



# Hughes Academy

## Clubs, Activities and Athletics

### Science Club

For Grades: 6th - 8th grade. Focuses on extending the middle school science curriculum and exploring challenging science topics through inquiry and experimentation. Students have the opportunity to go to camp Sewee in the spring. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 3:45 – 4:30.

**Faculty Sponsors** – Mrs. Partin 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.

**Faculty Sponsors** – Mr. Taber and Mrs. Witherspoon

### Beta Club

Junior Beta Club is a non-profit club which emphasizes the idea that leadership through service builds character. The purpose of this organization is to encourage effort and reward merit among the students in the middle school to promote those qualities of character that make for good citizenship in the school community.

**Faculty Sponsors** – 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.

**Faculty Sponsors** - Ms. Okonkwo, Mr. Cortes, and Mrs. Batista

### News Team

The News Team produces a live, morning, news show where the news team leads the student body in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, provides updates on current events, and recognizes students and activities that are noteworthy. Each 6th, 7th, and 8th grade student must provide experience producing a newscast. Those students who do not have experience must be recommended by one of their teachers.

**Faculty Sponsor** – Mr. McCoy

### United Nations

Designed to help students learn about how the United Nations works and learn more about other countries. The program leads up to the Model U.N. conference in the Spring of 2017. Each group presents a proposal which is debated by the Model UN and has a booth which includes native attire and a native dish to be presented at the Festival of Nations.

**Faculty Sponsor** – Mrs. Dixon

### Youth in 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, SC, 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.

**Faculty Sponsor** – 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.

**Faculty Sponsors** – 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. 6th and 7th graders meet 2 days a week before school. 8th graders meet as a related arts course. The club meets to work on problem solving sheets provided by the national MathCounts organization.

**Faculty Sponsor** – 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.

**Faculty Sponsors** - Mrs. Fink, Mrs. Keenum, Mrs. Tollison, and Mrs. Dixon

## Dance Team

The dance team is a school organization that helps promote positive peer interaction, dedication and school spirit. The students are taught a variety of dance styles while using various musical genres. The dance team will be performing at several events including sports events and pep rallies. Dance team members are required to stay after school at least one day a week for practice and performances.

**Faculty Sponsor** - Miss. Butler

## Minecraft

The school provides a Minecraft server for the students to play. MinecraftEDU is an open world game that promotes creativity, problem solving, and collaboration while using the imagination. The Minecraft club is available to all grade levels.

**Faculty Sponsors** – Mrs. Dendy-Jones and Mr. Black

## Drama Club

The Drama Club is open to 7th and 8th graders and 6th 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.

**Faculty Sponsor** – Mrs. Allison

## Chess Club

The 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.

**Faculty Sponsor** - Mr. Scott

# Athletic Teams

In Greenville County, middle school students may only participate in sports teams in 7th and 8th grade. Tryouts 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 Junior Varsity or Varsity Athletic Teams at their zoned high school (GEO-coded). Sports teams that are available at high schools through Greenville County typically include:

Football, Track, Cross Country, Lacrosse, Golf, Tennis, Swimming, Wrestling, and Rugby

**Please contact us if you have any questions.**

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**Clubs are a great way for 6th grade students to become engaged in extracurricular school activities, as they are not able to participate in a sports or athletic team until 7th and 8th grade.**

