

Getting Ready for Next Year

Let's pick classes for
2017-2018

Graduation Requirements

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of Mathematics
- 4 credits of Science
- 3 credits of Social Studies
- 2 credits of Other Language



plus...

Graduation Requirements

- 1 credit of PE
- 1 credit of Fine Arts
(Art, Theatre Arts, Tech Theater, Dance, Choir, Orchestra, Band, Piano, Guitar)
- 7 credits of Electives



Endorsements

- Students must complete 1 endorsement to graduate.
- Arts and Humanities
- Business and Industry
- Public Service
- STEM
- Multidisciplinary

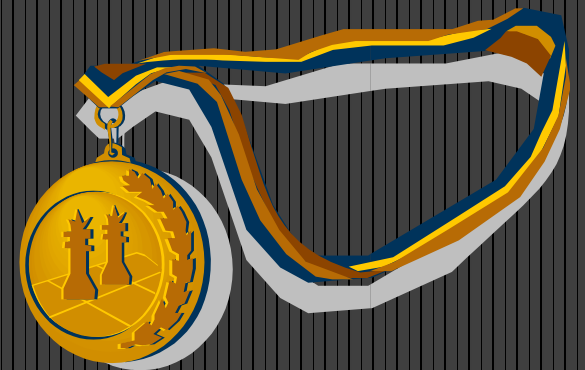
EOC/STAAR Exams

- 5 tests are required to graduate.
- English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology , and US History
- Spring Test Dates
 - March 28 – English I
 - March 30 – English II
 - May 1 – Algebra I
 - May 2 – Biology
 - May 3 – US History

Will you qualify for academic recognition?

You may want to work toward these academic recognitions:

- Honor grad (3.5 GPA)
- Garland 21st Century Scholar



GPA and Class Rank

- GPA is based on semester averages
- Rank compares your GPA with other classmates' GPA
- To raise your GPA /rank, take the highest level class you can pass and make the best grades you can.
- We only update GPA's and rank at the end of each semester.

Top 10%

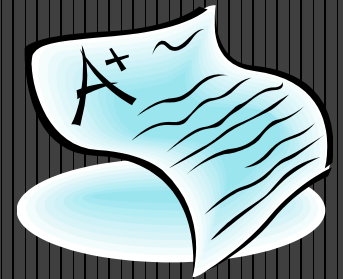
- A student who graduates in the top 10% of their class are eligible for automatic admission to a Texas public college or university.
- The University of Texas at Austin currently accepts the top 7%.

Dual Credit

- Juniors and Seniors are eligible to take Dual Credit classes.
- These classes count for both high school and college credit.
- Pick up a packet of information in the counselors' office and complete the application before the deadline. (Packets will be available late February/early March)
- Take and pass the TSI test or prove exemption.

Other Dual Credit Notes

- Dual credit English, US History, Government, Precal. and Psych. will receive the same grade points as AP.
- All other dual credit classes receive grade points between AP and regular classes.
- Passing a dual credit class gives you automatic college credit.



AP Testing - Registration

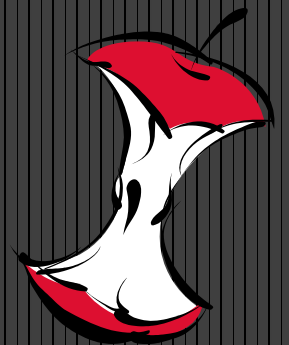
- Students will be expected to register online through Total Registration.
- Registration will start in late January
- The district may pay for certain AP exams if students meet eligibility requirements.
- More information will be available soon.

AP Test-Saturday Study Sessions

- Sessions will be held from 8:30 am–12:30 pm
- Bus transportation will be provided from GHS
- 12/3 English at Naaman
- 12/10 Math at North Garland
- 1/28 Science at Sachse
- 2/18 Math at North Garland
- 2/25 English at Naaman
- 3/4 Science at Sachse
- 4/1 Math at North Garland
- 4/8 Science at Sachse
- 4/29 English at Naaman

Important Note About Core Subjects

- Students who fail a core subject (English, math, science, social studies) should complete cycle recovery, credit recovery, or summer school if possible.
- Failed core subjects will be rescheduled for next school year.



Spring Free

- An opportunity for students to take original credit and correspondence courses this spring for free.
- Registration – Feb. 20th -24th
- Spring Free Dates –
 - Feb. 27th – April 12th

Summer School

- Where: TBD
- Register: Maymester – April 2017
Summer School – June 2017
- When: Saturdays in May and June 2017
- How much: \$125 - \$150
- More details to follow

Summer Courses

- Courses that have been taken and failed will be offered as credit recovery.
- EOC prep courses will be offered.
- Tentative courses offered for original credit:



English 4 (3 year grads)

Government

Economics

Health

Path to Success (SAT prep)

Personal Fitness

Spanish 1 & 2

French 1 & 2

Speech

Destination 2017

- Dates: June 2017 (exact dates to be determined)
- Registration – In May 2017
- Morning session 8-11 am and afternoon session 12-3 pm. Will be held at all 3 summer school locations.
- Current Juniors only
- Students will complete an interest inventory, a college essay, a resume, and the Apply Texas application. Students will receive information on colleges, scholarships, and financial aid.

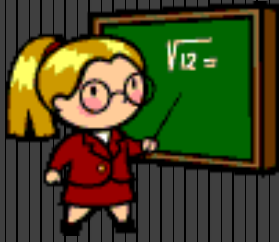
Electives

- All students must have electives to graduate and must complete 1 endorsement.
- Consider taking electives related to your career interests.
- Available electives are listed on the back of your choice sheet.
- Elective choices are not guaranteed



New Career and Tech Center Opens August 2017

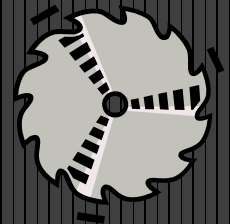
- The new career and tech center will open next school year for 11th and 12th grade students.
- Lots of new courses will be available at the center
- Some of our current advanced courses will move over to the center and no longer be offered at GHS
- All courses at the new center will require an application
- We will have more information in January/February



2 Credit Labs



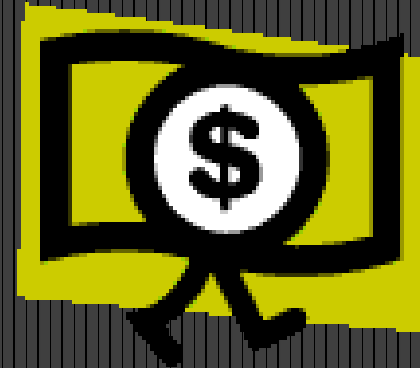
- Future Teacher Internship
- Clinical Rotation
- Small Engine Technology
- Culinary Arts
- Hospitality
- Advanced Metal Manufacturing
- Cabinet Making



Application required for these courses

Career Prep Programs

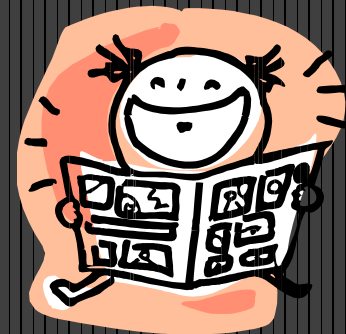
- Human Services
- Business Management
- Marketing Dynamics



Application required for these courses

Yearbook and Newspaper

- Pick up an application from Mr. Forester in Room 206.
- Choose yearbook or newspaper as an alternate.
- Note which elective you want to drop if you are chosen for a staff.



Cheerleading, Varsity Drill Team, Celebration/Chamber Singers

- Try outs are required for these activities.
- List these as alternates on your choice sheet if you wish to participate.
- Indicate which elective you want to drop if you are selected for one of these activities.

Athletics, Choir, Band, and Orchestra

- If you are a current member, sign up for the same group you are in this year.
- If you are not currently involved in one of these, you will need the coach or director to approve your choice.



Rules for Senior Release

- No more than 3 excused absences during SPRING semester (No Unexcused)
- No discipline record
- Passing all SPRING classes
- Passed all EOCs
- On track to graduate
- Applications will be available in May 2017

How to Research Your Courses

- Read the course description in the online course guide.
- Go to Garland High School's website. Click on "Counseling". Click on "General Information" to find a link to the course guide.
- Talk to the teacher of the course
- Ask students who are taking or have taken the course

The Next Step

- List your course selections on the preregistration form and be sure to include alternate courses.
- Be aware of the credits that you already have and the credits that you still need for graduation.
- Remember, if you fail an EOC, your elective choices **WILL BE CHANGED** to remediation courses.
- Sign your name and get your parent's or guardian's signature.
- You will receive a list of course selections in May.

Individual Conference

- Bring your form with you when you meet with your counselor to finalize your course choices for next year.
- Your counselor will call you down between November 14th and December 9th.

Schedule Changes for Next School Year

- Please consider your electives and alternate courses carefully. We will not change elective courses at the start of next school year.
- Students who select an IB/IntH or AP/pre-AP/Honors course will **not be able to level down until after the 1st cycle is complete.**
- Schedule changes will ONLY occur if:
 - The counselor made a mistake
 - You are in a course you already have credit for
 - You are missing a course needed for graduation
 - You do not have a complete schedule with 8 classes
 - You need a remediation course for EOC testing

Summer Assignments

You are responsible for knowing if a class you register for has a summer assignment.

Types of Colleges

- Community College
- 2 year school
- Earn a certificate and/or an Associate's degree
- Students can complete basic courses and transfer to 4 year university
- Affordable
- Smaller campus
- College/University
- 4 year school
- Earn a Bachelor's degree
- More expensive than a community college
- Vary in size and location

Choosing Your College

Academic Factors

- Degrees available
- Student to faculty ratio
- Drop out and graduation rates
- Intern/Research opportunities

Non-Academic Factors

- Location
- Campus layout and amenities
- Campus life



Campus visits

- If possible, visit the campuses of colleges you would like to attend.
- Many colleges have weekends set aside for prospective students.
- Summertime can be a great time to visit.
- Students can miss school days for college visits. They must bring something back from the college for it to be excused. Check with the attendance office for more info.

College Application Process

- 1. Complete Application.
- 2. Send ACT/SAT scores (only for 4 year schools).
- 3. Send transcript. (will have class rank from the end of junior year)
- 4. Complete Essay if required.
- 5. Send School Report/Letters of Recommendation if required.

SAT/ACT



- Register online:
 - SAT – www.collegeboard.com
 - ACT – www.actstudent.org
- Use GHS school code 442731.
- Fee waivers are available to students on free/reduced lunch.



College Admission Tests

ACT

- English, Math, Reading, Science, and Writing
- Each section 1-36 averaged together for composite score
- No penalties for wrong answers

SAT

- Verbal, Math, and Writing
- Each section 200-800 added together for composite score
- No penalties for wrong answers

Most colleges will accept either test.

SAT Subject Tests

- May be required by some private and ivy league schools.
- Subject tests are in addition to the SAT and/or ACT test.
- Student may choose what subjects to test in.
- Engineering majors may be required to take the math subject test.
- Check the college's website for requirements.

School Based SAT for Juniors

The district is paying for every junior to take the SAT test on **March 1st** during the school day.

Transcripts

- Order through Naviance.
- If it can be sent electronically then there is no charge.
- If it has to be mailed or you request a hard copy then it will cost \$1 a copy.
- Student must have a signed release form on file before transcripts can be sent.
- Please allow 24 hours notice.

Student Involvement

Extra-Curricular Activities

- Students are encouraged to find at least one organization / club on campus to join.
- Leadership roles look good on college applications.
- Students can get involved outside of school too. Ex. Boy Scouts, church, sports, etc.

Community Service

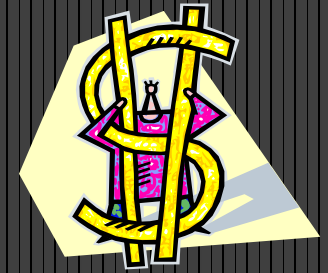
- Students are encouraged to find ways to volunteer in the community.
- Students can volunteer at local schools, youth sporting events, hospitals, churches, and non-profit organizations.



Scholarships

- Available through the colleges. Check their financial aid website for more info.
- Available through online scholarship searches.
- Available in Naviance.

Financial Aid



- Fill out the FAFSA after October 1, 2017 (next year)
 - www.fafsa.ed.gov
 - You may apply for your FSA ID earlier. Student and parent will each need to have a FSA ID.
- Types of aid available
 - Grants, loans, and work study
- Contact the financial aid office of the college you plan to attend for more information.

NCAA Clearinghouse

- Students who want to be eligible for athletic scholarships must register with the NCAA Clearinghouse.
- www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Students will need to send two transcripts.
- Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch and use an ACT/SAT waiver may contact Mrs. Singleton for a NCAA fee waiver.
- Students should contact their coaches for more information on NCAA eligibility guidelines.

Next Steps for Students

Standardized Testing

- Prepare for and register for ACT/SAT tests.
- Register for AP tests as appropriate.

In School

- Stay focused on academics.
- Do not lighten your load for Jr./Sr. year.
- Stay involved in school activities.

College Exploration

- Explore colleges on the internet.
- Visit colleges if you can.
- Attend college fairs.

Naviance

- Login = first part of your school email
- Password = NPIN

- Students can use Naviance to search colleges, scholarships, order transcripts, build a resume, and complete career and strength assessments.

Naviance

- Go to GHS Website
- Click on “Counseling” – top menu bar
- Click on “Naviance” – left hand side
- Click on word Naviance found in the paragraph

Counseling Office

972-494-8492



- Christi Auten A - Ca
- Lisa Singleton Ce - Fl
- Susie Moon Fo - H
- Page Padgett I – Mc
- Donnette Globe Me - Pl
- Robin Riley Po - Sl
- Angela Sharp Sm-Z
- Lisa Whatley
 LIGHT counselor
- Susan Bennett
- Registrar (transcripts)
- Maria Garcia
 Secretary/Scholarships
- Terri Baskett
 Aide
- Suzy Doss
- Data clerk