

Christopher High



STUDENT HANDBOOK

2022-2023

“Expecting All Students to Use Their Hearts and Minds Well”

850 Day Road Gilroy, CA 95020

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School Administration:

Principal:	Jeremy Dirks
Assistant Principal:	Julie Berggren Bruce
Assistant Principal:	Kay Guenther

Student Services Faculty:

Activities Director:	Gretchen Yoder-Schrock
Athletic Director:	Ryan Dequin
Academic Coordinator:	Marah Kuwada
Academic Coordinator:	Donya Maiorino
Academic Coordinator:	Rosie Cid-Castro
Academic Coordinator:	Petra Garibay

School Staff:

School Office Coordinator:	Kimberly Lemus
Attendance Secretary:	Melissa Vernon
Attendance Secretary:	Monica Smith
Attendance Liaison:	Regina Mendez
ASB Accounting Clerk:	Cora Carbonel
ASB/Community Service:	Sylvia Valdez
Student Services Secretary:	Delfina Rojas
Registrar:	Anai Pineda
Reception/School Secretary:	Monica Duarte
Discipline Secretary:	Valaree Casteneda
Health Clerk:	Ida Sanchez
Nurse:	Shelia Stewart

Graduation Requirements

Complete and Pass 220 semester credits in the specific subject requirements listed for grades 9-12 below. Each semester class is worth 5 credits. Students are enrolled in 30 credits of coursework each semester.

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English (Eng 1, 2, 3, 4)	40	Physical Science	10 (Chem or Physics)
World History (10th)	10	Life Science	10 (Biology)
US History (11th)	10	Science Elective	10 (Chem or Physics)
Government (12th)	5	Mathematics (Math 1,2,3)	30
Economics (12th)	5	Physical Education	20 (until pass Fitness Gram)
Fine Arts	10	World Language	20
Career Tech Education	5	Electives	35
		Total 220 credits	

Community Service Requirement: Completion of your Community Service hours is due by **May 1st** of your senior year. Your community service coordinator is Ms. Yoder-Schrock and your community service liaison is Sylvia Valdez. For more information, district guidelines, official timesheets, and contacts for service opportunities, visit the Community Service page <http://chs.gilroyunified.org>

Senior Deadlines for Community Service (events and dates may change):

- 30 hours due before October 1- for Homecoming
- 40 hours due before January 7 - for Winter Ball
- 50 hours due before March 4 - for Sadie Hawkins Dance
- 55 hours due before April 1- for Prom Tickets or May 1 for Graduation

College Preparation: UC & CSU A-G Subject Area Requirements: The A-G subject area requirements are high school courses **required** by the University of California and California State Universities to be **minimally** eligible for admission. **All courses must be passed with a grade of “C” or higher.** Graduation from high school or a minimum age of 18 is the only requirement for admission to a **Community College**. Applications for Gavilan Community College are available online. If students are interested in enrolling in Gavilan for classes while still in High School, see the Academic Coordinator in the Student Services Office.

Course & Teacher Change Request Policies

We do our best to place students in the courses that they initially request at their scheduling appointment, however, CHS may make changes to a student’s schedule based on previous grades, courses needed to graduate and course availability. No elective courses chosen are ever guaranteed. The deadline to request a course change for the 2022-2023 school year has passed. A Course change will only be considered in the following situations:

1. To meet graduation requirements.
2. Scheduling error (ie. two 3rd period classes, two of the same class, missing a core course)
3. Students wishing to move into AP/Honors courses (Must be requested within the first two weeks of the school year, pending space in other classrooms and impact on overall schedule and must provide honors/AP agreement.) **** Note that there will not be moves out of AP/honors classes once the deadline for course changes has passed in the spring.**

Teacher Change Requests: As a rule, we do not consider or allow teacher change requests. If a student has an issue with a teacher the following steps are required:

1. Parents schedule a meeting with the teacher and student to address concerns and come up with interventions or steps to resolve the issue.
2. If, after time has been given to allow interventions to work, and concerns continue, parents can schedule a conference with teacher, student and AC to facilitate an action plan.
3. If, after allowing time to implement the action plan, concerns continue to exist- parents may request a meeting with the principal and the teacher to address concerns and consider the request for a change of teacher. *Please note that a change in teacher may require a change in the student’s class schedule and may result in several period/teacher changes. The principal will review the request and make the final decision.*

ASB Office Mrs. Yoder-Schrock is your Activities Director, Mrs. Carbonel and Mrs. Valdez can help you with all ASB purchases: Tickets, Cougar Gear, Yearbooks, ASB Cards, Senior Parking Spaces, etc. The Accounting Office is closed on Mondays. ASB office is open Monday - Friday 7:30am-3:30pm

ASB Cards ASB Cards are \$50.00 and are available in the ASB Office. This card serves as student ID, and provides valuable discounts in excess of \$100.00 at various school sporting events, dances and other activities. All students who are participating in athletics, ASB, Leadership, Clubs, or any performance group representing CHS must purchase an ASB Card. Replacement cards are issued at a cost of \$5.00 and are available in the ASB Office.

Athletics play a tremendous part in the lives of many students, but as important as athletics are, Christopher High emphasizes that our athletes are **Student-Athletes** and our coaching staff places a high priority on academic success. **All athletes must meet and maintain eligibility (both academic and behavioral) standards to participate in athletics at Christopher High.**

Student Activities and Athletic Eligibility Requirements:

- Students entering Christopher High School as freshmen in the fall are automatically eligible to participate in athletics for the first grading period of the year.
 - **Eligibility Periods and Deadlines**
 - 1st Quarter Ends Oct. 14, 2022 - Grades due Oct. 19 - Eligibility begins/ends Oct. 24, 2022
 - 2nd Quarter Ends Dec. 16, 2022 - Grades due Jan. 4, 2023 - Eligibility begins/ends Jan. 9, 2023
 - 3rd Quarter Ends March 17, 2023 - Grades due March 22 - Eligibility begins/ends March 27, 2023
 - 4th Quarter Ends June 9, 2023 - Grades due June 14 - Eligibility begins/ends Aug. 1, 2023
- Students must maintain a Non-Weighted GPA of 2.0 on a 4 point scale, with no grade of "F", "No Mark", "Incomplete", or no more than one "I" Citizenship grades during a grading period to participate in athletics, activities, performances, or any other school event.
- No more than 5 credits per class will be counted.
- Students new to GUSD will be held to CIF and CCS eligibility standards.
- Eligibility will be determined using quarter grades, not progress reports or online grades.
- Summer school grades procured through a GUSD summer school program will be counted in students' 4th Quarter GPA.
- Eligibility to participate in practices, rehearsals for activities, teams, or performance groups will be evaluated by CHS administration to determine status of participation due to a suspension violation.
- Student-athletes must be present at school the day of a contest and attend class for 2/3 of the day (2 out of the 3 classes on block days, 4 out of 6 classes on traditional schedule days). Students who are excused must bring a valid doctor's note to attendance before being approved to play.
- All students wishing to participate in athletics must have a valid impact test on file (taken every 2 years with the athletic trainer) and have all ASB paperwork and emergency forms submitted and approved prior to any sport participation (including tryouts).

Ineligibility Due to Discipline: Any student participating in athletics, ASB, performing arts, clubs, and any other campus organization must meet all behavioral expectations. Any student who is suspended 3 or more days, or that accumulates 3 or more days of suspension is ineligible during a six week period and may NOT participate in any games, scrimmages or ceremonies/performances. Students MAY participate in tryouts, practices, meetings, events, or any other activities associated with any team, club, performance group, or organization they may be a part of to fulfill a graded assignment or after evaluation by CHS administration to determine whether participation is appropriate.

Athletic or Activity Eligibility Waiver Policy & Procedure: In accordance with GUSD Board of Education Policy 6145, ineligible students may be granted a probationary period of no more than one quarter in their GUSD High School career. A panel composed of site administration, the athletic director and a teacher will review individual cases and grant probation to only those students faced with an extreme hardship or extraordinary circumstances. Students considered must possess a 2.0 GPA with only one F. Students granted probationary eligibility must meet the required standards by the end of the probationary period in order to remain eligible for participation. The purpose of the appeal is to determine whether the student may participate in any formal performances, events, or games associated with their sport, club, or organization. **No Waivers for Citizenship Grades.**

Athletic Contests: Admission is charged at athletic events. Prices vary according to sport and season. Once students have entered a home athletic contest for which an admission fee has been paid, they may not leave and enter again without paying an additional entrance fee. All school rules and expectations apply at athletic contests, and violations of school policies may result in removal from the event and applicable school discipline.

CHS Off-Campus Pass: Passes to leave campus during the school day for appointments must be picked up by students in the Attendance Office before school, during brunch or lunch. Students need to bring a note regarding the appointment and will be issued a passport to leave campus. Students must return the passport when they return to school. If there is an emergency and a parent needs to pick up a student, parents should go to the Attendance Office. Students who call or text home to parents must go to the Attendance Office or nurse to properly check out of school. Students will **ONLY** be released from school using parent permission in the form of a parent picking up their child, a fax of an official ID of parent, or a screenshot/photo of an ID, and phone verification of sent screenshot/photo or fax. A phone call will not be enough to release a student to go home.

Closed Campus: Christopher High School is a closed campus. Students are not permitted to go to their cars during the school day or leave campus at any time during the school day without checking out with the CHS attendance office and the appropriate CHS off-campus pass. Students must have specific permission from the attendance office or school administration to leave campus at any time.

Clubs and Organizations: Christopher High offers a wide variety of clubs and organizations for students. CHS has a strong commitment to a well-rounded high school experience and believes that involvement in co-curricular and extracurricular activities provide a great opportunity for students to learn valuable skills in leadership, organization and communication. Clubs and organizations are open to all students. New clubs may be created based upon student interest. To start a new club, see Ms. Yoder-Schrock for a Club Charter application, in the ASB Office. Meetings are generally held during lunch.

Dances: Attendance at any dance is contingent on meeting all eligibility standards.(see Student Activity and Athletic Eligibility Requirements.) Students with ASB Cards purchasing tickets will receive substantial discounts. School dances are generally held from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., with the exception of Prom. CHS students may invite guests to the dances, provided they meet all eligibility requirements and submit a Guest Pass Application. **Guest passes applications** are available in the ASB Office. Guests must be concurrently enrolled in a high school. Students must bring a CHS photo I.D. to be admitted to any Christopher High Dance. Dance Contracts must be signed and adhered to. Breaking the agreement of the Dance Contract may result in loss of future dance privileges. Offensive or sexually explicit dancing is not allowed. No one will be admitted to a school dance after 45 minutes from the time the dance begins and no student will be allowed to leave early without explicit parent permission verified by the administration.

Dance Dress Code: The regular CHS Dress Code applies for all dances except formal dances. Dance attire for formal and semi-formal dances (Homecoming, Winter Formal and Prom). is as follows: Formal or semi-formal dance attire is expected. Shirts/tops must be worn at all times; undershirts only are not allowed. Jeans are not allowed. Students violating the dress code will not be allowed into the dance or asked to leave if attire has been altered later.

Food and Drinks: For student safety reasons and to control disruptions of school operations and the learning environment, the District cannot allow outside food delivery, including professional delivery and food brought from home, to students during school hours. The increasing number of attempted deliveries is disruptive to both the school operations and the learning environment. The State legislature has directed school districts through Education Code Section 32212 to control interruptions during school hours. District Board Policies 1250 and 6116 require school staff to ensure that disruptions to school operations and classrooms are kept to a minimum. In keeping with these directives, the District has determined that food delivery causes a major disruption to the campus as it takes school staff away from essential duties.

Please know that we will refuse delivery of any food items delivered to campus. Gilroy Unified School District will not be held responsible for any costs associated with the ordering of food in violation of Board policy. This applies to any food brought from off campus including food brought from home. Accepting such deliveries not only disrupts campus operation, but also would require us to keep all items in facilities required by health code. These facilities are not available in our offices and storing food improperly poses a health risk to students. The District asks for your cooperation in not ordering food to be delivered or bringing food to your child. Students are allowed to bring their lunch from home or purchase food from the cafeteria.

Passes / Student Planner: To leave class during instructional time, students must have their teacher sign their Student Planner passes. Planners need to be brought to school every day. Students without school regulated passes will be sent back to class and/or assigned work detail.

Payments: The ASB Office accepts the following for purchase of items or payments of fees: cash, personal checks, money orders, and cashier's checks. Visa or Mastercard is accepted with a small convenience fee. Bookroom accepts cash only for payments of fines and fees. No personal checks are accepted in the bookroom at any time. Books that are returned after a fine is paid are subject to a \$10.00 restocking fee.

Restrooms: Restrooms are closed the first and last 20 minutes of class. If there is a real emergency, a campus supervisor will be called to escort the student to the restroom or the nurse's office.

Student ID Cards: Student ID cards are issued to all students and must be carried with the student at all times. In order to receive an ID card, students must be photographed during class schedule pick-up or on picture make-up day. Students missing the picture days should see Mrs. Valdez in the ASB Office to arrange for an ID card photo. The special ASB card serves as a Student ID. Any student enrolled prior to picture days who is not photographed must pay the cost of a replacement card. Replacement cards are issued at a cost of \$5.00 and are available in the ASB office.

Student Parking Lot: Student drivers must obtain and display a current Cougar Parking Permit and park in their designated CHS student parking lot. Only Seniors are allowed to park in the back lot adjacent to Day Rd. Vehicles must display a SENIOR permit to park in the back lot. If you do not have the acceptable permit, you will receive one warning. After receiving one warning, your car will be towed upon the next violation. All other student drivers must park in the front lot. Do not park in the horseshoe lot directly at the front of the school or the staff lot outside of the Black Box/A building. Only staff with a special permit can park in the staff lots. Any violators will be warned once and then towed upon the next violation. Applications for permits are available in the ASB Office. Proof of insurance and a valid driver's license must be presented at time of application. Students parking in designated staff spots or emergency parking areas will be ticketed and or towed. Reckless driving in the parking lot, at any time, will result in loss of parking privileges and possible citation by Gilroy Police Department. The student parking lot is off limits during school hours and cars are subject to search at any time.

School and District Policies

Academic Honesty Policy: In Gilroy Unified School District students, parents/guardians, staff and administrators shall be responsible for creating and maintaining a positive school climate that encourages honesty. Students found to have committed an act of academic dishonesty shall be subject to district and school-site discipline rules. Academic dishonesty offenses will accumulate over the students' high school career. Board Policy states that academic honesty and personal integrity are fundamental components of a student's education and character development. The Board expects that students will not cheat, lie, plagiarize or commit other acts of academic dishonesty. (cf. [5131](#) - Conduct) (cf. [6162.6](#) - Use of Copyrighted Materials).

- **1st Offense:** The teacher will counsel the student and enter a zero/no credit for the work in question. The teacher will contact the parent by phone or in person to discuss the matter. The offense will be recorded in the student's discipline file.
- **2nd Offense:** The teacher will counsel the student and enter a zero/no credit for the work in question. Referral to Administration. A Parent and student meeting must be held with an Administrator. Saturday School will be issued.
- **3rd Offense:** The teacher will counsel the student and enter a zero/no credit for the work in question. Referral to Administration. A Parent and student meeting must be held with an Administrator. The student will be issued a suspension from class (1-day).
- **4th Offense:** The teacher will counsel the student and enter a zero/no credit for the work in question. Referral to Administration. A parent and student meeting must be held with an Administrator. The student will be issued a Suspension (1-day). The student will be ineligible for all non-graded activities, athletics, and organization events for a period of six weeks.

Animals: Animals are not allowed on campus unless authorized by CHS personnel for educational purposes or compliance to ADA requirements.

Attendance Regulations: Verification of student absences is accepted only from parents or guardians, either by note, telephone, fax or as determined by the school administration. No student, unless legally emancipated, including those 18 years old or older, may verify his/her own absences. **Parents must call school each day of a student's absence and any absences must be cleared within 5 days of the absence.** The principal/ and or designee may require a note from a physician or health professional, if a child is absent more than three consecutive days. **If a child is absent more than 10% of the school days**, from the date of enrollment to the current day, it is considered excessive, even if the child is ill. A note from a health professional may be required for each additional absence beyond the 10% limit. Lack of compliance could result in Truancy proceedings. All absences from school must be cleared upon a student's return to school. Absences can be cleared by calling the Attendance Office, or turning a note into the Attendance Office. Excessive absences not cleared within 5 days will be subject to Saturday School or On-campus suspension.

Truancy/Unexcused Absences--Discipline will be applied to all students who cut class or are legally truant on any school day. The California Education Code and the Welfare and Institutions Code provide that legal action may be taken against a student and or parent when a student is declared a Habitual Truant (has 15 or more **period** absences – three full days).

Excusable Absences: The State does not fund districts for absent students, even if the absences are excused. For a list of Excusable absences see the CHS website - chs.gilroyunified.org/parent-information

Inexcusable Absences:

1. Family trips for pleasure or recreational reasons.
2. An absence without an excusable reason, even if initiated by a parent/guardian or parent representative.
3. **An absence, which has not been verified (cleared) within 5 school days.**
4. An absence for which advance approval was required.
5. An absence caused by temporary custody in the Gilroy Police Department Sweep Program.
6. A non-excused tardiness of more than 30 minutes to a classroom or locker room.
7. Any tardy to Saturday School or other school truancy abatement program.
8. An absence requiring verification from a physician, school nurse or other qualified school personnel, which was not verified as required.

Short Term Independent Study: While students are highly discouraged from missing school for reasons other than illness, family emergencies sometimes necessitate an extended absence. Students must contract to do work during the period of the absence. Pre-Informed Independent Study Contracts must meet strict California State guidelines in order to result in excused absences.

- Short Term Independent Study (IS) needs to be a minimum of 5 days and a maximum of 10 days.
- Written requests must be made at least two weeks in advance.
- Contracts will not be approved if: The student has received notices of truancy, student has 2 or more F grades, or the student has failed to complete prior contracts.

Tardies: Students are expected to be inside the classroom when the tardy bell rings.

Level 1: 1st through 4th Tardy = Warning/Parent Contact by teacher/attendance office

Level 2: 5th Tardy = "N" for Needs Improvement in Citizenship in the class where student has been tardy

Level 3: 6th through 10th Tardy = Detention

Level 4: 11th through 20th = Brunch/Lunch Detention / Work Detail

Level 5: More than 20 tardies to any single class will result in On Campus Suspension

Behavior Code: Good citizenship, respect for one another, and adherence to school rules are fundamental to student achievement. Gilroy Unified School District has a Behavior Code with consequences such as detention, work detail, Saturday school, suspension, or transfer to alternative educational plan, referral to Student Assistance Program, expulsion and arrest. The Behavior Code is in effect on the way to school, at school, on the way home from school and at all Gilroy Unified School District Activities. The administration reserves the right to determine consequences based on the seriousness of a particular infraction and/or the previous discipline record of the student. The school may choose any or all of the listed discipline, depending on the particular facts of each incident. Students may also be involuntarily transferred to alternative educational programs for violation of school rules. Parent contact is required for all student suspensions. Any kind of damage to school facilities or property by student(s) shall result in parents or legal guardians paying restitution to replace or repair caused damage.

Gilroy Police Department will be contacted whenever a penal code violation occurs on a school campus. All students are subject to arrest and/or being cited for any penal code violation.

Personal Electronic Device Policy: Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) are brought to school at the students' own risk, lost or stolen electronics are not the responsibility of Christopher High School. Theft will NOT be investigated by school administration. If students choose to bring electronics and/or cell phones to school, they must abide by the following rules:

- PEDS must be turned off and out of sight during class time unless otherwise directed by the teacher for instructional purposes.
 - PEDS may be used during passing periods, brunch, and lunch only if hearing is not restricted.
- Portable speakers are not allowed at any time on campus and will be confiscated if played at any time during the day, including lunch and brunch.**

Violations of PED Policy

Level 1: 1st Offense--Item may be picked up afterschool from the Discipline Office

Level 2: 2nd Offense--Item may be picked up afterschool from the Discipline Office-lunch time detention assigned

Level 3: 3rd Offense-Parent/Guardian must pick up the item from the Assistant Principal's Office (upon availability of the Assistant Principal) After school work detail assigned.

Level 4: 4th Offense-Parent/Guardian must pick up the item from the Assistant Principal's Office (upon availability of the Assistant Principal) Parent/Student sign PED contract

Confiscation of Prohibited Items: All prohibited items will be confiscated. Some confiscated items are returned to the student at the end of the day while others may be returned to a parent or guardian or not at all. Items that are illegal are handed over to the Gilroy Police Department. Confiscated items, which may be returned, should be claimed at the Discipline Office. All unclaimed confiscated items will be discarded after twenty (20) school days. Unclaimed items confiscated during the last twenty days of school must be claimed by June 10, or they will be discarded.

The GUSD Dress Code: At CHS, students are prohibited from wearing any articles of clothing that contain profanity, references to drugs, alcohol, or sexual connotations, or identified gang clothing. The basic requirements are:

- The “core” of the student must be covered at all times. From the mid-thigh to a top that has straps.
- Undergarments must be hidden at all times. State law requires appropriate footwear.
- Hats or hoodies are not allowed in the classroom.
- Plain white or black hats (without any logo), plain white or black beanies, or Christopher HS hats may be worn outside.
- Dress code applies to school uniforms and spirit wear that is worn on campus.
- Apparel that incites violence, promotes drugs or alcohol or promotes violence towards others is prohibited.
- No Athletic Jerseys other than CHS team jerseys may be worn on campus.

Dress Code Violations:

Level 1: 1st violation = Warning/change clothes or wear school issued shirt or pants

Level 2: 2nd violation = Work detail, Parent contact, change clothes or wear school issued shirt or pants

Level 3: 3rd violation = Detention, Parent Contact, and change clothes/ wear school issued shirt or pants

Level 4: 4th violation = Suspension and no participation in school activities for 6 weeks from violation

Classroom Citizenship Grade & Guidelines: Students will receive a citizenship grade every quarter from each of their classes. Student’s citizenship grades depend on their behavior, tardies and unexcused absences in the classroom. Teachers will discuss and give copies of their classroom rules and regulations to students at the start of the school term. Copies will be on file with the School Administration. Teachers are required to issue a preliminary citizenship progress report before giving a “Needs Improvement” citizenship grade. This report may be delivered by email or phone message. **Any combination of five tardies and/or invalid absences in a quarter will result in a “Needs Improvement” citizenship grade for the quarter. A student who receives two or more “Needs Improvement” citizenship grades in one quarter will lose activity privileges (see below) for the following quarter.**

Loss of Privileges

A student’s loss of privilege begins on the date **of the start of the suspension or grading period** and includes restriction from participation in extra-curricular activities unless evaluated and approved for participation by CHS administration. Activities include but are not limited to, the following:

1. After-school recreational or interscholastic athletic teams.
2. School Clubs.
3. Student Government.
4. Public performances of music, dance, drama and speech, etc.
5. Field trips that remove a student from regularly scheduled classes, except where the field trip is determined to be an integral part of the curriculum.
6. Cheerleading, song leading, spirit leading.
7. School dances.
8. Other extra-curricular activities as determined by the school, such as the Graduation Ceremony.

Student behaviors that could result in more serious discipline and consequences can be found on the GUSD website or through ED Code 48900.

Respect for all (Anti-Harassment Policy):

Christopher High School is committed to a safe and civil educational environment for all students, employees, volunteers and patrons, free from harassment, intimidation or bullying. “Harassment, intimidation or bullying” means any intentional cyber, written, verbal, or physical act, when the intentional cyber, written, verbal, or physical act:

- Physically harms a student or damages the student’s property; or
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student’s education; or is severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment;
- Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.
- Threats through electronic means (Cell phones, web sites, emails, etc)

Harassment, intimidation or bullying can take many forms including: slurs, rumors, jokes, innuendo’s, demeaning comments, drawing cartoons, pranks, gestures, physical attacks, threats, or other written, oral or physical actions.

“Intentional acts” refer to the individual’s choice to engage in the act rather than the ultimate impact of the action(s).

This policy is not intended to prohibit expression of religious, philosophical, or political views, provided that the expression does not substantially disrupt the education environment. Many behaviors that do not rise to the level of harassment, intimidation, or bullying may still be prohibited by other district policies, classroom, or program rules.

Counseling, corrective discipline, and/or referral to law enforcement will be used to change the behavior of the perpetrator and remediate the impact on the victim. This includes appropriate intervention(s), restoration of a positive climate, and support for victims and others impacted by the violation. False reports or retaliation for harassment, intimidation or bullying also constitutes violations of this policy. Harassment can be reported anonymously through the STOP IT app. Using code SAFEGILROYCHS.

Search and Seizure

School officials may search an individual student and his/her property, without parental permission, when there is reasonable suspicion that a student is violating the law or rules of the district or the school. Parents will be notified if their child is searched during the school day by the Discipline Secretary.

Skateboarding, wheelies, bicycling, scooters, or any other mode of riding is prohibited on campus. Students should abide by all safety laws, which includes wearing a helmet.

Telecommunications In order to access and use the internet on campus, all students must sign and adhere to the GUSD acceptable use policy. Technology use by students must be for academic purposes. Students who access or use technology and internet resources inappropriately including but not limited to cyber-bullying,, explicit material, pornography, non-educational websites, gaming websites, and other uses determined by the principal to be detrimental to the learning environment are subject to consequences and loss of privileges to all technology resources for the remainder of the year.

Unauthorized Groups: Students who participate in activities and/or congregate as a group, whose actions are deemed to: disrupt school activities or defy the authority of school officials; threaten or intimidate the general welfare or safety of other students or staff; or be targeted towards other identified or perceived groups will be subject to disciplinary actions including but not limited to: being placed on a color/behavior contract, suspension, and/or being prohibited from associating in an unauthorized group.

Valedictorian Selection Criteria: The top five GPAs of the senior class (as of the 3rd quarter report) who have completed a minimum of 120 credits at the school of attendance will be eligible for class Valedictorian.

Qualification:

- Regular courses will be calculated on a traditional (4) point scale
- AP course will be calculated on a weighted (5) point scale
- Complete all GUSD graduation requirements
- Have completed a minimum of 120 credits at the school of attendance
- Complete all courses to qualify for admission to a University of California (A-G Requirements)
- Your school attendance must be free from excessive unexcused absences or tardies.
- You possess a disciplinary record that is free from major transgressions including those involving academic dishonesty

Application:

1. Complete a typed application
2. In 500 words or less explain the importance of this honor and reason why you should be considered
3. Resume documenting leadership accomplishments, school involvement

Selection Process:

- Agree to allow the complete academic, attendance and disciplinary records reviewed by section committee
- School attendance must be free from excessive unexcused absences or tardies
- Possess a disciplinary record that is free from major transgressions including those involving academic dishonesty.
- Paper screening of all aspects of application and related documents.
- Deliver speech to the selection committee.
- The candidate with the highest cumulative score will be the Valedictorian.

Selection Panel:

Panel consisted of the principal and one other administrator, academic coordinators, activities director, and a minimum of two teachers from different subject areas. All panel selections are made by the principal.

This honor may be revoked should the person selected fall below the aforementioned qualification criteria, through action or omission, prior to the graduation ceremony.

Work Permits: Board policy states a work permit will be granted to students that demonstrate and maintain a 2.0 GPA and satisfactory school attendance/discipline. Work permits are secured in the front office.