

High School Information Night

Welcome GIHS Class of 2027



January 19, 2023

Welcome!

Agenda:

- Introduce you to our GIHS administrative team, school counselors, and several of our teachers.
- Overview of graduation requirements and diploma types.
- Outline of a typical 9th grade schedule.
- Overview of our course requirements, as well as elective course offerings.

In August, 9th grade students and families will be invited to an additional orientation which will provide more information about GIHS, tips for a great start to high school, and a tour of our high school.

GIHS Goals

- Graduate students who are college and career ready.
 - ◆ Provide the opportunity to take a wide variety of courses while at GIHS.
 - ◆ Provide opportunities to achieve college credit while at GIHS.
 - ◆ Partnerships with ECC, NCCC, Syracuse University, and Niagara University, as well as Advanced Placement courses.
 - ◆ 15 courses that provide college credit and 14 AP courses that students can achieve college credit for depending on their exam score
 - ◆ Provide opportunities to engage in internships and to explore career options.
 - ◆ Provide opportunities to explore a variety of sports and clubs to expand extracurricular interests.
- Assist our students with being well-rounded and prepared for life after high school.

Next steps as you prepare for HS

- Review the GIHS course catalog together at home.
- Review the NYS Graduation Requirements and your goals for possible advanced diploma types and/or accolades.
- Consider the information shared tonight.
- Discuss with your middle school counselor to prepare your 9th grade schedule.
- Reach out to our GIHS school counselors with any additional questions that you may have.

Meet the Guidance Faculty

Department

- 4 Counselors (divided by alphabet)
- 1 Psychologist
- 2 Social Workers







NEED AN APPOINTMENT WITH GUIDANCE?

Take a picture and complete the Google Form. Your counselor will be in touch!

			
A-D MRS. BOWERS	E-K MRS. KENSY	L-Q MRS. WALTERS	R-Z MS. KAVANAGH
			

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MR. KAISER	MR. FUNKE	MS. SMOCK
		

High School Graduation Requirements

- . 4 credits of English
- . 4 credits of Social
- . 3 credits of Math
- . 3 credits of Science
- . 2 credits of PE (.5 each year)
- . 1 credit of Fine Arts (Studio Art, DDP or Music)
- . 1 credit of World Language (7th & 8th grade)
- . ½ credit of Health
- . Elective credits - need min. 22 credits to graduate

*These are the
minimum
requirements!*

Graduation Plan for :

Phone Number: 716-

	Grade 8		Grade 9		Grade 10		Grade 11		Grade 12	
Eng			English 9	1	English 10	1	English 11 R	1	English 12	1
SS			Global 9	1	Global 10 R	1	US Hist & Govt R	1	Econ/Govt R	1
Mth			Algebra I	1	Geometry R	1	Algebra II R	1		
Sci			Earth Science R	1	Biology R	1	Chemistry R	1		
Lote	Spanish I	1	Spanish II	1	Spanish III	1				
Elc										
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PE			Physical Education	0.5	Physical Education	0.5	Physical Education	0.5	Physical Education	0.5
Oth			CPR Exposure						Health	0.5

NOTES: Future Plans/Interests Clubs/Activities 9th: 10th: 11th: 12th:	Adv Regents Exams	Score	Regents Exams	TOTAL CREDITS	19.5
	English 11		English 11	Need 22 Credits to Graduate	
	Algebra		Algebra	Diploma Type	
	Geometry			Advanced Regents	
	Algebra II				
	Global 10		Global 10	4-Yr Plan Meeting	Date
	US History		US History	Grade 9	
	Science 1		Science 1	Grade 10	
	Science 2			Grade 11	
	LOTE			Grade 12	
Mastery in Science			Mrs. Kensy (716) 773-8857		
Mastery in Math			School Counselor (E-K)		

Regents vs. Advanced Regents Diploma

Regents Diploma

ELA, Global 10, US History,
1 Science, Algebra

Advanced Regents

ELA, Global 10, US History,
2 Science, Algebra, Geometry,
Algebra 2, World Language (x3)

Adv Regents Exams	Score	Regents Exams
English 11		English 11
Algebra		Algebra
Geometry		
Algebra II		
Global 10		Global 10
US History		US History
Science 1		Science 1
Science 2		
LOTE		

*Must pass required regents exam with a 65 or better

*Multiple pathways exist but are evaluated on a case by case basis

Additional Diploma Accolades

- Diploma with Honors

Average of 90+ on all regents exams

- Mastery in Math

3 math regents exams with an 85 or higher

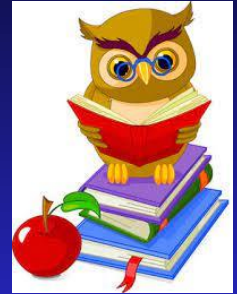
- Mastery in Science

3 science regents exams with an 85 or higher



Keys to Success!

- Don't be afraid to ask questions
- Attendance is so important!
- Stay organized
- Teachers are there to help
- Extra help is available in a variety of ways
 - Peer Tutors
 - Teachers
 - AIS
 - Learning Center



Typical 9th Grade Schedule

9 periods in a day - 4 day rotation (same as in MS)



1. English
2. Social Studies
3. Math
4. Science
5. Sci Lab/Phys Ed/Math Lab/Phys Ed
6. Lunch
7. World Language
8. Fine Art Elective
9. Study Hall or Another Elective

We can't wait to see you at the high school!



Get Involved!

We are here to support you:

Academically

Make new friends!

Socially

Try something new!

Emotionally

Join a club!

Step outside of your comfort zone!

English

The successful completion of four (4) credits in English is a requirement for graduation, and the English program is sequential; that is, the previous year of English must be successfully completed before the next year of English may be taken. Regents level courses are directed toward the successful completion of the Common Core Regents exam at the end of Grade 11.

English

Honors and Advanced Placement:

- 9 Honors
- 10 Honors
- 11th Grade - Advanced Placement Language & Composition
- 12th Grade - Advanced Placement Literature & Composition

English

Elective Courses:

- Creative Writing (9-12)
- Blog Writing (9-12)
- Public Speaking (10-12)
- Understanding Mass Media (10-12)
- Theater and Acting I & II (10-12)
- Popular Culture and Shakespeare (10-12)

Social Studies

Progression: Each high school student is required to successfully complete 4 units of social studies. These 4 units include the following:

- Global History and Geography I or Advanced World History 9
- Global History and Geography II or AP (Advanced Placement) World
- 11th grade United States History and Government or AP (Advanced Placement) US History
- ½ year of Participation in Government (12th grade)
- ½ year of Economics (12th grade)
- AP Economics and AP Government (Must take both at the same time) (12th grade)

Social Studies

Electives:

- America's Wars
- Foundations of Knowledge
- Introduction to Psychology
- AP Psychology
- Criminal Law
- Women's Studies (New! Full Year!)

Social Studies

NYS Seal of Civic Readiness

The Seal of Civic Readiness is a formal recognition that a student has attained a high level of proficiency in terms of civic knowledge, civic skills, civic mindset, and civic experiences. In order to earn this seal on your diploma, students have to earn a total of 6 points through various school work and outside activities. More information to come.

Mathematics

Typical Progression:

Algebra I

Geometry

Algebra II

Regents Diploma

- 3 credits
- passing of ONE NYS Regents Exam

Advanced Distinction

- 3 credits
- passing THREE NYS Regents Exams

Other Course Offerings:

Foundations of Algebra (SC)

Geometry Honors

Algebra (SC)

Algebra II Honors

Applied Mathematics

Pre Calculus

Prep for College Math

Pre Calculus Honors

AP Statistics

AP Calculus

Mathematics

It is currently recommended that every mathematics student have access at home to graphing calculator (TI-84 Plus). This device is used in all mathematics courses regularly for exploration during class instruction as well as for at home practice.



Science

Progression (3 Credits/1 Regents Exam Passed)

- Regents Earth Science
- Regents Living Environment (Biology)
- Regents Chemistry OR Physical, Environmental, and Chemical Science (PECS)
- Regents Physics
- AP or Electives

Science

Electives

- Anatomy & Physiology (half year)
- Forensics (Full Year- NEW!)
- Computer Science Discoveries (Full Year- NEW!) – open to 9th grade students

Science

AP/College Level Science

- AP Biology/Chemistry/Physics
- College Environmental Sci. (credit available through NCCC)
- AP Computer Science (Anticipated for 2024-2025 school year)

Technology & Design - Full

Grade

**INTRODUCTION TO TECHNOLOGY
– DESIGN DRAWING FOR
PRODUCTION (D.D.P.)**

Satisfies Art/Music Credit
Grades 9-12

Introduction Courses -

Technology (D.D.P.) - Fine Art Credit -

Technical sketching, computer drawing,
building projects

**INTRODUCTION TO BUILDING
TRADES AND CONSTRUCTION
SYSTEMS (BT I)**

Formerly Arch I
Grades 9-12

Building Trades - Construction related

to building a home & residential architecture &
design

**INTRODUCTION TO CAD
(Computer Aided Design)
(CAD I)**

Grades 9-12

CAD - 3-dimensional technical drawing

completed using Solid Works software

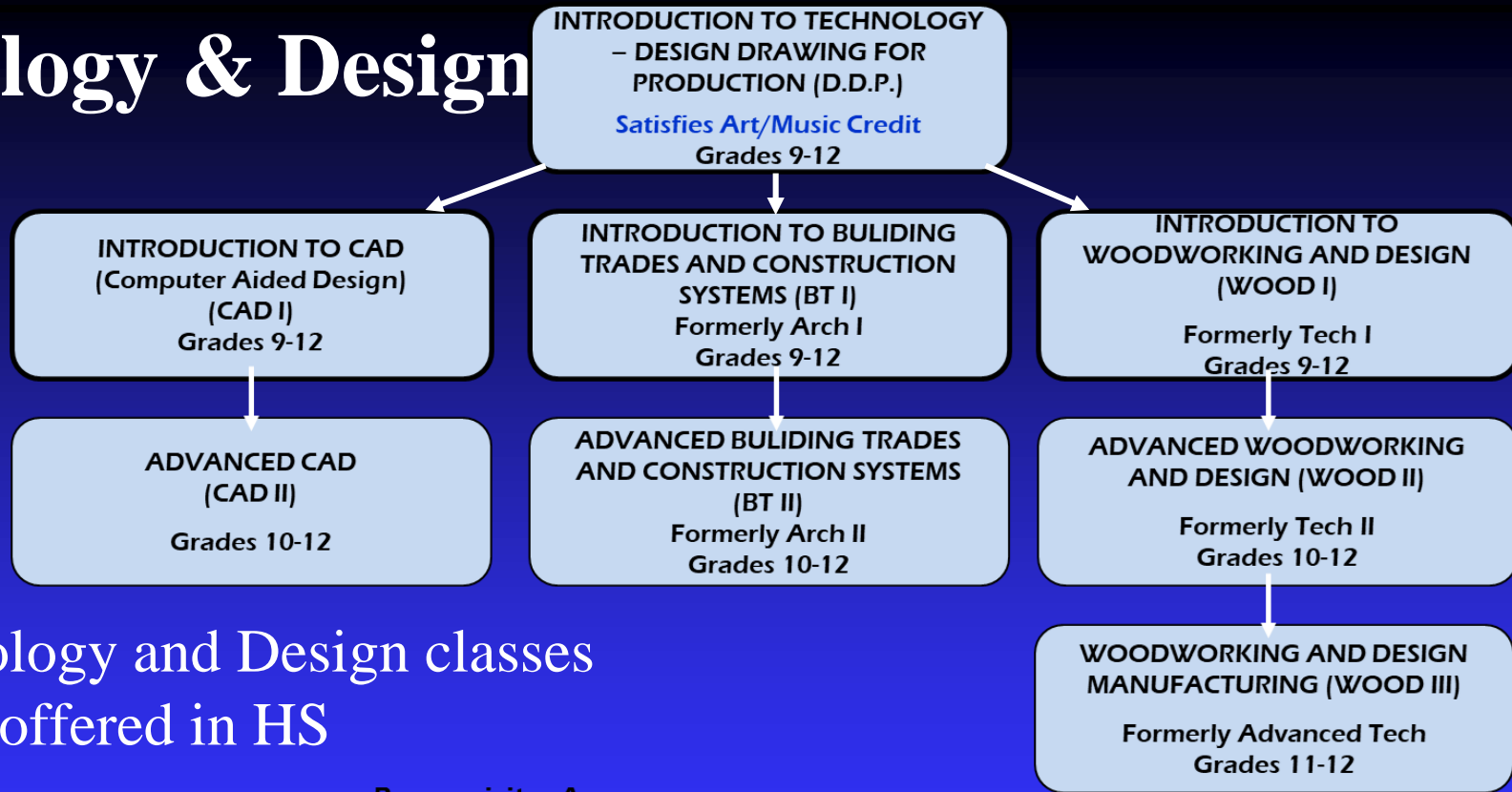
**INTRODUCTION TO
WOODWORKING AND DESIGN
(WOOD I)**

Formerly Tech I
Grades 9-12

Woodworking & Design - Technical

hand drawing, hand tools and machines,
woodworking projects

Technology & Design



All Technology and Design classes offered in HS





ACADEMY DEVELOPMENT & STRUCTURE

- Students take courses together.
- District, School and Academy Directors take part in frequent professional development.



ADVISORY BOARD

- Collaborate to provide current industry content and WBL activities.
- Secure internships, provide WBL & scholarships.



CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- Focus on financial literacy & workforce preparation.
- Focus on career & college readiness.



WORK-BASED LEARNING & INTERNSHIPS

- Compensated internships for all students.
- Students must also complete a series of WBL experiences.

Business: Where to Start

- **Career and Financial Management:** An ideal course for the student who wants to acquire lifelong skills necessary to manage their personal and professional lives. Students will research careers based on their interests and aptitudes, with the goal of determining the best courses for their high school career and a potential best career path in life.
- **Marketing & Yearbook Production:** This course provides students with the opportunity to learn and to apply marketing strategies and techniques as they actually design, produce, and market the award-winning Venture yearbook. As a staff member you will spend time in the areas of writing captions and copy, ad and layout design, scheduling, photography, sales and distribution. Help create lasting memories for the students at Grand Island.
- **Entrepreneurship:** This course provides students with the opportunity to explore ownership of a small business as a career choice. Students will acquire essential financial, managerial and leadership skills to become an entrepreneur. This will include running the school store, Casey's Corner during the school day and after school. **DECA members are encouraged to enroll in this course.**

Family And Consumer Science (FACS)



■ Foods, Nutrition & Careers

- ◆ This course will help students understand basic food preparation techniques and nutritional value of the foods.
- ◆ Learn to read recipes, as well as properly measure ingredients, basic background information on food groups, and prepare and store foods using safety and sanitation techniques in the kitchen.

■ Child Development

- ◆ The aim of this course is to develop an understanding of children and their needs from birth to age 5, as well as to learn skills in caring for children that may be useful for parenting and careers related to children. Job opportunities related to working with children will be emphasized. Class experiences will include “hands-on” projects, and guest speakers in related careers



World Languages

Progression:

- **Taking a World Language sequence fulfills one pathway to the Advanced Regents Diploma**
 - ◆ Grade 9: French/Spanish 2 (2nd credit in sequence)
 - ◆ Grade 10: French/Spanish 3 (3rd credit in sequence, upon successful completion of the course and locally developed Final Exam)

World Languages

Electives:

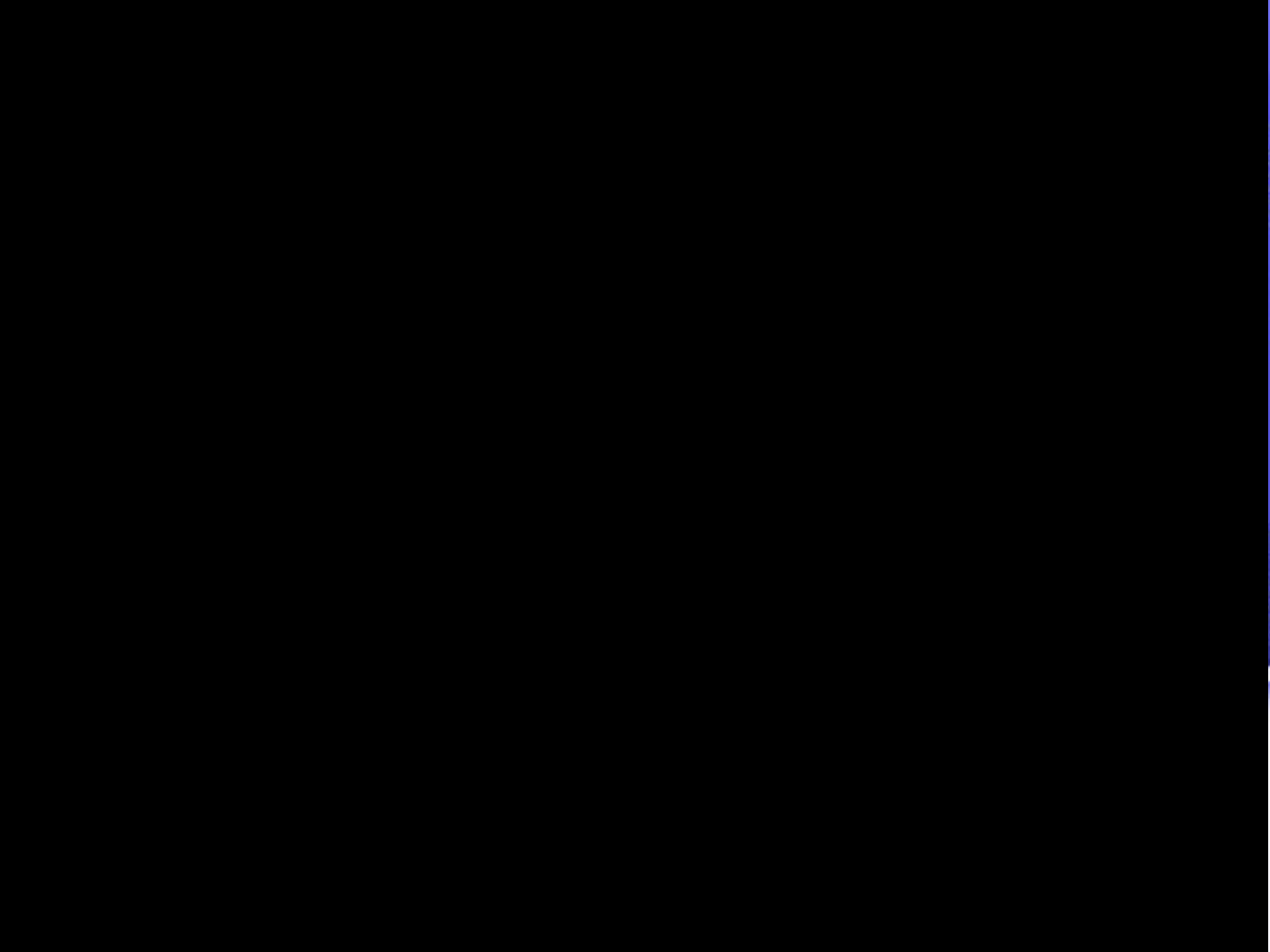
- **NUSTEP courses offered through Niagara University**
- **Opportunity to earn up to 6 transferable college credits**
 - ◆ Grade 11: French/Spanish 103 (3 credits)
 - ◆ Grade 12: French/Spanish 104 (3 credits)



World Languages

Benefits of the World Language Electives:

- College credits are accepted at nearly all institutions (NACEP accreditation)
- College credit is earned based on the overall course grade (4 quarters and final exam), NOT a one-day standardized test (ie. AP Exam)
- Low cost and low-pressure pacing, with interesting topics!
- Fluency-based instruction means you'll be SPEAKING French/Spanish well when completed!



Salsa Lessons



Crepe Day



Perú Trip



France Trip

Physical Education/ Health

Physical Education is a full year class.

All four marking periods will be added together to give the student their final grade.

Students must pass 4 years of Physical Education to graduate.

We run an elective based curriculum, where students can pick what activity they would like to participate in each unit. Our activities range from lifetime activities, team sports, and individualized sports.

All 9th/10th Graders participate in swim, badminton, weight training, and volleyball units.

Health is also a graduation requirement that students will generally take at some point during 10th, 11th, or 12th grade. Health is a half-year course.

Music

Courses that fulfill required Fine Arts credit

Music In Our Lives

Performance Ensembles

- *Choir*
- *Concert Choir*
- *Orchestra*
- *Concert Band*
- *Wind Ensemble*

Music-Performance Ensembles

Choir - open to all

Concert Choir - audition required

Orchestra - previous experience required

Concert Band - previous experience required

Wind Ensemble - audition required

Music-More Electives

Intro to Guitar (0.5 credit)

Music In Our Lives (1.0 credit)

Music Theory 1 (1.0 credit)

AP Music Theory (1.0 credit)

. Prerequisite: Music Theory 1

Music-Extra Curricular Opportunities

Chamber Orchestra

Dominant Force

Jazz Band

Madrigals

Musical

Women of Note



Grand Island High School
Art Courses

Step 1

Take Studio in Art



Step 2

Take additional
Art Courses

Drawing & Painting



Ceramics



Sculpture



Photography



Advertising Design



Textiles



Creative Crafts



Film & Animation



Fashion Design



* AP Art



Step 3

Get involved with Art!
Art After School & Within The Community



CLUB

GRAND ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL



Scheduling

- 8th grade students will begin the scheduling process with their middle school counselors in the coming weeks.
- Select one or two electives that you feel that you will enjoy.
- If you know that you will need to adjust to the workload of high school classes, it is okay to have a study hall. You may be able to add an elective in place of a study hall for the second semester if you find that you don't need the extra time to complete work.

Final Notes

- Please be aware of our NO DROP policy at the high school - this means that once you select your courses, you are committed to those classes. There may be some ability to change an elective up to the end of July, but no changes will be made once the school year begins.
- We encourage all students to take a lunch. This is needed down time for many students and most classrooms do not allow students to eat in them due to allergies. Going a full day without eating generally does not allow a student to focus well academically.

We are looking forward to getting to know our GIHS Class of 2027!

- We are looking forward to you joining us at GIHS in the fall!
- Please feel free to reach out to our high school counselors with any additional questions about course selection and scheduling.
 - ◆ GIHS Guidance Office: 716-773-8860