



Junior Newsletter



Setting sail for senior year and beyond!



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**Click here to schedule your
Junior Scheduling Meeting**

Please select your school counselor and
email them your registration form before the
meeting. Parents may join! Meetings will
take place through March 1, 2024



Check this out!!!

Advanced or Standard Diploma?

Know what requirements you still need to complete before June of your senior year!

STANDARD DIPLOMA

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| • English | 4 credits |
| • History/Social Science | 4 credits |
| • Math | 3 credits |
| • Science | 3 credits |
| • Health & PE | 2 credits |
| • World Language, Fine Arts or CTE | 2 credits |
| • Economics & Personal Finance | 1 credit |
| • Elective Courses | 3 credits |
| • 1 Virtual Course | |

*Economics & Personal Finance Class Course fulfills this requirement

- Career/Technical Education Credential

Total credits 22

ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| • English | 4 credits |
| • History/Social Science | 4 credits |
| • Math | 4 credits |
| • Science | 4 credits |
| • Health & PE | 2 credits |
| • World Languages | 3 credits |
| • Fine Arts or Career/Technical | 1 credit |
| • Economics & Personal Finance | 1 credit |
| • Electives | 3 credits |
| • 1 Virtual Course | |

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Total credits 26

VDOE Graduation Requirement: Students must take 2 credits of Sequential Electives for the Standard & Advanced Diplomas!

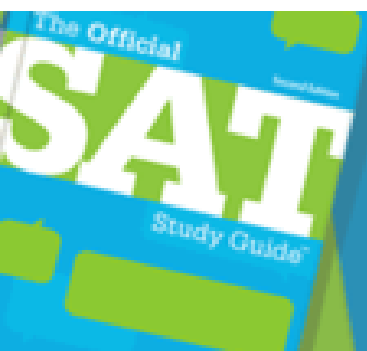
 If you are unsure about a requirement or would like to learn more about a course, click here to be taken to the YCSD Program of Studies! 

Juniors should plan to take the Digital SAT at least twice in the spring of their Junior year, some also take the ACT. Talk to your school counselor about if this is a good option for you. Use Khan Academy for excellent test prep! Check out the links below!

Register for the Digital SAT at
www.CollegeBoard.org

**SAT
&
ACT**

Register for the ACT at
www.ACTstudent.org



 **KHANACADEMY**
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Free, world-class test prep for the new SAT





Highlights from the Opportunities Guide & Workbook

(Click the image to the left for this helpful resource!)

- • • • •
- Types of Colleges & a worksheet on how to choose the right college!
- Information on the college application process & exams!
- Worksheet to organize your college application process!
- Navigating Financial aid and FAFSA! Plus info on VA FinAid!
- VA College Profiler - compare cost and average SAT/GPA scores!
- Glossary of college terminology!



The Common App offers a single electronic application for over 900 colleges and universities. Students should consider using Common App if they are applying to 2 or more schools that accept it. This will save you time and stress! You must invite your GHS School Counselor to your Common App by using their correct email address. Once connected, your school counselor will be able to upload your transcript and complete the Counselor Report and recommendation! Your counselor will need your [Senior Activity & Info Sheet](#) (linked here) before completing your recommendation so that they can write amazing things about you! Click the logo to be taken to the Common App website; Common App will open August 1st!



Big Future is a free, comprehensive set of digital resources that helps guide students through the journey to plan, search, and pay for college.



Eligibility

Play Grafton Sports? You **MUST** be enrolled in 5 credit bearing classes in order to play AND you must have passed 5 classes the semester before to be eligible.



Want to play College Sports? Make sure you register with NCAA to be eligible

AP Credit Policy Search



Your AP Scores could earn you college credit or advanced placement (meaning you could skip certain courses in college). Use the tool by clicking the image to find colleges that offer credit or placement for AP Scores.



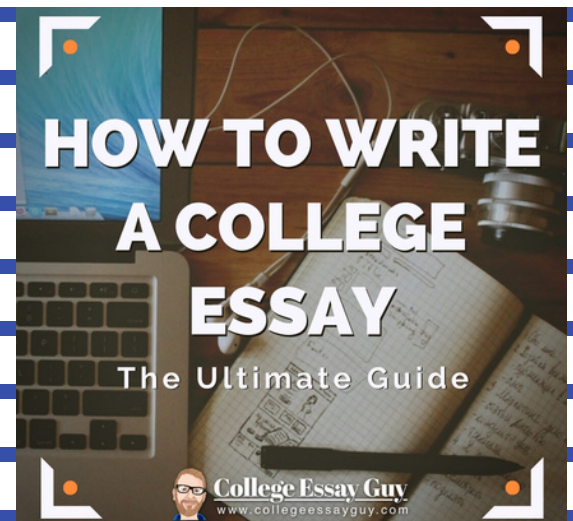
Dual enrollment opportunities offer courses through which you may earn college credits. You must have a 3.0 GPA to enroll in a DE course. Click this [link](#) to learn more about making the most of dual enrollment classes and how it can transfer to Transfer Virginia partner Institutions.

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*Letters of Recommendation
& Counselor Reports*

**Senior Activity &
Information Sheet**

When requesting a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor or employer, please give them at least 1 month notice verbally and in writing (email them after they agreed in person), followed by a 2-week reminder of your deadline. More time is always appreciated, especially in October and November for early applications! You should provide there recommender with a resume and/or a "Senior Activity & Information Sheet" (GHS Counselors require this to be completed, in detail, before they can write you a letter of rec. or complete your Counselor Recommendation on CommonApp.



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Campus Tours!](#)**



HOW DO I GET A COPY OF MY TRANSCRIPT?

The York County School Division offers a secure online site for Seniors to request their transcripts: <https://yorkcountyschoolsva.scribborder.com/>. Select the backpack icon for current students and complete the form to request your transcript.

RECORDS REQUESTS

Select To Get Started:



CLICK HERE if you are a CURRENT STUDENT and would like to order your transcript

General Information

York County School Division (YCSD) now offers a secure site for current and former students and 3rd Parties to access transcripts, student records, and employment verifications.

Per YCSD policy and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 123g; 34 CFR Part 99) student records are only available to those who have authorization from the student or parent, guardian or responsible person if the student is less than 18 years of age. If the student is 18 years of age or older, school records will not be released to a parent, guardian, or responsible person without the student's written consent.

Complete the form. If you do not know your SSN or don't have a driver's license you can select the ? next to the box and click on the green button.

This is an official request for a copy of a student record. The information contained in this request should be considered private. Please complete all information in full and then finalize the order process by clicking "Proceed to Check Out". The information required on this page is necessary to verify and protect your school record from being accessed by unauthorized individuals.

You will receive emails from scribOnline@scribsoft.com to notify you of the status of your order. It is important you read those emails carefully as additional information may be required to process your request. In addition to email, you have the option to receive status updates via text message.

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like your records mailed to the address you provide, please indicate in the special instructions below.

ACCESSING THE ORDER TRACKER: Once the order has been submitted and payment received, you will be directed to a confirmation page that contains the link to the Order Tracker. Once you access the Order Tracker, you will enter

Partial SSN, Alien #, or USCIS # unavailable?

"We use this information to help authenticate your identity. If you do not have an SSN, Alien #, or USCIS #, please select the 'Do Not Have SSN' button."

["Do Not Have SSN"](#)

Student's Current Name:

★ Last Name: required

Middle Name:

Maiden Name:

★ Last 4 SSN: required

Student ID:

First Name: required

Suffix:

★ Last 4 SSN: (confirm) required

Select the "Add Delivery Address" button and choose EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION or OTHER in the dropdown list. Type in the information.

If the college or institution is a part of the Scribbles system it will autofill and a green check mark will appear next to the name. Your transcript will be sent to them electronically.

Add An Address

★ Address Type:

★ Agency, College, Employer, or Student Name:

Virginia Peninsula Community College



Attention:

If they are not a part of the Scribbles system a yellow question mark will appear next to the name. You will need to enter the required information and provide the Counseling Office with a stamped business-sized envelope to mail in your transcript.

Add An Address

★ Address Type:

★ Agency, College, Employer, or Student Name:

School of Hard Knocks



If you are sending the record to yourself you will receive an email with a link to download your record.

You will receive email alerts about the progress of your request. You can log in and see when the request was filled and when the recipient downloaded your transcript.

VIRGINIA PENINSULA COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Community College



Community Colleges offer specialized courses of study where a student can earn a certificate in one year or less in an intensive training program. Many student often make the choice to attend community college before transferring to a 4-year institution allowing them to save money on general education courses, stay close to home and have smaller class sizes! Click the link below to learn more:

Community Service

Community Service hours are not required to graduate. However there is a Community Service Seal you can earn by completing 50 hours for the Excellence in Civics Seal (in addition to a B or better in VA/US History and VA/US Government) and/or by completing 150 hours for the YCSD Community Service Seal. If you are in the Honors Program, 20 hours of community service is required to be completed by March 1st of your senior year. See the program of studies for additional information.



Military



Opportunities for enlistment in the military are plentiful. The five services offer hundreds of schools and thousands of areas of instruction. This training and the experience that follows gives the military veteran a real advantage in the civilian world.

* Career Training * Education * Income * Service to Country
Each service sets its own enlistment qualifications. Local recruiters may be contacted for more information or click the links below for information regarding program opportunities and qualifications:



[Air Force](#)



[Army](#)



[Marine Corps](#)



[Coast Guard](#)



[National Guard](#)



[Navy](#)

ASVAB

GHS will conduct an ASVAB test twice this year, in November and February.

Please stay tuned for more information about it in newsletters or visit your local recruiter

Employment

If you have decided to work full time immediately after high school:

- Contact the Virginia Employment Commission online at www.vec.virginia.gov to learn more about opportunities in VA.
- Create a resume!
- Consider the opportunities for advancement available through the positions you are considering.
- Consider an internship to gain work experience.
- Meet with the GHS Career Coach, Ms. Garnett at rgarnett@ycsd.york.va.us

SEND RESUME

