

Welcome Parents Of Rising Freshmen Class Of 2023!



Becoming a Grizzly: The Uncharted Territory



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IS THERE REALLY A DIFFERENCE?

High School Atmosphere versus Middle School Atmosphere

- Time Management

 - Choosing when to go to your locker

 - Increasing workload

- Organization

 - Keeping bookbag, notebooks, and binders clean

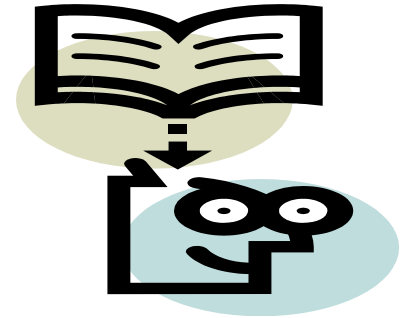
 - Writing down and keeping track of assignments' and their due dates.

- Study Skills

 - Reading and keeping up with the material in class (faster paced courses)

- Turning in assignments

 - Completing assignments on time and turning them in on the due date.



Increase in Independence



- Choosing The Diploma Path With Your Student
- Standard Versus Advanced
- 22 Versus 26 Credits
- They Will Need To Put Forth The Effort And Work To Maintain Their Grades
- Myth: Freshman Year Grades Don't Matter
- Reality: ALL Grades Are A Part Of A Student's GPA

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SOL REQUIREMENTS FOR RISING 9th GRADERS

	Standard Diploma	Advanced Studies Diploma
English	2	2
Math	1	1
Science	1	1
History	1	1
Total	5	5

ADVANCED VS. STANDARD DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

Subject	Standard Diploma	Advanced Studies Diploma
English	4 credits - 2 SOL's	4 credits - 2 SOL's
Math	3 credits - 1 SOL	4 credits - 1 SOL
Science	3 credits - 1 SOL	4 credits - 1 SOL
History	3 credits - 1 SOL *** Testing Requirements	4 credits - 1 SOL ** Testing Requirements
PE	2 credits - CPR training required	2 credits - CPR training required
Foreign Language	0 credits	3 credits or 2 and 2
Econ/Personal Finance	1 (online experience)	1 (online experience)
Fine Art, CTE, F. Lang	2	1 fine art or CTE credit
Sequential Elective	2	2 - Foreign Language can't count
	Honors or AP course must be taken and passed OR student passes an Industry Certification test	Honors or AP course must be taken and passed OR student passes an Industry Certification test
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BLOCK SCHEDULE

❑ 4x4 Block Schedule = 2 Semesters Per School Year

- 1st Semester September-January
2nd Semester February-June

❑ 4 Classes a Semester ; 8 Classes A Year

- Four 90 minute classes each day so teachers utilize a variety of teaching techniques.

(Note: Music Students Have An A/B Day)



REPORT CARDS

□ Report Cards Every 4 ½ Weeks!

- Each Grade Of The 4 Marking Periods And The Final Exam Are Calculated

Into The Final Grade.

**MP01+ MP02 + MP03 + MP04 + Final Exam =
Final Class Grade**



SCHEDULING PROCESS



- Late February– GHS mails course request letters home
- March 11 – deadline for parents to make course request changes by returning the course request letters with changes noted to GHS
- Students with IEPs – no changes can be made without a change to the IEP first.

CHOOSING CLASSES

- ❑ Most 9th graders will pick the same types of classes
- ❑ 8 is the magic number



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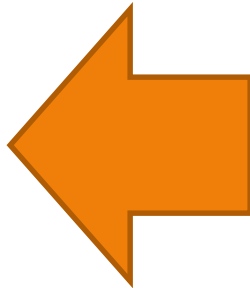


- ▶ For the most part, everyone will take:
 - ▶ English 9
 - ▶ World History 1
 - ▶ Earth Science
 - ▶ PE/Health I
 - ▶ Math

CHOOSING MATH

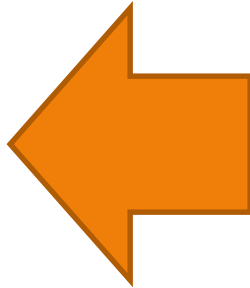
Math

Algebra 1, Part A
Algebra I, Part B
Geometry, Part 1
Geometry, Part 2



***We recommend parts for students that find math challenging.**

Algebra 1
Geometry
Honors Geometry
AFDA
Algebra 2



***Straight math classes are traditionally for advanced math students. (Designed for students who make A's and B's in math).**

SELECTING COURSES FOR YOUR STUDENT

Core vs. Honors Level

What's The Difference?

- Honors= More Homework, Classwork, Higher Level Questions
- Grades Are Weighted

How Do You Decide?

- Teacher Recommendations
- Grades (A's and B's)
- Parent And Student Choice



SELECTING COURSES FOR YOUR STUDENT

Everyone Takes:

- ❑ PE/Health I in 9th grade and PE/Health II in 10th grade.
- ❑ Elective Courses

Going For an Advanced Diploma

There is Foreign Language Requirement

- ❑ 3 levels of 1 language
Example: German 1, 2, and 3
- ❑ 2 levels of 2 languages
Example: Latin 1 and Latin 2 THEN Spanish 1 and Spanish 2.

DO GRADES MATTER?



➤ Grades Matter For....

- Athletics And Clubs
- In Order To Participate In Athletics And Some Clubs You Need A 2.0 GPA C Average Or Higher.
- Colleges And Employer
- They Use A GPA To Predict Future Success



YOUR STUDENT'S TRANSCRIPT

❑ What goes on a transcript?

- Final Grades Only (Each report card does not go on the transcript, only the final grade for the course.)
- Course Title (Honors, AP, & DE courses are specified on the transcript)
- Verified Credits (When the student passes the course and the SOL)
- Class Rank
- GPA

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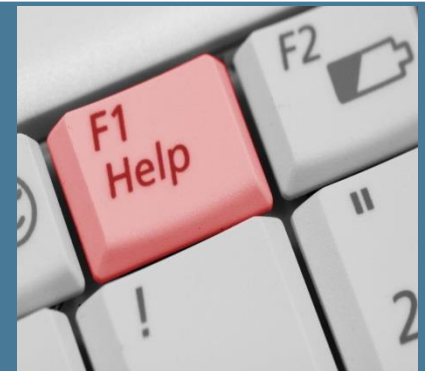


AVAILABLE RESOURCES



- Study Hall
 - 3 Afternoons A Week: Tues, Wed, Thurs (Only 45 Minutes!)
 - Transportation Provided
- SOL Study Session
 - Scheduled Before The End Of The Semester
- Extended Day Program
- Teachers- Communication is key!
- StudentVUE/ParentVUE

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PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS

Students have to earn certain requirements each year to promote to their next grade level!

- ❑ From 9th grade to 10th grade

 - 1 credit must be English 9

 - 1 credit must be verified

 - (Meaning they must pass an SOL and the corresponding course)

- ❑ 9th grade SOLs

 - Science, Math, and History

- ❑ All Grades Are Important From Day One!

- ❑ All Grades Matter And Go Into Calculating A Students GPA!

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Send a note with your students to give to homeroom teacher within 4 days of return; otherwise absence is considered Unexcused.
- A student must be in their class for more than an hour to be counted as present.
- A student may not miss more than 9 days a semester, **Excused or Unexcused**; Otherwise they will have to retake the class due to not meeting the mandatory seat time.
- A student is responsible for requesting make-up work upon their return.
- Extended day is offered to students to make up seat time after-school.
- Extenuating circumstances applications are available if there is a legitimate documented circumstance that results in the student missing 10 or more days.

Attendance Matters



EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

- The Extended Day Program has been established to help students who could fail their respective courses due to absences.
- A student may redeem a maximum of four (4) days per course during a semester.
- One extended day session equals one class block.
- Students may “bank” days in the extended day program – they do not need to wait until their attendance is a problem before attending the sessions.
- The extended day session will be held from 3:45 p.m. until 5:15 p.m., only on the days listed. You must provide your own transportation.
- Students who have excessive absences for legitimate reasons and have not made up enough time through extended day, may pick up an extenuating circumstances packet from the attendance clerk at the end of the semester.

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GRASSFIELD ATHLETICS

Fall Sports:

Cheerleading
Cross Country
Field Hockey
Football
Golf
Volleyball

FALL, WINTER & SPRING SPORTS

Winter Sports:

Girls JV/Varsity Basketball
Boys JV/Varsity Basketball
Gymnastics
Indoor Track
Swimming/Diving
Wrestling JV/Varsity

Spring Sports:

Baseball JV/Varsity
Softball JV/Varsity
Girls Soccer JV/Varsity
Boys Soccer JV/Varsity
Outdoor Track and Field
Tennis

CLUBS AT GRASSFIELD

Anchor Club

Art Club

Black Engineers Club

Chess Club

Class Office

Debate

DECA

Dolphin Duos

Drama/Theater Company

Educators Rising

EnerG Dance Team

Environmental Club

FBLA

FCCLA

Forensics

Grizzly Gamers

Gay Straight Alliance

Interact Club

Key Club

Lacrosse Club

Literary Magazine

Model United Nations

Step Team- G Steppers

Student Physics and

Engineering Club

TSA

Tri-Hi-Y

Vex

World Language Club

Ping Pong Club

TIPS/STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

- ❑ Have Your Student Make A Habit Of Checking StudentVue Everyday!
- ❑ Staying Organized; Use A Planner; Use Different Colored Highlighters
- Use Time Management Skills
- ❑ Develop An After School Schedule And Stick To It!
- ❑ Even If There Is No Homework; Study Every Day After-school!
- ❑ Attend Study Hall
- ❑ Parents Check Your ParentVue Frequently
- ❑ Check GFHS Website For Dates, News, And Read Synergy Blasts.

**TEAM
SUCCESS**



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LEAVING YOU WITH SOME GRIZZLY INFO...

Attend Freshman Fusion and Grizzly Gear-Up In The Summer

- Get A Tailored Tour Of The School
- Get Specific Information About The School
- Meet Other Freshmen From Other Schools
- Check The GFHS Website For The Upcoming Date In August

Counselors For 9th And 10th Grade

- A-G Ms. Thompson
- H-O Mrs. Macklin
- P-Z Mrs. Davis

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Any Questions?