

# Take a Look at Hoffman Estates High School



Hoffman Estates High School has a tradition of excellence, pride, and school spirit. The facts below are just some of the many reasons for “Hawk Pride!”

- Hoffman Estates High School has an 2019-2020 enrollment of 1,978 in grades 9 through 12.
- Hoffman Estates High School has been nationally recognized for excellence by the National Commission on Excellence in Education and the United States Department of Education.
- Hoffman Estates High School has tutorial centers for students to receive additional content help.
- The class of 2018 had 23 academic scholars.
- Ninety-one percent of the class of 2019 were college-preparatory.
- Hoffman Estates High School offers advanced placement and gifted programs.
- The class of 2019 contained 61 Illinois State Scholars.
- The Family & Consumer Sciences Department will sponsor their “Halloween Fest” on Wednesday, October 30, from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Community children preschool to age 10 are invited for fun and games.
- Automotive Technology II (T336) now carries dual credit through Triton College in River Grove, Illinois. Students can earn three hours of college credit through this program.
- Geometry in Construction is a newer co-taught class being offered at HEHS. Students will learn math and hands-on skills with various building projects.
- During the 2019-2020 school year, a team of engineering students will begin a fifth year in Argonne National Laboratory’s Exemplary Student Research Program (ESRP). The team will work with scientists from ChemMatCARS at Sector 15 of the Advanced Photon Source.
- The Applied Technology Building Trades program is in its 42nd year at Hoffman Estates High School.
- The Building Trades program is among the largest and best in Illinois, providing students with unparalleled work experiences, education, and career opportunities. The students have experienced all stages of construction – from driving the first nail, to hanging drywall, painting, and landscaping.
- The Applied Technology Department is proud to offer T202 Introduction to Engineering Design and T302 Principles of Engineering. These are the foundation courses in the Project Lead the Way engineering curriculum. T408/608 Digital Electronics and T418 Civil Engineering and Architecture are also offered with weighted credit. In addition, T408/608 Digital Electronics carries dual credit through Harper College. Project Lead the Way is a national non-profit organization established to help schools give students the knowledge they need to excel in high-tech fields.
- The student-produced *Hawkeye View* has consistently been rated with excellent marks in regional and national press contests. Hoffman Estates High School’s newspaper offers students an opportunity to publish articles and photos. Students who invest their time working for this publication will gain real-world experience including communicating with their colleagues and staff members as well as conducting interviews and writing articles on deadline. If students want to get their names in print and start building their resumes for college, the *Hawkeye View Newspaper* is a great activity to join.
- The *Halcyon*, Hoffman’s award-winning yearbook, continues its tradition of excellence by producing top quality books. The cover, layout, and reporting are entirely student produced, and a majority of the photography is done by our outstanding student staff. The *Halcyon* has won the “Best Cover Award” by Josten’s Summer Yearbook Workshop and has been awarded special merit by the American Scholastic Press Association. This ranks the *Halcyon* as one of the best yearbooks in the nation.
- Hoffman’s Spirit of the Hawk program honors students for effort, cooperation and improvement in the classroom. The Hawk Pride and Honor Flag programs recognize noteworthy individual and group student achievements.
- The Hawk Spirit Squad is a co-ed group and activity for students within the Special Education Programming, geared towards the Educational Life Skills (ELS) and Multiple Needs (MN) programs. The Spirit Squad is sponsored by Special Education teachers. Students learn, practice and perform at various school events throughout the school year, such as Homecoming, basketball games, and the annual Amy Rudolph Tournament. Practices are typically held on every other week and meet through the end of February.
- Student Council serves as the voice and face of the student body, creating pathways of positivity for other students to follow. The members of Student Council plan and orchestrate many major all-school events: Homecoming, Winter Formal, Dancing with the Hawk Stars, Spirit Week, and many more. Student Council raises money and distributes multiple scholarships for HEHS seniors and various charities. StuCo attempts to be a hub for the student body’s spirit as well as their needs.
- Best Buddies is the world’s largest organization dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of the 200 million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Our programs

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empower the special abilities of people with IDD by helping them form meaningful friendships with their peers, secure successful jobs, live independently, improve public speaking, self advocacy and communication skills, and feel valued by society. At Hoffman Estates High School, we aim to create opportunities for one-to-one friendship, an inclusive school climate for students, and a community culture of acceptance.

- The Junior Class Club is comprised of any student in their junior year of high school that wants to participate with other junior students in community service, school activities such as Homecoming and the Community Halloween event, fundraising, and planning for the annual junior-senior prom during the month of May. Junior Class Club offers an introduction into student leadership roles and helps to promote service to the Hawk community and development of organization and leadership skills. All students in their junior year are invited to participate. Junior Class Club meets on an almost weekly basis for the duration of the school year and is facilitated by Mrs. Ryon, Social Studies, and Mrs. Nieft, Student Services.
- The French program has had a district-wide exchange between high schools in Alsace, France, since 1980. Every other year we host French students in our schools for two weeks, and send our students to France in June. Students typically stay 10 days with their host families in Alsace followed by 4 days in Paris. Recently, we have also begun a shorter travel experience for students interested in exploring Canada. This year, we traveled to Quebec for a week, visiting Montreal and Quebec City.
- Our 3D-Art and Engineering students joined forces to compete in Schaumburg's Prairie Center for the Arts Building Steam Project 2019. Our team designed and constructed a sculpture using manufacturing recycling from local businesses. These sculptures were auctioned to the public. Hoffman's entry was sold for \$375.00, the highest amount

during the live auction and took **1st Place!**

- Our Art students continue to participate in the Harper Art Show for the. Over fifty of our student's artwork was highlighted in building A the entire month of November.
- The 2019 IHSAE Senior Show at the Bridgeport Art Center, including photography by Jillian Maier, paintings by Tara Ranganathan and designs by Eric Zurick. Collectively our students were offered nearly half a million dollars in scholarships based on portfolio reviews.
- Every Advanced Placement Art participant earned a score of 3, 4 or 5 in AP 2D-Studio Art, AP Drawing, and AP 3D-Studio Art. All students that participated earned college credit for their portfolio submissions. As a Department we had an average score of a 4.5.
- Advanced Painting and Drawing students create original cover designs for Township High School District 211 's Spring and Fall Continuing Education Catalogs and the Summer School Catalogs. This allows students to be professionally published annually for D211 's community-based publications.
- The Hoffman Estates Art Program offers an expanding program in Broadcast Media.
- The 2019 Congressional Artistic Discovery Show and Competition was held May 3rd, 2019 where 20 HEHS students participated and 6 HEHS students won the highest honors.
- The Jazz and Fine Arts Fest was also held on May 3, 2019 where HEHS Painting Drawing and Printmaking Students showcased Memory Project Pieces that are due to leave for Afghanistan and artworks that explore a duality of imagery between classic self-portraits and landscapes.
- The Art Department continues to support our feeder school through the I-Compete Program. With this partnership with Muir Elementary School, Hoffman Estates High School Art Department Provides elementary school children multiple experiences in the fine arts as

enrichment aimed at targeting at risk students.

- The Memory Project is a charitable nonprofit organization that invites art teachers and their students to create and donate portraits to youth around the world who have faced substantial challenges, such as violence, disasters, extreme poverty, neglect, or loss of parents.
- Each year, the Memory Project sends us full-page color photographs of children and teens from global charities operating residential homes, schools, and care centers in a number of different countries. To this date, HEHS has proudly sponsored over 100 students in 8 countries across the world.
- Since 1998, members of the Math Team have consistently qualified for the highly rigorous State competition at University of Illinois. Recent highlights include: In the 2017-2018 school year, a student was named All-Division and the Junior Team placed 1st their Division in North Suburban Math League. In the 2018-2019 school year, the 2-person Fresh-Soph Math Team (Division 3AA) placed 2nd in State. Both the Sophomore Team and the Junior Team placed 1st in their Division in North Suburban Math League as well as a sophomore securing a perfect paper at the conference meet.
- HOSA, or Health Occupations Students of America, is nationally recognized organization and we have a local chapter here at HERS. Our club is a competitive club in which students participate in events related to health science and biomedical sciences. Events include knowledge tests, job-related training skills performance tests, team projects, and many more. Our students have the opportunity to attend the Illinois HOSA State Conference and Competition, hosted in Springfield, Illinois in the spring. Students who place in the top 3 of their event have the opportunity to attend the International HOSA Conference and Competition, hosted in Dallas, Texas, or Orlando, Florida, in late June.

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- Operation Snowball is a student-driven, staff-supported partnership dedicated to promoting healthy choices through encouraging self-confidence, leadership and life skills. Student "staff" are trained throughout the year, as programming focuses on leadership development to empower youth to lead healthy lives and thrive as caring and contributing citizens. The Operation Snowball retreat, held in the early Spring each year, is a safe environment for students of all backgrounds to express themselves, and to learn and practice responsibility and leadership. The goal is for students to become agents of community change, while having an amazingly fun experience along the way.
- Social Studies Club gives students an opportunity to get involved in the community through volunteering and taking field trips to local historical sites. Every other summer we offer an opportunity for travel during the summer. We have taken students to Washington D.C. and New York. This coming summer we will be taking students to Boston and New York. Anyone interested can see Mrs. Johansson for more details. All students are welcome to participate in Social Studies Club.
- Movie Critics Club is an arts exploration club at HEHS for anyone who loves watching and discussing movies! Each month we'll discover a new film - or re-examine one we haven't seen in a while. Explore the language of cinema and all the details of visual storytelling. There will be great movies, interesting discussion, and delicious movie snacks. Can't wait to see you "at the movies!"
- The Senior Class Club promotes school involvement and is open to every senior student. Members participate in homecoming hallway decorating, senior panoramic photo, and the Community Halloween Event. Students also choose senior class apparel designs, select the senior class gift, and organize the Senior Brunch event which takes place in May.
- Each year Cultural Awareness Club has celebrations in honor of the diversity that we have at HEHS. We celebrate Hispanic Heritage month, European Heritage month, Black History Month, and Asian Pacific-Islander month. We also showcase the diversity and talent of our HEHS community at our annual multicultural show. This school year (2019-2020) will be our ninth annual show!
- Outdoor Adventure Club is a club for students that like to get outside and be active; while appreciating nature and wildlife, as well. Some of our activities include (but are not limited to): hiking, rock climbing, kayaking, orienteering and camping. In fact, in summer of 2019, we took a week-long hiking and camping trip to the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona and Lake Mead National Recreation Area in Nevada.
- Dance Club, Orchesis, and Varsity Hip-Hop are clubs open to all students who love to dance! More experienced members choreograph and teach; all members learn, perform, and have fun. Each fall, students will have the opportunity to audition for Orchesis and/or Varsity Hip-Hop. Dance Club is open to ALL students. Some dance experience is helpful for all three groups, but it is not required. Orchesis and Hip-Hop students perform for the whole school in the Fine Arts Assembly, and all dancers perform in the HEHS Dance Show and with the opportunity to be in multiple dances. Orchesis and Hip-Hop students meet on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Dance Club students meet on Tuesdays.
- The Interact Club was sponsored by the Rotary Club to offer fun and meaningful service activities while providing the chance to develop leadership skills. Several service projects will be implemented this year on the school, community, and universal level. You can receive LCAP, NHS, or Harper's Promise hours by being involved in the Interact Club! You also have the opportunity to receive college scholarships and a free weekend trip to Wisconsin for a Leadership Retreat. Last year alone the Interact Club participated in over 20 meaningful service events to help our school and our community!
- The HEHS Performing Arts produce five major productions a year: Talent Show in September, Fall Play in November, Madrigal Dinner in December, Musical in March, and Spring Play in April. Over 200 students perform onstage and work on lights, sound, props, costumes, pit, set design, and running crew every year. The HEHS Thespian Troupe, a theatre honors society made up of the most dedicated performing arts students, participates every year in the Illinois High School Theatre Festival, and have even been chosen to bring shows to the festival or to perform in the All-State Production.
- Each year of participation, the HEHS music ensembles have consistently received high ratings at the HEHS Solo & Ensemble Festival. Hosted in-house, students are given the opportunity to perform a solo and/or in an ensemble and receive individualized feedback from highly esteemed adjudicators. For the past ten years, the Marching Band has participated in the Hoffman Estates Veteran's Day tribute at the police station, site of the Village's memorial monuments. In recognition of their commitment to the Village over the years, Mayor Bill McLeod designated April 24, 2009 as "Hoffman Estates High School Band Day." The HEHS Marching Band continues to serve the Village of Hoffman Estates by annually marching in the Fourth of July parade, as well as being invited to perform at the Hoffman Estates 60th Anniversary Picnic. The HEHS Music Department continues to perform at national events. In March 2019, the band, choir, and orchestra traveled to Washington D.C. to perform combined concerts at the Washington Monument, World War II Memorial, and Thomas Jefferson Memorial.

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- During the fall, the Skyhawks contribute to school spirit by performing at pep assemblies and with the marching band during home football halftimes. We also participate in several community events, including the Hoffman Estates Fourth of July parade. In early September, the Skyhawks have auditions for our JV Winter Guard team, and in early October they have auditions for Varsity Winter Guard. Both teams perform at home basketball games as well as in competitions hosted by the Midwest Color Guard Circuit. Our Varsity team also competes in a regional hosted by Winter Guard International. The Skyhawks have a rich tradition of excellence. For more than three decades, the Skyhawks consecutively qualified for IOTA and TDI State contests, being named State Champions several times. For the past several years, they have made the Finals at the Winter Guard International Regional and placed in the top half of their class at the Midwest Championship, capturing the bronze medal last year!
- The Art, Film, & Writing Clubs are an eclectic group of creative and critical thinking students who work collaboratively to enhance their personal art/craft in a wide variety of mediums. These clubs may supplement a student's classwork or allow a student to experiment in new media. The Art, Film, & Writing Clubs also assists with the material and stories used in creating promotional videos for the school, district and local community. This year these clubs will pair together in the making of a documentary film for those students who are interested, "The Spirit of Hoffman Estates". Writing Club students will learn how to write screenplays in the Hollywood format, while the Art Club students will create the vision through storyboarding.
- Student Council serves as the voice and face of the student body, acting as role models, creating pathways of positivity for other students to follow. The members of Student Council plan and orchestrate many major all-school events: Homecoming, Winter Formal, Blood Drives, Toys for Tots, and many more. Student Council raises money and distributes multiple scholarships to HEHS seniors and various charitable organizations. StuCo attempts to be a hub-for the student body's spirit as well as their needs.
- The Student Congress Debate Team has caught fire in the last three years winning 11 straight team trophies. We have advanced to sectionals at Harper and most recently competed at the IHSA State Tournament where four of our debaters became semi-finalists. This is a wonderful activity to hone your research, public speaking, and critical thinking skills. Our alumni have gone one to some of the most prestigious schools in the country and the skills they learn here are helping them excel.
- Hoffman Estates High School's 117 National Honor Society students contributed over 3,000 hours of volunteer service, within the school and the surrounding community, during the 2018-2019 school year.
- In 2018-2019, over 60 students participated in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) where students participate in a variety of technology and business-related events. For the last five years, our Parliamentary Procedures Team has placed first and second in state. Last year, our team placed 5th nationally in Anaheim, CA.
- The Business Education Department has three new classes—Finance and Investing, Social Media for Business, and Career Explorations. We offer three dual credit classes that, when taken together, earn students a Harper Bookkeeping Clerk Certificate. Additionally, Hoffman Estates community members actively participate in our Business Incubator program as coaches and mentors guiding young entrepreneurs as they start businesses and pitch for real funding!
- Scholastic Bowl is a competitive trivia team at Hoffman that competes during the fall and winter seasons. Questions cover all school subjects and miscellaneous topics like music, movies, and sports. If you know random facts and love to show them off, Scholastic Bowl is for you! Contact Mr. Nelson (LNelson@D211.org) or Ms. McGarvey (KMcGarvey@D211.org) to join.
- Intramurals are an opportunity for students to compete against their classmates in various sports. It is open to all students. The purpose of the intramural program is to provide fun, safe and structured play experiences that promote the physical, mental and social development of every child. Currently, Intramurals is offering weight lifting club (M-Th 2:45-4PM Weight Room), video game club (Tues 2:45-4:30 Rm 160), IM basketball (dates TBD 7PM-9PM gymnasium), IM soccer (dates TBD 7-9PM back gym), IM ping pong (Dates TBD 2:45-4PM cafeteria). Girls powder Puff is also offered for juniors and seniors only (Dates TBD).
- The Hoffman Estates Poms Team and Competitive Dance Team participate in half-time performances at all home football games and various home basketball games. The team takes pride in performing at several community events throughout the course of their season. The Poms also enjoy competing at IHSA from January to March.