



After The Academics: Clubs & Organizations Guide

Carbondale Community High School





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Student Activities

Extra-curricular offerings have always been an integral part of Carbondale Community High School's culture. There are numerous opportunities for students to get involved beyond the classroom. Many of our clubs have a deep rooted history at CCHS which continue to develop and grow. Other clubs have been formed more recently to meet the needs and interests of today's students.

CCHS is fortunate that the community, administration, and Board of Education foster Student Activities. Our clubs and groups revolve around interscholastic competition, peer support, social service, political activism, issue awareness and social/emotional enrichment.

Behind each club and organization are dedicated faculty and staff members who want to provide our students with experiences outside of the day to day classroom setting. Students are given the opportunity to lead their peers and work together to complete fundraisers, programs, workshops, and meetings. Sponsors are there to guide the students throughout these activities and events. It is because of these dedicated adults that our programs are so successful.

Extra-curricular offerings and organizations are listed on the following pages with the names of the CCHS sponsors. Logistical information regarding each club and organization may be obtained from the sponsor, or at Activities Fair held on August 24th. All clubs on campus that are meeting for the school year will be represented at the event.

Check out the many clubs and organizations and find ones that interest you. If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by my office in J119/121 or send me an email at brandi.jones@cchs165.com. I am happy to help students get involved!

Clubs and Organizations

African American History Club

Founded: 2010

Sponsor: Mrs. Rasheeda Love

African American History Club researches to learn more about African American History. The club organizes the Black History Extravaganza in February and participates in community service events. They also take historical trips throughout the year.

Art Club

Founded: 1975

Sponsor: Mrs. Jen Kennedy

Art Club is open to all students who are interested in furthering their interests in making and learning about art. Some of the activities the club has participated in are mural painting, glass bead making, candle making, guest artist presentations, theatre set painting, and community projects. The club also has studio nights where students can come in and create during evening hours.

Chess Club

Founded: 1990

Sponsor: Mr. Jesse Krutsinger

Chess Club is a great way to meet others and challenge them to a game of strategy. The club meets after school once per week for students to play chess.

Color Guard

Founded: 1940

Coach: Ms. Madalyn Hughes

The Color Guard is comprised of students who work the Marching Terriers and are a part of their competition half time field show through dance, flag, and rifle routines. The group works over the summer and two nights per week during the fall practicing routines. The Color Guard also marches in parades with the Marching Terriers including the SIUC Homecoming Parade and the Lights Fantastic Parade. Members of the Color Guard that participate through the year receive an invitation to the music banquet along with a letter and certificate.

Creative Writing Club

Founded: 1970

Sponsor: Ms. Katie Godinez

The Creative Writing Club meets as an informal outlet for creative writers to make their voices heard. In the mid spring the club turns their attention to the CCHS literary magazine which includes the best poetry, fiction, and non-

fiction written by CCHS students from all grade levels. Members help judge and select entries and work in all aspects of the editing and production process. Open to all students, even those new to creative writing.

Cycling Club

Founded: 2022

Sponsor: Mr. Garrick Haywood

The Cycling Club teaches students how to maintain bicycles and promote cycling safety. The club organizes bike rides on local trails throughout the school year.

DIAL Yearbook

Founded: 1923

Adviser: Mrs. Brandi Jones

The DIAL Yearbook Staff is open to any and all students. Interested students are responsible for the production of the yearbook. It requires dedicated, hardworking, and responsible students who are interested in learning about journalism, design, and digital photography. Students participate in web based publishing, layout design, photography, writing, editing, and selling business ads. The staff meets twice per week (Thursdays) after school in room J119/J121.

Educators Rising

Founded: 2018

Sponsor: Mrs. Rasheeda Love

Educators Rising is open to all students interested in learning more about/pursuing a career in the education field. Club activities will be centered around the teaching field at all grade levels.

Emerging Open Innovation Leaders

Founded: 2022

Sponsor: Mr. Justin Merriman

Emerging OI Leaders is a club that aims to increase awareness about the new business model trend (open innovation) through education and collaborative activities. The club plans to develop a new curriculum about STEM and the arts that will later be used to teach students in global African communities.

Environmental Club

Founded: 1993

Sponsor: Mrs. Leslie Neitzer

Environmental Club is open to all interested students. Students do service projects such as assist with the school recycling program and community clean up days. The club goes on field trips relating to environmental topics, sponsor Earth Week activities, and host guest speakers. Help us make Earth Day every day!

Family Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

Founded: 1946

Sponsor: Mrs. Dana Lipe & Mrs. Rasheeda Love

FCCLA is open to any student who is enrolled in Family and Consumer Science classes (Foods, Parenting, Clothing and Textiles). Students participate not only in local fun activities but go on to Regional and State Rallies with other schools and enjoy a spring field trip to Lamberts.

FCA

Founded: 1968

Sponsor: Mr. Mike Dollins

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes have regular meetings every Thursday morning before school at Mary Lou's Restaurant. During the summer, the club attends Christian Camps to reinforce their faith. It is the goal of members to exhibit Christian values while competing in school sporting events, and to be a leader on and off the field of competition.

Film Club

Founded: 2015

Sponsor: Mr. Clint Mifflin

Film Club was created to give students who love film and making videos a regular meeting place. Through the club, students are able to practice producing films about topics of their choice. Members also work to understand the various aspects of film so they can produce impactful films. Membership is open to all students.

French Club

Founded: 1954

Sponsor: Ms. Aimee Ellis

The club is open to all French students and native students who are interested in the language and culture of French speaking countries. Activities depend on student interest and may include crafts, food, music, dance, skits, movies, ETC.

Freshmen Mentors

Founded: 2002

Sponsors: Mrs. Brandi Jones & Mr. Dallas Terry

Each year CCHS puts on an extensive Freshmen Orientation for the incoming Freshmen. Students interested in being a Freshmen Mentor must apply each spring. They are chosen by the CCHS faculty and represent the best of CCHS. Students organize presentations in small groups and lead tours around campus. All events for the orientation take place over the summer. Students must be available to attend Freshmen Orientation in early August and commit to working in Terrier Time classrooms one day per month to participate in Freshmen Mentors.

Future Business Leaders of America

Founded: 1963

Sponsor: Mrs. Christi McGee

FBLA-PBL inspires and prepares students to become community-minded business leaders in a global society through relevant career preparation and leadership experiences. The organization is the largest career student business organization in the world.

Future Farmers of America

Founded: 2012

Sponsor: Mrs. Michelle Buchheit

The FFA envisions a future in which all agricultural students will discover their passion in life and build on that insight to chart the course for their educations, career, and personal future. The club offers leadership training experiences and helps its members to develop their own unique talent and explore their interests in a variety of ways.

Gender & Sexuality Alliance

Founded: 2007

Sponsor: Mrs. Kasey Paris-Green

The GSA is a youth leadership organization that connects school-based GSAs to each other and community resources. Through peer support, leadership development, and training; GSA supports young people in the starting, strengthening, and sustaining GSAs and builds the capacity of GSAs to create and encourage safe school environments and promote tolerance.

German Club

Founded: 1970

Sponsor: Ms. Alexandria Bassett

All German students and native speakers who are interested in the language and culture of German speaking countries are encouraged to join. Activities depend on student interest and may include crafts, food, music, dance, skits, movies, ETC. They also participate in the Multicultural Festival in February.

Global Initiative Organization (GIO)

Founded: 2001

Sponsor: Mr. Justin Merriman

GIO is for all students interested in a global perspective on current issues. The organization aims to raise worldwide awareness. While studying various global issues in the world, the club creates plans of action to inform students and raise funds for charities. The club organizes a Mario Kart Tournament and sets up at the Multicultural Festival in February.

HOSA

Founded: 2022

Sponsors: Mrs. Melanie Nelson

HOSA is a club for students who are interested in the medical field. The club hopes to enhance the delivery of compassion, quality healthcare by providing opportunities for knowledge, skills, and leadership development for all healthcare education students.

Interact

Founded: 2015

Sponsor: Mrs. Melisa Lopez

Interact gives students the chance to make a difference while having fun. The club carries out service projects that help the community and promote international understanding. This is done through hands-on projects, making international connections, and developing leadership skills. Interact is sponsored by the local Rotary Club chapter.

International Club

Founded:

Sponsor: Mrs. Leann Gaydos

The International Club mentors international students, works as conversation partners to SIUC international students, and allows a safe and accepting place for students of all nationalities, race, religion, gender, and beliefs to express themselves. Membership is open to all students.

Japanese Club

Founded 2009

Sponsor: Ms. Katie Viecei

All Manga/Anime fans (otaku) and any students or native speakers of Japanese who are interested in the language, culture, or Manga/Anime are welcome to join. Activities will vary between Manga/Anime and learning/doing activities relating to the Japanese culture. These include crafts, movies, food, learning Japanese, music, and guest speakers.

JRMANNRS

Founded: 2021

Sponsors: Mrs. Michelle Buchheit

JRMANRRS is club that promotes academic and professional advancement by empowering minorities in agriculture, natural resources, and related sciences.

Key Club

Founded: 1972

Sponsors: Erin Sagaskie

Key Club is a service organization for high school students which operates under school regulations and draws its membership from the student body. The club meets twice per month in the cafeteria. It is unique in that it is sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club. Key Club's aim is the development of initiative, leadership ability, and good citizenship through community service projects. The club organizes the Mr. CCHS Pageant and much more. Membership is open to any student.

KPop Dance Team

Founded: 2017

Sponsors: Kaylin Wilson

The KPop Dance Team meets weekly to work on dance routines set to KPop music. The group performs at school events throughout the year including the Multicultural Festival, Terrier Talent Show, and band concerts.

Lifesavers

Founded: 1988

Sponsors: Mrs. Kyle Povolish, Mrs. Stacey Massie, & Mrs. Jessica Anderson

Lifesavers is a group of trained students who are interested in assisting their peers with a myriad of issues that teenagers encounter. Members are trained to listen to other students' problems and issues in a caring and helpful manner and to refer students with serious issues to responsible adult. During the initial training and at meetings, Lifesavers learn about listening skills, teen suicide, substance abuse, making responsible choices, and many other topics important to their peers. The club is open to all students.

Maker Club

Founded: 2021

Sponsors: Mr. Don Moberly

Maker Club is for anyone interested in learning about and making cool things! Members will have the opportunity to learn and work with different technologies and fabrication techniques to create projects that bridge STEM, art, and CTE. Maker Club members may also work on community service projects and attend local competitions.

Math Team

Sponsors: Mr. Kamen Rosado

The Math Team is open to all interested students. These students work and practice their math skills and participate in various academic competition at every math level. The teams compete at SIUC and other colleges in the state.

Model United Nations

Sponsor: Mrs. Dawn Bassett

Model UN is comprised of top students that are highly competitive and who enjoy research and history. Students research and prepare presentations for the Model UN conference. Selected students attend a four-day Model UN conference held at the University of Chicago in the winter. Tryouts are open to all students. The only requirement to join is that you must be enrolled in a social studies class.

Multicultural Festival

Founded: 1989

Sponsors: Mrs. Leann Gaydos & the CCHS International Committee

Each year the International Committee organizes the annual Multicultural Festival. This February event is open to the community groups as well as student clubs on campus. An open house style event allows visitors to experience food, displays and performances from over 35 countries from around the world.

Muslim Student Association (MSA)

Founded: 2022

Sponsor: Mr. CJ Buss

The MSA is a club that strives to help individuals explore other cultures and gain acceptance of their own.

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Poetry Slam Club

Founded: 2022

Sponsor: Mr. Erik Berrey

Poetry Slam Club is a group to introduce the art of poetry and perform poetry to those who find passion within words. The goals of the club include hosting a poetry slam contest and competing in poetry slam competitions.

Spring Play/Musical & Thespians

Founded: 1925

Sponsor: Ms. Cara Mannczynski, Mr. Justin Dennis, & Mrs. Katrina Wood

Every year the CCHS Fine Arts Department produces a spring play or musical (in an every other year pattern). Auditions are open to all students and take place in January. Past productions include; *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Hairspray*, *Grease*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *James & The Giant Peach*. These productions are a lot of fun and there are numerous opportunities to get involved on stage or behind the scenes.

National Honor Society

Founded:

Sponsor: Ms. Tracie Shackles

The National Honor Society is a group of students who are chosen based on teacher input in the following areas: Character, Leadership, Service, and Scholarship. Students nominate themselves (minimum 3.0 GPA is required) through a process whereby they provide information concerning their extracurricular activities. A committee of teachers and administrators meet to review the student's application and teacher evaluations to decide which students are chosen to receive this honor. An induction ceremony takes place each January.

Scholar Bowl

Founded: 1983

Sponsors: Mrs. Sharon Lorinskas & Mr. Clyde Hurley

The award winning Scholar Bowl Team consists of a JV and Varsity team. There are weekly practices and the group participates throughout the school year in meets across the tristate area. Students who think quickly and enjoy competition tend to do well on the team.

Science Club

Founded: 201

Sponsor: Mrs. Leslie Neitzer

Science Club meets to learn about different types of science. They participate in a variety of experiments, guest speakers, field trips, and the Multicultural Festival. The club is open to all students.

Scrapbook Club

Founded: 2008

Sponsor: Mrs. Cheryl Drue

Scrapbook Club provides students with a creative outlet to express themselves through unique arts and crafts projects at bi-monthly meetings. The club earns money by selling pizza at lunch and working concessions at school sporting events. Membership is open to all students.

Skills USA

Founded: 2009

Sponsors: Mr. Dallas Terry, Mrs. Melanie Nelson, & Mr. Don Moberley

Skills USA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry representatives, working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. The organization is an applied method of instruction for preparing America's high performance workers in careers and technical programs. It provides quality educational experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, and citizenship. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communication skills. The organization competes at the state and national level throughout the year.

Spanish Club

Sponsors: Mrs. Jane Redon & Mrs. Linaya Germann

All Spanish students and native speakers who are interested in the language and culture of Spanish speaking countries are encouraged to join. Activities depend on student interest and may include crafts, food, music, and films.

Speech Team

Founded: 1935

Sponsor: Ms. Alexandria Bassett

The speech season begins with practice in September and ends with the IHSA State Finals in February. This award winning team has produced several state finalists over the years. Speech Team members participate in public speaking and dramatic speaking events. They travel all over the state during the season to compete against other top schools. All students are welcome to try out for the team.

Stress & Relaxation Club

Founded: 2017

Sponsor: Ms. Dawn Taylor

The organization meets on a regular basis to provide students with an outlet to relive stress and to learn new ways to relax. It is the club's goal to teach and practice activities to aid students in managing stress. Techniques include mindfulness training, gentle yoga, adult coloring, and guided meditation.

Student Council

Founded: 1932

Sponsors: Mrs. Brandi Jones & Mr. Mike Butler

Student Council is considered the student government link between the wants and needs of students, faculty, and administration. It consists of class officers and students from each of the classes plus an executive board from within the council. Student Council is responsible for planning and organizing Homecoming, Spirit Weeks, the CCHS Blood Drive, and Teacher Appreciation Days. They also participate in district and state level conventions, Student Advisory Council as well as community service projects. Student Council is open to all students.

Table Tennis Club

Founded: 2016

Sponsor: Mrs. Susan Murphy

The Table Tennis Club meets once a week near the C Hallway to engage in friendly games of table tennis on three different tables. The organization raises fund throughout the year for supplies for the club.

Table Top Gaming Club

Founded: 2014

Sponsor: Mr. Josh Taylor

The Table Top Gaming Club provides students a place to meet and play various board games. Students meet in the cafeteria once a week to engage in friendly competition with one another.

Terriers LIVE!

Founded: 2014

Sponsor: Mr. Josh Taylor

Improv Comedy Club is an organization which seeks to utilize acting techniques and scene building to create comedic skits. While playing different games, the students learn to work together and think quickly on the spot. Many of the students find Improv Comedy Club a place they can open up and enjoy the company of fellow actors. Terriers LIVE is the acting troupe which performs at the Varsity Center of the Arts in downtown Carbondale.

Terrier Historical Society (History Club)

Founded: 1960

Sponsor: Mr. CJ Buss

The History Club seeks not only to showcase and preserve local and state history, but also to celebrate Carbondale's vast cultural diversity. Students work on projects for the history fair as well as other history related projects throughout the year.

Terrierettes Dance Team

Founded: 2011

Sponsor: Gillian Prepejchal

The Terrierettes is the competition dance team on campus. Open to all students, try outs are held in the spring for the next school year. The dance team performs at all home varsity basketball games and school pep sessions.

Women In Leadership

Founded: 2010

Sponsor: Mrs. Melinda Pierson

Open to all students interested in celebrating women in leadership. Monthly meeting include guest speakers and activities encouraging involvement of females in all types of leadership. The club organizes the Run Like a Girl 5K in the spring.

Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering (WYSE)

Sponsor: Mr. Mike Dollins

Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering allows students to compete in various academic areas in both Regional and State competitions. Open to all students.

Class Sponsors:

Freshmen: Mrs. Haley Karayiannis

Sophomore: Kaylin Wilson

Junior: Rasheeda Love & Michelle Lewis

Senior: Mrs. Brandi Jones & Mrs. Crystal Harsy

Extra-Curricular Information from the CCHS Handbook

Clubs, Organizations, and Activities

CCHS has a broad offering of clubs, organization, and activities. Obviously, we try to cover the needs and desires of our student body with such groups. A student who would like to form a new club can do so by enlisting the interest of other students, securing a faculty sponsor, and approval from the building principal.

Academic Requirements for Participation in Co-Curricular Activities

In order for a student to be eligible to participate in any school-sponsored or school supported athletic or co-curricular activity, he/she shall be passing at least twenty (20) credit hours of high school work per week. Twenty (21) credit hours is the equivalent of five—full credit classes. Unless they are entering high school for the first time, students shall have also passed and received credit toward graduation for twenty (21) credit hours of high school work for the entire previous semester to be eligible at all during the ensuing semester. All un-graded, school-sponsored or school supported co-curricular activities are subject to these requirements. In addition, students who are engaged in IHSA competition are also subject to these same requirements. These programs are listed below: Clubs, organizations and activities that compete in IHSA competition must fulfill the guidelines outlined in the IHSA student-extracurricular handbooks and sign the Terrier Creed.

Terrier Creed

I desire to become a member of the Carbondale Community High School Extra Curricular/Athletic Program(s). I am sincerely interested in contributing my best to the success of the program. I am privileged to be a part of the successful organization that will offer me an opportunity to become a better competitor; that will instill traits that will make me a better citizen. I hereby agree to conduct myself according to the regulations as outlined in the Student-Athlete Handbook. I understand that, if I do not live up to the agreement as outlined in the Handbook, I am willing to be removed from the program according to the procedures included.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONS OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR/ATHLETICS POLICIES

I herein agree to conduct myself according to the policies which I have read and understand. I realize that, in case I do not live up to the policies, I am willing to be removed from the program.

Dances

Informal dances are held throughout the year. Most dances end no later than 11:00 p.m. This gives parents an idea of the approximate time to pick up students or when to expect them home. Students should leave the building promptly at the conclusion of the dance. Formal dances include Homecoming in the fall and the Junior-Senior Prom in the spring. Attendance at dances is restricted to CCHS students only with the exception of Homecoming and Prom. Students must get prior approval in order to bring non-CCHS students to those events. Only juniors and seniors and their dates may attend prom. Students who qualify for the Homecoming, Prom, or any other school sponsored dance court must be in good standing.

Extra-Curricular

It is expected that all members of all extra-curricular activities be good citizens about school and in the community. While the opportunity for participation in extra-curricular activities is a vital part of the students' educational experiences, such participation is a privilege that carries with it responsibilities to the school, to the activity, to the community, and to the students themselves. Any violation of the rules in this handbook or in the CCHS Athletic/Student Activities Handbook by any student who is a participant in any IHSA sponsored extracurricular activity shall be subject to the logical consequences up to and including the denial of these privileges as noted in either handbook.

Intramural Activities

CCHS periodically sponsors informal athletic events and other activities. These are intended to provide an opportunity for students to participate in safe, supervised, casual competitions. Intramural activities allow students to learn the dynamics of teamwork, leadership, and cooperation in a non-threatening, health-conscious setting. All regular school rules are in effect during these events.

Fundraising

Any CCHS group wishing to do a fundraiser must fill out the appropriate forms and submit them at least two weeks in advance of the projected start date to the Student Activities Director. Forms may be obtained from the Student Activities Director. All fundraising projects must have the approval of the Student Activities Director.

Student Elected Positions

Any student who holds an elected position and who transfers from CCHS forfeits the right to that elected office, honor, or title. The position, and its attendance rights, duties, and responsibilities will be assumed by the next person in line or the runner up. **Students may only be an elected officer in 2 clubs or organizations at CCHS.**