

# 2023-2024 Profile

## George Whittell High School



Grades 6-12 • NWAC Accredited

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George Whittell High School (GWHS) is a small secondary school serving students in grades 6-12 and is 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.

Current enrollment for the 2023-24 school year is 60 High School students and 69 middle school students; 52% male, 46% female enrolled in high school. The ethnic population reported breakdown is: White (60%), Hispanic/Latinos (25%), Asian (3%), other (12%). The Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) population is at 22%. 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.

For the 2023/2024 academic year, GWHS offers nine Advanced Placement (AP) courses: English Language and Composition, English Literature, Calculus AB and BC,

### Mission Statement

We will empower students to become lifelong learners.

### Vision

We envision a community that inspires innovation and excellence.

Environmental Science, American Government, US History, World History: Modern, and Psychology.

Note: AP Biology and AP Environmental Science are offered alternating years.

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

### Class of 2024 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. Honors and AP classes are given an added value of .025 or .05 per course. Grades are recorded on the transcript and GPA is computed in January and June.

**Class of 2023**

There were 24 graduates in the Class of 2023.

- 4 earned 4.0+
- 9 earned 3.5-3.99
- 8 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 2024**

There are 5 students in the Class of 2024.

- 3 earned 4.0+
- 2 earned 2.50-2.99

**Standardized Test Results – Average ACT Scores Grade: 11**

**Number of Students Tested: 6 Year: 2022-2023**

ACT	School	State of Nevada
English	12.2	16.1
Math	16.0	17.1
Reading	14.5	17.8
Science	15.5	17.6
Composite	14.7	17.3

**Advanced Placement Results**

- In May 2023, 37 students took AP Exams
- A total of 68 exams were taken in 11 subjects
- 32% 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) 2022-2023
- 2023 1A State Champions in Girls Track and Field
- 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.

**Post High School Placement**

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2024
Class Size	37	27	22	22	19	24
Community Colleges	16%	37%	41%	36%	1%	37.5%
4 Year NV Colleges	27%	37%	50%	18%	44%	8%
4 Year Colleges (outside NV)	43%	14%	4.5%	41%	54%	37.5%
Trade/Technical Schools	1%	4%	0%	5%	0%	2%
TOTAL Continuing Education	87%	92%	95.5%	100%	99%	98%
Armed Forces	5%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Employment	8%	4%	4.5%	0%	1%	1%

**Colleges Attended by GWHS Graduates:**

\* denotes multiple attendees

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Arizona State University</li> <li>Art Institute of Las Vegas</li> <li>Baylor University</li> <li>*Boston College</li> <li>California Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo</li> <li>Carroll College, Montana</li> <li>Chapman University</li> <li>Claremont McKenna College</li> <li>*Colorado State University</li> <li>Columbia University</li> <li>Embry Riddle Aeronautical University</li> <li>George Mason University</li> <li>Harvard University</li> <li>Humboldt State University of California</li> <li>*Lake Tahoe Community College</li> <li>Occidental College</li> <li>Purdue University</li> <li>Saint Mary’s College</li> <li>San Diego State University of California</li> <li>Santa Barbara City College</li> <li>Santa Clara University</li> <li>Sonoma State University of California</li> <li>Stanford University</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Texas State Technical College</li> <li>Truckee Meadows Community College</li> <li>University of Alaska, Anchorage</li> <li>University of Arizona</li> <li>University of California, Berkeley</li> <li>University of California, Davis</li> <li>University of California, Fullerton</li> <li>*University of California, San Diego</li> <li>University of California, Santa Barbara</li> <li>*University of Hawaii</li> <li>University of Nevada, Las Vegas</li> <li>*University of Nevada, Reno</li> <li>University of Oregon</li> <li>University of Puget Sound</li> <li>*University of Southern California</li> <li>University of Washington</li> <li>Utah State University</li> <li>Western Nevada College</li> <li>Washington State University</li> </ul>
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