

# 2020-2021 Profile

## George Whittell High School



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George Whittell High School (GWHS) is a small 7-12 secondary school nestled in the forest of Lake Tahoe in Zephyr Cove, Nevada. The school is one of four high schools in Douglas County School District. At GWHS, we pride ourselves as being a Nevada High Achieving School. Students range from high to low socio-economic backgrounds, creating a diverse climate of learners. As of count day, GWHS had an enrollment of 110 students, 35 enrolled in middle school and 75 enrolled in high school. The two major ethnic populations that make up the school are Whites (67 %) and Hispanic/Latinos (24%), with the remainder being Asian & other at (9%). The Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) population is at 24%. GWHS is a geographically and demographically unique school. It is a commuter school following a nontraditional, four-day school week schedule. Due to the small population, students are able to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities; Leadership, Key Club, National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society, Academic Team, Science Team, and community service. Over 70% of the student body has been involved in at least one Junior Varsity or Varsity athletic team, winning over 19 championships over the last 10 years. Likewise, GWHS is proud to be the home of multiple students being awarded All-State Academic/Athletic distinctions. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, George Whittell High School also became a 1:1 technology school, where every student has an electronic device of their own, and all classroom teachers have an interactive board containing Wi-Fi connectivity for student and teacher devices.

### Curriculum

The academic program is organized on a straight six period schedule. Three credits per semester is the maximum course load. Students attend all six classes daily.

GWHS offered eight Advanced Placement (AP) courses: English Language and Composition, English Literature, Calculus, Environmental Science, American Government, US History, Computer Science Principles and Computer Science A during the 2019/2020 academic year.

### Mission Statement

We will empower students to become lifelong learners.

### Vision

We envision a community that inspires innovation and excellence.

AP Biology is currently being taught in lieu of AP Environmental Science as they alternate years.

Honors classes are offered in English I & II, Precalculus/Trigonometry.

### Class of 2021 Grading and Ranking

Letter Equivalent	Unweighted Grade	Weighted Grade	% Grade
A- Excellent	4	4.025-4.05	90 - 100
B- Good	3	3.025-3.05	80 - 89
C- Average	2	2.025-2.05	70 - 79
D- Needs Improvement	1	1.25-1.05	60 - 69
F- Failure	0	0	0 - 59

Honors Courses receive an added value of .025 per course and AP Courses receive an added value of .05 per course.

### Rank

Due to our small student population, class rank is not computed or estimated at GWHS.

### Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation

GPA is computed using the above quality points. Beginning with grade nine, all subjects, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation. A minimum of 23 credits is required for graduation. AP and Honors classes are given an added value of .05 or .025 per course. Grades are recorded on the transcript and GPA is computed in January and June.

### Class of 2020

There were 22 graduates in the Class of 2020.

- 8 earned 4.0+
- 4 earned 3.5-3.99
- 7 earned 3.0-3.49
- 3 earned 2.50-2.99
- 0 earned 2.0-2.49
- 0 earned less than a 2.0

### Snapshot: Class of 2021

There are 22 students in the Class of 2021.

- 10 earned 4.0+
- 2 earned 3.5-3.99
- 4 earned 3.0-3.49
- 5 earned 2.50-2.99
- 1 earned 2.0-2.49
- 0 earned less than a 2.0

### Standardized Test Results

ACT	Class of 2019	NV Class of 2019
English	18.4	16.8
Math	19.8	18.0
Reading	20.5	18.2
Science	19.8	17.9
Composite	19.8	17.9

Beginning with the Class of 2016, 11<sup>th</sup> grade participation in the spring administration of the ACT is required for graduation.

### Advanced Placement Results

- In May 2020, 32 students took AP Exams
- A total of 74 exams were taken in 9 subjects
- 72% of the AP exams received a score of 3 or higher

### Awards and Distinctions

- 4 out of 5 Star rating on the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) 2011 - 2015
- Silver Medal Award; ranked #3 in the state of Nevada in 2017 and #9 in the State of Nevada in 2020 by U.S. News & World Report in.
- 2013-2014 & 2014-2015 "Award of Excellence in Academics, Athletics & Citizenship" by the Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association (NIAA)

### Post High School Placement

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Class Size	24	37	27	22
Community Colleges	29%	16%	37%	41%
4 Year NV Colleges	17%	27%	37%	50%
4 Year Colleges (outside NV)	46%	43%	14%	4.5%
Trade/Technical Schools	0%	1%	4%	0%
TOTAL Continuing Education	92%	87%	92%	95.5%
Armed Forces Employment	4%	5%	4%	0%
	4%	8%	4%	4.5%

### Colleges Attended by GWHS Graduates from 2013-2020

Arizona State University  
 Art Institute of Las Vegas  
 Baylor University  
 California Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo  
 Chapman University  
 Claremont McKenna College  
 Columbia University  
 Embry Riddle Aeronautical University  
 George Mason University  
 Harvard University  
 Humboldt State University of California  
 Lake Tahoe Community College  
 Occidental College  
 Purdue University  
 Saint Mary's College  
 San Diego State University of California  
 Santa Barbara City College  
 Santa Clara University  
 Sonoma State University of California  
 Stanford University  
 Texas State Technical College  
 Truckee Meadows Community College  
 University of Alaska, Anchorage  
 University of Arizona  
 University of California, Berkeley  
 University of California, Davis  
 University of California, Fullerton  
 University of California, San Diego  
 University of California, Santa Barbara  
 University of Hawaii at Manoa  
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
 University of Nevada, Reno  
 University of Oregon  
 University of Puget Sound  
 University of Washington  
 Utah State University  
 Westminster College  
 Western Nevada College  
 Willamette University