



HCDrugFree
Empowering the Community

Welcome Back to School!

HC DrugFree's team
wishes you a safe and memorable year.

MDOT: STOP ON RED



With **Howard County public schools back in session on Monday, August 24**, more school buses will be back on the road. Now is a good time to remind young drivers, friends and family about the importance of stopping for a school bus.

BE ALERT especially in school zones, near school bus stops, and during times of the day that students will be going to and coming

from school.

STOP FOR THE BUS because passing a school bus is illegal when its red lights are flashing and the stop-arm is extended while stopped to load and unload students.

REMEMBER students of all ages are unpredictable. It is your job as the driver to obey traffic laws.

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Safe Schools Maryland

Safe Schools Maryland is an anonymous and free reporting system available to students, teachers, staff members, parents, and the general public to report any school or student safety concerns, including mental health concerns.



Safe Schools Maryland is Maryland's only official anonymous reporting system. Safe Schools Maryland operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. Your anonymous report can be submitted by calling the tip line (**1-833-MD-B-SAFE / 1-833-632-7233**), [completing an online form](#) or downloading the free Safe Schools Maryland app from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

All students should feel comfortable in Maryland's schools. Children and young adults are stronger students when they feel safe and secure. Strong students go on to serve as the foundation for strong communities.

Safe Schools Maryland exists to ensure that our schools and our students remain safe and secure. With Safe Schools Maryland, all interested members of our communities are able to report their school and student safety concerns anonymously and securely.



[Watch Video](#) to learn more about the reporting system.

[Learn More](#)

The Howard County Public School System's Policy 1050 – Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Free Environment establishes the educational and disciplinary parameters needed to maintain an alcohol, drug, and tobacco free environment. For more information and to review the policy click the button below.

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HCPSS Calendar

[Click here](#) to access the Howard County Public School System's 2026-27 calendar.

Join Our Teen Advisory Council (8th - 12th Graders)



HC DrugFree invites **all Howard County students in grades 8-12** to join our Teen Advisory Council (TAC.) Members of TAC meet once monthly during the academic year and act as student ambassadors in their schools and in the community.

Why join TAC?

- Earn community service hours
- Gain experience for job & college applications
- Volunteer opportunities year round
- Be a leader and role model in Howard County!

Previous (and new) members, please remember to submit your [2026-2027 TAC Registration](#) so we can update your contact information.

[Learn More about TAC](#)

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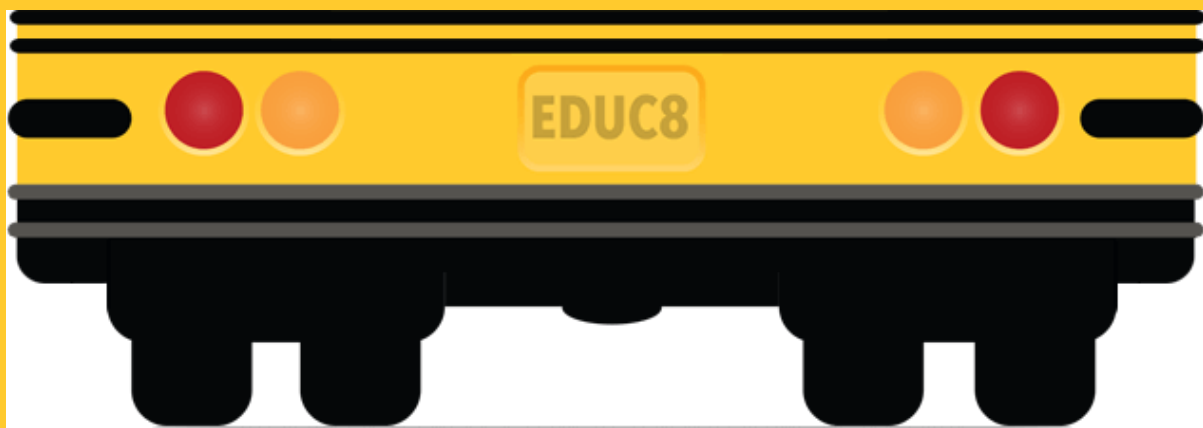
Join our social media community for more content and easy ways to share important and potentially life-saving information with your friends and network.

Remember: **Knowledge is Power** and together we can help keep our community *informed, safe, and IN THE KNOW!*

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