drama Club

The Drama Club is open to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Drama Students. The Drama Club supports our students' interests in the theatrical arts. Students will learn the basics of stage direction, blocking, staging, lighting, sound, directing, and of course performance. The faculty sponsor is Mrs. Allison.

Chess Club

Chess Club is for players of all skill levels, from those who don't even know how to move the pieces to those who've been playing the main line of the Sicilian defense and would like to learn the subtleties of the Dragon variation. We study games together, learn how pieces work in conjunction with each other, delve into strategy, and play tons of chess. It's meant above all to be fun. The faculty sponsor is Mr. Scott.

Environmental/Ecology Club

This club is an organization that is devoted to helping preserve the Hughes environment. The goal of the club is to help beautify the school campus and recycle. The faculty sponsor is Mrs. Kippes.

R.A.K. (Random Acts of Kindness) Club

Focuses on creating a positive school environment for students and teachers by planning and executing various student lead acts of kindness. Some activities include but are not limited to service projects, peer assistance, teacher assistance, and anti-bullying campaigns. The faculty sponsors are Mrs. Torlay and Mrs. Sample.

Cougar String Ensemble

The Cougar Ensemble is made up of advanced violin, viola, cello, and bass students. The group rehearses before school on Wednesdays and performs at various community and school events through out the year. Students not enrolled in the strings classes may audition for the ensemble. The faculty sponsor is Mrs. Hastings.

ATHLETIC TEAMS

In Greenville County, middle school students may only participate in sports teams in 7th and 8th grade. Try-outs for teams take place several weeks before the official season begins. Practice schedules vary and scheduled games are set by the District. You must have a current physical on file with Hughes or your GEO-coded (zoned) high school to participate.

- **Volleyball— Fall Season. Girls Only**
- **Basketball—Winter Season. Girls and Boys**
- **Baseball—Spring Season. Boys Only**
- **Softball—Spring Season. Girls Only**
- **Soccer—Spring Season. Girls and Boys**

Students may participate on Varsity Athletic Teams at their zoned high school (GEO-coded). Sports teams that are available at high schools through Greenville County typically include, but are not limited to, the following:

- **Football**
- **Cross Country**
- **Track**
- **Lacrosse**
- **Golf**
- **Tennis**
- **Swimming**
- **Wrestling**
- **Rugby**

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