

**HELEN KELLER SCHOOL
OF ALABAMA**

WHO DO YOU CALL?

Principal:

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256-761-3251

Academic Secretary:

Samantha Godbey
256-761-3273 or 289

Academic Director:

Robert McLendon
256-761-3809

Academic Director:

Delvetra Calvin
256-761-3272

Residential Director:

Chris Connell
256-761-3349

Dorm Supervisor 2nd Shift:

Debbie Stickley
256-761-3742

Dorm Supervisor 3rd Shift:

Lee Ann Vondracek
256-761-3722

Dorm/Transportation Secretary:

Marie Glover
256-761-3232

Financial Secretary:

Kellie Milam
256-761-3473

Behavior Specialist:

Wendi Glass and Melissa Moore
256-761-3603

HKS Transition Counselor:

Lori Mitchell
256-761-3636

Nursing Station:

256-761-3745 FAX: 256-761-3746

Recreation Specialist:

Christian Wright
256-761-3748

DORMITORY TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Alfa- Daniel: 256-761-3722
Elliott 1: 256-761-3600
Elliott 2: 256-761-3601
Elliott 3: 256-761-3602
Elliott 4: 256-761-3603
Horton Hall: 256-761-3606 (girls)
761- 3233 (boys)
Independent Living Apts.: 256-761-3666
Independent Living Center: 256-761-3348

AIDB Security: 256-761-3755

AIDB Health Center: 256-761-3220

AIDB Physical Therapist:

Melanie Haigood
256-761-3204

AIDB Occupational Therapist:

Elizabeth Jones and Vacant
256-761-3366

AIDB REGIONAL CENTERS:

Region 1: Muscle Shoals: 256-383-3503
Region 2: Huntsville: 256-539-7881
Region 3: Birmingham: 205-328-3989
Region 4: Talladega: 256-761-3370
Region 5: Tuscaloosa: 205-345-2883
Region 6: Auburn: 334-887-3880
Region 7: Montgomery: 334-273-9200
Region 8: Dothan: 334-677-6270
Region 9: Mobile: 251-432-7777

CLOSED WEEKENDS 2018-2019

Saturday-Tuesday, September 1-4, 2018
Saturday-Monday: September 29-October 1, 2018
Saturday-Monday: October 20-22, 2018
Leave for Thanksgiving Holidays:
Saturday, November 17, 2018
Return after Thanksgiving Holidays:
Sunday, November 25, 2018
Leave for Christmas Holidays:
Saturday, December 20, 2018
Return after Christmas Holidays:
Sunday, January 02, 2019
Saturday-Monday: January 19-21, 2019
Saturday-Tuesday, February 09-12, 2019
Leave for Spring Break:
Saturday, March 23, 2019

Return after Spring Break:

Monday, March 31, 2019
Saturday-Monday, April 20-22, 2019
Saturday-Monday, May 11-13, 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER

ICDI Program (Melanie Haigood)

(Wednesday ONLY)

Special Olympics (09/28/2018)

School Pictures (10/18/2018)

1st Progress Reporting Ends (10/12/2018)

School Picture Day (10/18/2018)

On Campus School Picnic (10/19/2018)

Area Special Olympics (TBD)

Fall Festival (10/31/2018)

State Volleyball Tournament (TBD)

Residential Christmas Shopping Trip (12/08/2018)

Christmas Program (12/14/2018)

2nd Progress Reporting Ends (01/04/2019)

SE Power lifting Tournament (TBD)

HKS Fashion Show (02/14/19)

Power Lifting Tournament (TBD)

Black History Program (02/28/19)

State Basketball Tournament (TBD)

Expeditions in Learning (TBD)

3rd Progress Reporting Ends (03/08/19)

Residential Talent Show (04/10/2019)

Senior Cookout (04/12/2019)

Athletic Banquet (04/18/2019)

HKS Easter Egg Hunt (04/18/2019)

HKS Prom (04/25/2019)

Walk-A-Thon (05/02/2019)

AL State Games (TBD)

Awards Program (05/10/2019)

4th Reporting Period Ends (05/17/2019)

HKS Graduation/Baccalaureate/

Commencement: (05/23/2019)

Last Day of School: (05/24/2019)

MY HEART'S AT HELEN KELLER

(The Helen Keller School Song)

When I came to Helen Keller,
I was blind, I could not see;
I was deaf, no one heard
Or tried to talk to me.

My teachers gave me love
And worked so patiently;
That when I let them in,
They became a part of me.

My heart's at Helen Keller,
It was there they set me free;
Yes, my heart's at Helen Keller,
Where I learned to be me.

I began to see the beauty
In the world surrounding me;
How the things that God has made
Seem to live in harmony.
And now I know the truth
Of what they did for me.
My Helen Keller home
Gave me hope and dignity.

Oh, my heart's at Helen Keller,
It was there they set me free;
Yes, my heart's at Helen Keller,
Where I learned to be me.

Written by Diane McGarity
1985

Helen Keller School of Alabama

Our Vision

To be the premier academic and residential school enabling individuals with sensory impairments and multiple disabilities to reach their maximum potential in a comprehensive learning and living environment.

Our Mission

To provide a functional-based instruction to sensory-impaired students with multiple disabilities and/or deaf-blindness using an individual approach to living and work skill development. This approach emphasizes strong linkages with families through cooperative educational planning, case management, and transition services.

Our Beliefs

- ◆ We believe all students, regardless of disabilities, can learn.
- ◆ We believe that supplemental and related services are essential for student achievement.
- ◆ We believe that student learning increases when students, families, staff, and communities share the responsibilities for providing a safe environment.
- ◆ We believe that student achievement increases when appropriate assistive and adaptive technologies are made available.



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