

# Investing in our Future

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The Student Mental Health Council is recruiting new members! The purpose of this Council is to engage with the Student Member on the Board of Education, the HCPS Mental Health Specialist, and HCPS leadership in meaningful dialogue of students' views and perspectives regarding mental health and wellness. All students meeting the minimum criteria who are currently in grades six through eleven are eligible to apply. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. in the Cobra Cove at Harford Technical High School, 200 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air, MD. (Dates are tentative and subject to change. This information will be communicated by text and email.)

**To be considered for the Student Mental Health Council, students must:**

1. Achieve a 2.0 or better GPA during preceding semester.
2. Be engaged in school and/or community.
3. Be willing to be an advocate for fellow students.
4. Be recommended by a school staff member (can be HCPS or out-of-district).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Email \_\_\_\_\_

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I understand that if I am selected as a member of the Student Mental Health Council, I will be expected to:

1. Attend **all meetings** held throughout the school year, unless notification is given to the Mental Health Specialist and Student Board Member in advance.
2. Provide own transportation and cover any expenses associated with travel to the meeting destinations.
3. Maintain an overall GPA of 2.0 or better.
4. Conform to the standards of behavior and performance as determined by the district, school, and Mental Health Specialist.
5. Represent your school as an active and vocal member of the Student Mental Health Council so as to reflect favorably on the school, district, and community.
6. Avoid disciplinary action that may result in probation, suspension, or expulsion in or from school.
7. Maintain an enthusiastic and cooperative attitude towards other Council members as well as to your duties within the council.

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Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

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Date

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Principal's Signature

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Date

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Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Answers to each question should be a minimum of 100 words and a maximum of 300 words. Applications not meeting these guidelines will not be considered.

1. Why have you decided to seek a position on the Student Mental Health Council?
2. What would you say are mental health needs of your school or all public schools in Harford County?
3. What are you most proud of in your life as a student? Please share an experience of success or personal growth as a student.

The following must be included with your application:

- List of your school and community activities.
- Letter or statement of recommendation from a school staff member (can be non-HCPS).

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All applicants will be notified in writing if they are selected to be a member of the Student Mental Health Council. Members will be chosen by the Mental Health Specialist and Student Board Member using the information provided.

Please send applications by May 1st, 2019, to:

Ms. Christina Alton, Mental Health Specialist  
Office of Student Services  
Harford County Public Schools  
102 S. Hickory Avenue  
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

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