CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Clinton High School staff and administration are very proud of our school which offers not only an excellent academic curriculum, but also a fine, well-rounded, co-curricular program. The following are clubs, activities and interscholastic athletics in which CHS students are encouraged to participate. Unless otherwise stated in the activity description, membership is open to ALL full-time students. All activities and athletics require that students sign the Good Conduct Code Agreement. Copies are available from sponsors, coaches, or Athletic/Activities Director. The CHS Parent/Student Guidebook has a detailed explanation of the code and eligibility requirements. For information about coaches and advisors contact the Activities Office.

ACADEMIC QUIZ BOWL TEAM This “fun game of knowledge” is designed for those students who possess keen mental agility, who can quickly recall facts/ events, and who enjoy academic challenge. The competition provides an informative and entertaining learning experience for students and promotes public exposure for superior scholastic abilities. Practices will begin in October. Our major competition will be against other Clinton/Jackson county schools in an all-day contest at Clinton Community College in November/December.

ART CLUB The Art Club is open to all students interested in the visual arts, whether they are enrolled in an art class or not. The purpose of the club is to promote the visual arts, to explore a variety of media techniques through workshops, to bring in artists as guest speakers, and to do fund raising activities to support planned activities and field trips. Membership will require attendance at a majority of meetings, continued participation in fundraising, and good conduct within the visual arts program.

AUDIO VISUAL CLUB – description not available

CHS AMBASSADORS The goal of CHS Ambassadors is to facilitate the transition of new/foreign exchange students to Clinton High School. An Ambassador will introduce the new student to the building, staff and other students, escort the new student to their classes the first full day, eat lunch with the new student at least twice during the first week, and encourage the new student to get involved in life at CHS.

CHEERLEADING Cheerleading is open to all CHS students, male and female who: have a signed permission form prior to tryouts, complete a successful try-out, and are academically eligible. Eligibility is determined each trimester and maintained by passing a minimum of four academic classes and having a current physical on file. Cheerleading instills many values: unity, team spirit, teamwork, leadership, poise, and goal setting. Well-trained cheerleaders have a tremendous influence on school spirit and sportsmanship. College scholarships can be earned through participation.

*Tryouts for Varsity, Sophomore, and Freshman Fall and Winter sports are held in early April the year prior to the athletic season.
*Some expenses involved with cheerleading include: shoes, poms, camp, camp clothes and trips. Fund raising is available.
*Cheerleaders practice 6-10 hours per week and cheer at games 3-7 hours per week.
*All cheer teams are involved in elementary student instruction at kid camps held in the Fall.

CHS TRAP CLUB The trap club is a club open to everyone that has the desire to shoot trap. Trap shooting is an organized shooting activity where a person shoots thrown clay birds from several stations and is scored. Many high schools have trap team and there is a spring season to compete in. The hope is to compete in these events and then go to state shoots. Planned activities are practices, competitions, meetings and fund raising.

CLASS ORGANIZATIONS...Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors elect officers to guide their respective classes in various fund raising efforts, social responsibilities, and class business activities, as well as representing their respective classes on Student Council. Any student may run for class office by following the established guidelines.

Senior Class - Typical annual activities include: Senior Class Homecoming float, graduation activities: select class design for graduation announcements, select graduation speaker, and class gift.
Junior Class - Typical annual activities include: designing Homecoming T-Shirt, Homecoming Float Decorating, Junior Variety Show, and Prom. Fundraising includes: Homecoming T-Shirt Sales and Pride Week T-Shirt Sales

Sophomore Class - Typical annual activities include: Sophomore Class Homecoming float, design and distribution of class shirts, and fundraising for prom and graduation (Bring your own Banana Sundaes).

Freshman Class - Advisor: Typical annual activities include: Freshman Class Homecoming float, design and sale of Pride Week T-shirts, fundraising, service projects.

DUNGEONS & DRAGGONS – description not available

ENVIRONMENTAL HEROES – description not available

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE CLUB Students will participate in monthly meetings that involve leadership activities as well as activities in community services, and fun, hands-on food projects. The club’s goal is to expose students of all genders to the Family Consumer Science area as well as career opportunities in related fields. Members must attend 60% of meetings and activities to attend any field trips that are scheduled. Come join a club where there is guaranteed fun for all.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES (FCA)

FUTURE BUSINESS LEADERS OF AMERICA (FBLA) This group is open to any CHS student. Students will learn about becoming a professional in the world today. FBLA members promote leadership and responsibility. Students will compete in a competition where one can qualify for a national competition. We will also host an event and complete a community service project. We will have community businessmen and women come in to speak to us about business related topics. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays before school.

HISTORY CLUB Open to any CHS student who has a sincere and passionate enjoyment of history. Members must be in good academic standing to attend bi-monthly meetings. Join us on adventures and investigative inquiry through film, guest speakers, research discussion groups, living history experiences, community service and club sponsored trips to historic sites. Members must participate in a minimum of 2 club activities and have regular attendance.

INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS Participation in interscholastic athletics is an option for all students at every grade level. To participate, a student must have passed all classes the previous three trimesters. All incoming freshmen are immediately eligible. Students receive no credit or grade for participation. Fall sports usually practice two weeks before the opening of school. Competitions are both afternoon and evenings with an occasional weekend tournament. In sports with only two team divisions, all grade levels may participate. Eighth graders can try out for summer sports upon completion of middle school.

**Athletic Activities By Season**

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INTERACT CLUB – description not available

INTERNATIONAL CLUB – description not available

JAZZ BAND Jazz band is an integral part of our music program. A serious effort is made to promote the growth and performance of jazz and related styles of music. There is one jazz band available at CHS this year with any extra interested students being placed in Jazz Combos.

LEO’S CLUB – description not available

LETTERMAN’S CLUB Letterman’s Club is open to any male or female athlete who has earned a major varsity letter, maintains a grade point average above 3.0, and has no good conduct violation. Letterman’s Club performs school and community service projects, takes trips relating to athletics, listens to guest speakers about leadership and responsibility, and gathers for discussion relating school and athletics.

LITERATURE CLUB – description not available

MEN’S DOUBLE QUARTET The Men’s Double Quartet is a select ensemble of 8 voices open to choral music students who are members of the A’Cappella Choir. An audition, which is held in May, is required. The ensemble performs a wide variety of choral literature including, but not limited to, madrigals, folk/ethnic songs, vocal jazz, and contemporary pop music. The ensemble will perform at a wide variety of community events as well as at State Solo & Small Ensemble Contest and department concerts. This group and Women’s Triple Trio will rehearse during Early Bird Period as “Chamber Choir” daily during first trimester from 7:00-7:35 a.m. Participants will receive .5 credit.

MODEL U.N. – description not available

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY National Honor Society membership is based upon the ideals of Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service. All juniors and seniors who have been enrolled at Clinton High School for at least one trimester may be considered for membership if they have maintained a 3.50 GPA and are rated by teachers as possessing strengths in all four characteristics. New members are chosen by a faculty committee considering those that best exemplify the ideals of the NHS based on academic record, student reported participation, and teacher ratings of Leadership and Character. Those qualifying for induction are notified by mail and formally accepted at the induction ceremony held in Vernon C. Cook Little Theatre. NHS members help conduct the induction ceremonies. Parents, relatives, and friends are invited to attend.

PUBLICATIONS Publications is offered throughout the year to students (9-12). All students need prior approval from appropriate publications advisors. Students should be available after school and some evenings and should have earned a B average in language arts courses. Exceptions must be approved by the appropriate advisor. Students plan and produce the high school yearbook or newspaper. Students will be involved in photography, copywriting, editing, design, and layout. They will have the opportunity to learn the use of cameras, word processing, news gathering, advertising, research, desktop publishing, interviewing, and factual presentation in journalistic style. Publications students will be expected to demonstrate: basic language skills, an understanding of the rights and responsibilities of journalists, the ability to accept responsibility and meet deadlines, a willingness to share the goals of the group, and to work with others. The Clintonian is published monthly and the Yearbook is published annually.

ROBOTICS – description not available
RSVP...RAISING STUDENT VOICE & PARTICIPATION RSVP is a student lead group that inspires to make a positive change at CHS. Through the use of student lead summits students discover what the student body feels are the greatest challenges at Clinton High School. From there another summit is held to brainstorm solutions to the top 3 challenges at CHS. Throughout the process the RSVP student leadership team meets with administration to communicate with them student views. The hope is that change can happen at CHS based on the results from RSVP.

SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB – description not available

SPEAK UP! SPEAK UP is a group that brings gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgender and straight people together to learn from each other and to create an affirming community within the school through support, education, and advocacy. The group meets every other week.

SPEECH (IHSSA) AND DEBATE TEAM This group is a highly competitive member of the Iowa High School Speech Association (IHSSA). Any CHS student may join and compete in a variety of events. There are three competitive seasons, the debate season in the late fall and winter, the Large Group Speech season, which begins with try-outs in November and rehearsals beginning shortly after (competition begins in January and continues through March depending on performance ratings), and the Individual events season, which begins with rehearsal in late January with competition starting after Large Group All-State the last weekend of February. All competitions are held on Saturdays. The Speech and Debate season ends with the I.E. All-State Speech Festival in April.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS – description not available

STUDENTS AGAINST DESTRUCTIVE DECISIONS (SADD) This group is open to any CHS student. Students encourage peers to be role models by the appropriate decisions that they make. SADD members abstain from drugs and alcohol by using creative awareness activities to inform students about drug and alcohol use and possible alternatives to their use. SADD members provide leadership for remaining drug free through their own positive behaviors and activities based on safe fellowship. It is hoped that students will make more positive personal choices and decisions with the leadership provided by this group. The focus is remaining chemical free and making appropriate decisions. Students visit elementary and middle schools to perform and serve as a DARE role model, or discuss life at CHS. Other activities include hosting a blood drive, red ribbon week activities, operation prom night and accident re-enactment near prom (alternating years). Meetings are held on Wednesday mornings on non-early out days and Wednesday afternoons of early dismissal days.

STUDENT ATHLETIC TRAINER CLUB – description not available

STUDENT COUNCIL Membership of Student Council consists of four student body officers, four class officers, four representatives from the junior and senior classes and three representatives from the freshmen and sophomore classes. The elections for Student Council are held in the spring of every year. Any CHS student with a 2.5 GPA is eligible to run. Student Council meets once per week plus special meetings when working on special activities: Homecoming activities, Little Kids Christmas Party, fund raising and community service projects, Pride Week activities and many more. All Student Council Meetings are open to any student to attend and participate. Good conduct, leadership qualities, dedication, willingness to work, attendance at all meetings, and devotion of free time are all requirements for a Student Council member. Student Council strives for school spirit and student involvement in activities. Violation of Conduct Code may be cause for removal.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB – description not available

THESPIANS/DRAMA CLUB All students are welcome to be part of Clinton High School’s Drama Club and theatre
program. Participation in CHS theatrical productions is not limited to Drama Club members, but club participation is strongly encouraged. The Thespian organization is the dramatics Honor Society at CHS; there are specific criteria for induction into the Thespian Society, and membership is conditional upon approval of the club advisor. CHS is a member of the International Thespian Society. We are I.T.S. Troupe #452, and we promote theatre by sponsoring Drama Club theatre trips, leading the club’s public service and fund-raising work, and setting an example for others to follow during the theatrical season. We hold an annual Thespian induction and awards ceremony to honor drama club members for excellence and participation in the past year’s theatrical season.

**WOMEN’S TRIPLE TRIO** The Women’s Triple Trio is a select ensemble of 9 voices open to choral music students who are members of the A’Cappella Choir. An audition, which is held in May, is required. The ensemble performs a wide variety of choral literature including, but not limited to, madrigals, folk/ethnic songs, vocal jazz, and contemporary pop music. The ensemble will perform at a wide variety of community events as well as at State Solo & Small Ensemble Contest and department concerts. This group and Men’s Double Quartet will rehearse during Early Bird Period as “Chamber Choir” daily during first trimester from 7:00-7:35 a.m. Participants will receive .5 credit.