



HIRAM ACADEMY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Admissions Application Packet

HIRAM HIGH SCHOOL

702 Virgie Ballentine Dr.

Hiram, Georgia 30141

2020-2021



Hiram Academy of Computer Science Admission Application Checklist

Hiram Academy of Computer Science (HACS) will engage, inspire and prepare students with a globally relevant computer science education. Our competitive program is designed for students who desire to think critically and solve real world problems. HACS seeks students who desire an edge in the marketplace and are looking to be equipped with the tools needed to impact our community and the world. Is this you?

Students seeking acceptance into HACS should complete this application packet in its entirety and attach all requested documents except for the three recommendations which will be submitted online. **No partial application packets will be accepted.**

To be considered for admission, a complete application packet must include all the following documents:

- ☐ **Completed Admissions Application** (*all reports may be obtained from your current middle school*)
- ☐ **Short Essay Questions** (typed) - All questions must be completed and written solely by the student
- ☐ **Video Submission** (recorded) - A personal video that is 2 minutes, or less, answering the required questions
- ☐ **Academy Contract** - initialed and signed by the student and a parent/guardian
- ☐ **Submit Admissions Application Packet** in its entirety electronically to mcooksey@paulding.k12.ga.us
Application packet can also be mailed to:
Hiram High School
c/o Misty Cooksey
702 Ballentine Dr.
Hiram, GA 30141
- ☐ **Three Recommendation Forms:**
 - One from current 8th grade math teacher
 - One from current 8th grade science teacher
 - One from current teacher of your choice

Teachers should submit the form online at <https://tinyurl.com/HACStr2020>. You can email your teacher and ask them to complete it. There is no password required. Just send your teacher this link.

Homeschool or Out-of-District students should email dhodge@paulding.k12.ga.us to send the recommendation form link or for specific directions for submitting the video portion of the application.

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Academy of Computer Science
2020-2021 Admissions Application**

STUDENT INFORMATION

Last Name:		First Name:		Student ID#:	
Date of Birth:	Age:	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male		Zoned High School:	
Home Phone:		Student Cell:		Student Email:	
Home Address:		City:		State:	ZIP:

CURRENT SCHOOL INFORMATION

Current School:			School Phone:		
School Address:			School Fax:		
City:	State:	ZIP:	Public School: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Mother/Guardian Name:			Father/Guardian Name:		
Legal Guardian: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			Legal Guardian: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Street Address:			Street Address:		
City:	State:	ZIP:	City:	State:	ZIP:
Mother/Guardian Email:			Father/Guardian Email:		
Home Phone:		Cell Phone:	Home Phone:		Cell Phone:
Work Phone:			Work Phone:		

AWARDS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Hobbies & Extracurricular Activities:
Awards & Accomplishments:

ACADEMIC HISTORY

Current Math Class (Check One):	<input type="checkbox"/> Algebra I	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 th -Grade Math	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please List):
Current Science Class (Check One):	<input type="checkbox"/> Physical Science	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 th -Grade Science	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please List):
Current English Class (Check One):	<input type="checkbox"/> 9 th -Grade Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> 8 th -Grade English	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please List):
Current Foreign Language Class (Check One):	<input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please List):
Student receives Special Program Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

RECOMMENDATIONS

Student applicants are required to submit three recommendation forms. One recommendation from their current 8th grade Math teacher, one from their current 8th grade Science teacher, and one from a current teacher of your choice. Recommendations must be submitted online by each teacher.
List the three teachers who will be submitting the recommendations below.

Teacher Name:	Email:	Subject:
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PARENT PERMISSIONS & SIGNATURES

I hereby submit this application for my child to be considered for admission to Hiram High School Academy of Computer Science. I give my permission for school officials to request and report my child's academic and behavior records when required. I understand that the screening committee will maintain teacher information and test results in confidence. I also waive the right to access all recommendation.

Signature of Student Applicant:	Date:
Signature of Parent/Guardian:	Date:

For Office Use Only	Application Accepted: <input type="checkbox"/> Application Rejected: <input type="checkbox"/> Date Application Received: Date Acceptance Letter Sent: Date Notified of Receipt: Date Acceptance Letter Received:
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Short Essay Questions & Video Submissions

Written Essay Directions:

Select **TWO** of the questions below and answer in a typed format.

All questions must be original work by the student.

1. What has been your most challenging class in middle school and why was it so challenging?
2. Describe a time you served in a leadership role. This could include the classroom, the community, extracurricular, etc. What was your role and how did you take on the leadership aspect?
3. Describe a time you felt challenged, unsuccessful, or overwhelmed. How did you handle that situation? What did you learn from the experience and how will you use what you learned in your future?
4. How would you describe your work habits? How do you manage your time so that you are successful? Consider both school and extracurricular activities in your response.

Video Submission Directions:

Submit a personal video that is 2 minutes or less that answers **BOTH** of the questions below. This is your opportunity to be as creative as you would like. Factors to keep in mind: you **MUST** answer the two questions below and your video **MUST** be 2 minutes or less. Videos that exceed 2 minutes will be stopped at the 2-minute mark and the remaining video will not be viewed by the screening committee. Upload the video at <https://tinyurl.com/HACSVs2020> or scan the QR code listed here:



Videos that are larger than 100MB will not upload. Adjust the settings of the camera to reduce file size or use a video compressor website/app to reduce video file size. Email dhodge@paulding.k12.ga.us with any questions about video submissions.

1. Tell us a little about yourself and why you wish to be a part of the Hiram Academy of Computer Science.
2. What attributes as a student do you have that will help you become a valuable addition to the HACS program?

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Contract for Students and Parents

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Name of Student: _____

Student ID: _____

Hiram Academy of Computer Science is a college and career preparatory program for students interested in all aspects of computer science. The standards and expectations for attending the school are detailed in specific guidelines for conduct and academic achievement. These standards and expectations are outlined in this contract.

Please read carefully. Both the student and parent(s) must initial each expectation and sign below.

Student Initials	Parent Initials	
_____	_____	I will attend school daily, arrive promptly and remain throughout the scheduled hours.
_____	_____	I will cooperate with the faculty and staff of Hiram High School, my peers, liaison personnel and community partners by conducting myself in a respectful manner.
_____	_____	I will successfully complete all class work, homework, and assignments to meet standards and complete my program of study.
_____	_____	I will complete my program of study.
_____	_____	I will set aside a minimum of one hour of uninterrupted study time daily.
_____	_____	I will maintain a final course grade of 75 in all courses. Grades will be monitored and analyzed each grading period. Failure to meet this criterion will result in probation and if not corrected may require reassignment to my zoned school.
_____	_____	I will respect and care for all equipment, supplies and other school property entrusted to me and pay for any damages or loss.
_____	_____	I will maintain the highest standards of honesty and integrity and will abide by the rules and regulations of the HHS Student Handbook and the Paulding County Board of Education Code of Student Conduct and Discipline.
_____	_____	I will abide by the dress code of HACS, Hiram High School, and the Paulding County Board of Education Code of Student Conduct and Discipline.
_____	_____	I will adhere to the policies of Georgia High School Association for competitive activities.
_____	_____	I will not seek readmission to the HHS Academy if I am withdrawn for any reason. I understand if I am withdrawn from the program, I will return to my zoned school or apply for school choice through the Paulding County School District.
_____	_____	I will adhere to the policies, rules and guidelines of both Hiram High School and its community partners.
_____	_____	I will actively participate in the Career Tech Student Organization (CTSO) associated with my chosen career pathway and school.

The privilege of attending Hiram Academy of Computer Science depends upon the personal responsibility, commitment, and dedication of both the student and the parent. I understand and will adhere to the standards and expectations of this contract. Failure to meet any of the above criteria may require reassignment of the student to his/her zoned school. This contract will be upheld as long as the student remains in the program.

Signature of Student Required: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian Required: _____ Date: _____