

Upper School at Grace Christian Academy

DAILY SCHEDULE

TRADITIONAL SCHEDULE (M, TU, F)

7:00-8:25	Arrival
7:10-8:00	Zero Period (Ensemble Only)
7:45-8:10	Academic Support (Optional)
8:20-9:15	1st Period
9:20-10:10	2nd Period
10:10-10:20	Snack Break
10:20-11:10	3rd Period
11:15-12:05	4th Period
12:05-12:35	Lunch
12:40-1:30	5th Period
1:35-2:25	6th Period
2:30-3:20	7th Period
3:20	Dismissal

BLOCK SCHEDULE (W)

7:00-8:20	Arrival
7:10-8:00	Zero Period (Ensemble Only)
7:45-8:10	Academic Support (Optional)
8:20-9:40	1st Period
9:40-9:50	Snack Break
9:50-11:10	3rd Period
11:10-11:40	Lunch
11:45-1:05	5th Period
1:10-2:30	7th Period (Elective)
2:30	Dismissal

BLOCK SCHEDULE (TH)

7:00-8:20	Arrival
7:10-8:00	Zero Period (Ensemble Only)
7:45-8:10	Academic Support (Optional)
8:20-9:45	2nd Period
9:45-9:55	Snack Break
10:00-11:00	Chapel
11:05-11:35	Lunch
11:40-1:00	4th Period
1:05-1:55	Beyond the Classroom
2:00-3:20	6th Period
3:20	Dismissal

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Beyond the Classroom (BTC) occurs weekly and is a flexible use of enrichment time. While some activities enhance classroom instruction, others further equip students to explore their life calling, passion, and interests. Sometimes fun, sometimes serious, sometimes studious, BTC enhances what happens inside the walls of the traditional classroom.



CHAPEL

Upper School chapel is held each Thursday from 10:00-11:00am. Worship is led by the Upper School Worship Arts Band and the message is shared by a local pastor or Grace Staff member. The chapel services are age-appropriate and generally shaped around the school year theme.

SENIOR SUMMIT

The goal of Senior Summit is to build leaders who will positively impact the entire GCA community for God's glory. While recognizing that leadership doesn't always mean having a title, seniors are looked upon by the GCA student body as a reflection of our school mission, vision, and core values.

MISSION ENGAGEMENT

Each grade level in Upper School is required to complete a number of Mission Engagement hours. Including categories such as discipleship, people in need, community needs and campus needs, the Mission Engagement program encourages our students to look both inside and outside of the GCA community for opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

WINTERIM

Winterim takes students beyond traditional classroom study into unique learning experiences. For one week in March, all Upper School students participate in hands-on learning activities not generally available within the school curriculum. Options include domestic and international travel, missional opportunities, on campus courses, and internship placements for upperclassmen.

SENIOR CAPSTONE

As a graduation requirement, all seniors will successfully complete a capstone course that serves as GCA's culminating educational experience. The project encompasses written components and an oral defense that demonstrates the student's understanding of a controversial topic when applied against a biblical worldview. A distinguished faculty panel oversees the Senior Capstone Project while the oral defense panel consists of faculty, staff, and alumni.

UPPER SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Cheerleading	Swimming	Girls Soccer	Softball
Pom Team	Wrestling	Volleyball	Track & Field
Cross Country	Baseball	Boys Basketball	Tennis
Football	Boys Soccer	Girls Basketball	Golf

GRADING SCALE

Grade	Average	GPA Points	Honors GPA Points	Advanced Placement GPA Points
A	94-100	4.0	4.5	5.0
A-	90-93	3.7	4.2	4.7
B+	87-89	3.3	3.8	4.3
B	83-86	3.0	3.5	4.0
B-	80-82	2.7	3.2	3.7
C+	77-79	2.3	2.8	3.3
C	73-76	2.0	2.5	3.0
C-	70-72	1.7	2.2	2.7
D+	67-69	1.3	1.8	2.3
D	63-66	1.0	1.5	2.0
D-	60-62	0.7	1.2	1.7
F	0-59	0.0	0.0	0.0

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Category	Top 25% (GCA Students)	GCA Overall	Tennessee
Composite	31.0	24.7	19.4
English	32.3	25.1	19.1
Math	29.1	23.6	18.9
Reading	31.7	25.8	19.7
Science	29.3	24.2	19.2

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND COURSES OF STUDY



ADVANCED PLACEMENT

- 12 AP Courses
- 2020 66% of students scored 3+ on AP Exams
- 2020 AP Studio Art - 100% scored 3+
- 2020 AP European History - 83% scored 3+
- 2020 AP Biology - 75% scored 3+

BIBLE (4 credits) Bible 9 Bible 10 Bible 11 Bible 12	FOREIGN LANGUAGE (2 credits) German I, II Honors German III AP German IV Spanish I, II Honors Spanish III AP Spanish IV	PHYSICAL ED HEALTH (1 credit) SENIOR CAPSTONE (1 credit)
ENGLISH (4 credits) English 9 Honors English 9 English 10 Honors English 10 English 11 English 12 AP Language & Comp AP Literature & Comp *DE College Writing	SCIENCES (3 credits) Biology Honors Biology AP Biology Chemistry Honors Chemistry AP Chemistry *DE Environmental Science Anatomy & Physiology Honors Anatomy & Physiology Honors Physics	FINE ARTS (1 credit) Art Foundation Advanced Arts Advanced Band Honors Studio Art AP Studio Art Drama Percussion Ensemble Musical Theatre Select Choir Worship Arts
MATHEMATICS (4 credits) Algebra I Geometry Honors Geometry Algebra II Honors Algebra II Algebra III Honors Pre-Calculus Statistics AP Calculus	SOCIAL STUDIES (3 credits) World History & Geography Honors World History & Geography U.S. History Honors U.S. History AP U.S. History AP European History Government & Economics Honors Government & Economics	ELECTIVES 20th Century History Appalachian Heritage AP Comp. Science Principles AP Comp. Science A Missions & Evangelism Personal Finance Psychology Sociology Teacher's Aide Yearbook

*Dual Enrollment (DE) College Writing and Environmental Science are through Bryan College, but taught on GCA campus.
 *Class of 2024 will be required to take a Fine Arts Credit.

RECENT COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES AND MATRICULATIONS

Benedictine College · Chattanooga State CC · Clear Creek Baptist Bible College · Cleveland State CC · Coastal Carolina University · Coker College · Concordia University · Dyersburg State · Elon University · Emory and Henry College · Freed-Hardeman University · Gordon College · Manhattanville College · Marietta College · Mars Hill University · Maryville University (St. Louis) · Mercer University · Mississippi State University · Morehead State University · Motlow State CC · North Greenville University · Oakland University · Paul Mitchell the School Pellissippi State CC · Reinhardt University · Roane State CC · Roanoke College · Savannah College of Art and Design · South College · Southern Wesleyan University · Tennessee College of Applied Technology · The Ohio State University · The University of Alabama · The University of Memphis · Transylvania University · Trevecca Nazarene University · Union College · University of Arkansas · University of Central Florida · University of Dayton · University of Georgia · University of Houston · University of Kentucky · University of Louisville · University of Michigan · University of Mississippi · University of Mobile · University of North Carolina · University of Oklahoma · University of Oregon · University of Pikeville · University of South Carolina · University of Tennessee, Chattanooga · University of Tennessee, Knoxville · University of Tennessee, Martin · University of the Cumberland · University of Vermont · University of West Georgia · Volunteer State CC · Walters State CC · Washington University (St. Louis) · Western Kentucky University · Williams Baptist College · Wingate University

9TH-12TH DRESS CODE

APPROVED VENDORS

Lands' End | www.landsend.com | Use our school code to access GCA approved items. GCA's code is: 9000-5866-0

My Aplus Uniforms | 453 Park 40 North Blvd. NW, Knoxville, TN 37923

G2 Store | Located in the K-8 gymnasium and is available online at www.g2store.org

Facebook | Search "Grace Christian Academy Uniform Consignment"

SHIRTS

Students must wear a polo or oxford shirt from an approved vendor that bears our "G" logo. Shirts come in navy, light blue, royal blue, white, and gray. All outerwear must be purchased from a GCA-approved vendor.

PANTS

Students may wear khaki or navy pants or shorts. Shorts must be no more than 3" above the knee. Pants may be purchased from any vendor. Girls may also wear skorts provided by the approved vendors and in the approved GCA patterns.

SHOES

Students may wear any shoes except houseshoes/slippers. Sandals such as Chacos/Texas/Birkenstocks/Athletic Slides/Crocs are permitted.

SPIRITWEAR

On Fridays, students may wear jeans, any GCA spiritwear t-shirt, sweatshirt, hoodie.

This section provides a condensed version of the full dress code. The complete version can be found on our website in the Parent-Student Handbook.