



# Glacier High School Profile

## 2023-2024

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Brad Holloway, GHS Principal  
Mark Dennehy, Asst. Principal  
& Activities Director  
Lance Labrum, Assistant Principal  
Alan Stanfield, Assistant Principal

Keith Johnson - Senior Counselor  
Lauren Smith - Junior Counselor  
Jennifer Kessler - Sophomore Counselor  
Chris Weaks - Freshmen Counselor  
Carrie Williams - Registrar

Kalispell Public Schools  
Randy Cline, Interim Superintendent  
Matt Jensen, Asst. Superintendent  
Peter Fusaro, Asst. Superintendent

*"For the strength of the pack is the wolf, and the strength of the wolf is the pack."*

### **COMMUNITY**

Glacier High School is one of two high schools located in the city of Kalispell at the heart of the Flathead Valley which has a growing population of over 105,000 people. Nestled in the magnificent Rocky Mountains, Kalispell is centrally located between Flathead Lake, Whitefish Mountain Resort and Glacier National Park. The thriving residential community boasts a diverse economy and a strong tourism trade with renowned summer and winter resort areas that bring spectacular outdoor opportunities for residents and tourists alike.

### **SCHOOL**

Glacier High School is a state-of-the-art, four-year comprehensive educational facility offering cutting edge academic, technical, and occupational education programs. Although Glacier opened its doors in the fall of 2007, GHS is already becoming the benchmark for future high schools in the nation. The 2023-2024 enrollment at Glacier High School is approximately 1,400 students. The school year consists of two 18-week semesters. Class periods are 50 minutes in length and meet five times a week.

### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Twenty Two Credits:**

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|--|-----------------------------|
| 4.0 credits English                    | 1.0 credits PE              |
| 2.5 credits Social Studies             | 0.5 credits Health          |
| 2.0 credits Science                    | 1.0 credits Fine Art        |
| 3.0 credits Math                       | 1.0 credits Vocational Arts |
| 6.0 credits Electives                  |                             |
| 1.0 credits College & Career Readiness |                             |

### **UNWEIGHTED GPA & CLASS RANK**

An Unweighted Grade Point Average (GPA) is computed from semester grades. No additional weight is given to accelerated or college-prep classes.

### **GRADING SYSTEM**

- |                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| A 4.0 Exemplary | N No Credit    |
| B 3.0 Excellent | X Conditional  |
| C 2.0 Average   | I Incomplete   |
| D 1.0 Poor      | W Withdrawal   |
| F 0.0 Failing   | S Satisfactory |

### **CURRICULA LEVELS**

- AP Advanced Placement
- H Honors
- LS Life Skills

Letters placed before or after course titles indicate course level for the subject area. Unless otherwise designated, the course is a standard level class.

### **HONORS / ACCELERATED COURSES**

- Chemistry
- English 10 Honors
- We The People

### **ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES**

- |                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Studio Art: 2-D Design     | World History               |
| Studio Art: 3-D Design     | English Language and Comp   |
| Precalculus                | English Literature and Comp |
| Calculus AB                | Biology                     |
| Statistics                 | Chemistry                   |
| Spanish Language & Culture | Environmental Science       |
| French Language & Culture  | Physics 1                   |
| U.S. Government & Politics | Physics C: Mechanics        |
| United States History      | Music Theory                |

### **MERIT DISTINCTION**

The Merit Distinction recognizes graduating seniors that accomplish a plan of study that includes successful completion of six Advanced Placement classes. Students earning this distinction are eligible to wear a gold distinction cord at graduation. Concurrent enrollment courses that yields the same college credit as a corresponding AP course may count towards the six course requirement.

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**ACCREDITATION**

Glacier High School has been granted full accreditation by the Montana Office of Public Instruction pursuant to the Montana Code Annotated 20-6-503.



**CEEB SCHOOL CODE: 270-523**

**RUNNING START PROGRAM**

Dual credit classes are available through Flathead Valley Community College.

The Running Start program provides eligible high school juniors and seniors the opportunity to get an affordable start on their education by earning college credits while still in high school. Some courses offer dual credit opportunities which allow students to gain high school and college credit simultaneously.



**Concurrent Enrollment offered 2023-2024**

- Accounting Procedures 1 & 2
- Professional Business Communication
- Introduction to Psychology
- AP French Language and Culture
- AP Spanish Language & Culture
- Introduction to Statistics
- Probability and Linear Math
- Introduction to Biotechnology
- Early Childhood Ed 2
- Welding 1
- Welding 3

**GHS ENGINEERING ACADEMY (S.T.E.M.)**

The Glacier High School Engineering Academy, a Project Lead the Way (PLTW) program, provides students an opportunity to explore and experience engineering through a comprehensive curriculum emphasizing critical thinking, creativity, innovation, and real-world problem solving.

The hands-on, project-based program engages students on multiple levels, exposes them to subjects that they typically would not pursue, provides them with a strong foundation for achieving their academic goals in any chosen field of study and, if pursued, establishes a proven path to college and career success in S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) related industries.

**Engineering Academy Course Offerings**

- Intro to Engineering Design
- Principles of Engineering
- Aerospace Engineering
- Civil Engineering and Architecture
- Computer Science Principles
- Digital Electronics
- Engineering Design & Development

**CLASS OF 2024 MEAN ACT SCORES**

**Score range: 1 - 36**

- Juniors Tested in 2023: 304
- Composite: 20.5
- Reading: 21.2
- English: 19.4
- Mathematics: 20.3
- Science Reasoning: 20.4

*\*\*ACT serves as the required Montana state assessment tool for all high school juniors.*

**ADVANCED PLACEMENT ACHIEVEMENT**

In 2023, 244 Glacier students participated in 384 examinations.

Overall distribution of scores for GHS students:

- 5 – 9%
- 4 – 24%
- 3 – 38%
- 2 – 20%
- 1 – 9%

**CLASS OF 2023**

**Graduating seniors: 279**

- Four Year College or University: 46%
- Two Year College: 20%
- Attain a One-Year Certificate: 3%
- Vocational/Tech College: 2%
- U.S. Military: 4%
- Work: 17%
- Other: 8%

**COLLEGE PLACEMENTS**

Members of the past five graduating classes at Glacier High School have attended over 150 unique Post-Secondary Institutions including Harvard University, Stanford University, Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins University, University of Notre Dame, University of Southern California, Columbia University, and College of the Holy Cross.

GHS graduates have also received appointments to the United States Air Force Academy and the United States Naval Academy.