

Welcome to GHC TK-8



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Mission and Vision

GHC students will be prepared to face the future with the following skills:

- Mastery of the Middle Years Program Standards part of the International Baccalaureate Program
- Ability to think reflectively and critically
- Develop a commitment to hard work, honesty, and cooperation
- Be compassionate and responsible members of our community



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Chief Academic
Officer/Interim
Director
Dr. DaCosta



Interim
Assistant
Administrative
Director:
Mrs. Rodriguez



Assistant
Administrative
Director:
Mrs. Alfred



Assistant
Administrative
Director:
Mr. Alvarado



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8th Grade Teachers



Ms. Song
English



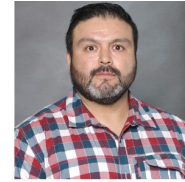
Ms. Purse
History



Mr. Berger
Physical
Education



Ms. Feldman
Science



Mr. Pimentel
Math



Mr. Perez
Spanish



Ms. Chen
Mandarin



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Special Programs and Student Support Services



Dr. Giang
Special
Education
Coordinator



**Mr.
Silverman**
Special
Education
Teacher



**Ms.
Gonzalez**
Special
Education
Teacher



Mr. Sofer
Special
Education
Teacher



Social-Emotional, Behavior and Mental Health Support Staff



Ms. Bernal,
School Counselor
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Mr. Rodriguez,
Intervention Coordinator
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Ms. Cordero,
School Psychologist
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Mr. Berenson
Dean of Student Life
justinberenson@ghctk12.com

Bell Schedule

Regular Day Bell Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Time	Monday & Friday	Time	Wednesday & Thursday	
Period 0	7:35AM-8:25AM	Period 0	7:35AM-8:25AM	
Period 1	8:30AM-9:20AM	Block 1	Period 6	Period 3
Period 2	9:25AM-10:15AM		8:30AM-9:55AM	8:30AM-9:55AM
Recess 1: 10:15AM-10:30AM		Recess 1: 9:55AM-10:10AM		
Period 3	10:35AM-11:25AM	Block 2	Period 5	Period 2
Period 4	11:30AM-12:20PM		10:15AM-11:40PM	10:15AM-11:40PM
Advisory 12:25PM-12:50PM		Advisory 11:45PM-12:50PM		
Lunch 12:50PM-1:10PM		Lunch 12:50PM-1:10PM		
Recess 2: 1:10PM-1:25PM		Recess 2: 1:10PM-1:25PM		
Recess 2: 1:10PM-1:25PM		Advisory 1:30-1:45PM		
Period 5	1:30PM-2:20PM	Block 3	Period 4	Period 1
Period 6	2:25PM-3:15PM		1:50PM-3:15PM	1:50PM-3:15PM

Shortened Day Bell Schedule

Tuesday

Time	Tuesday
Period 0	7:45AM-8:25AM
Period 1	8:30AM-9:10AM
Period 2	9:15AM-9:55AM
Recess 1: 9:55AM-10:10AM	
Period 3	10:15AM -10:55AM
Period 4	11:00AM-11:40AM
Advisory 11:45AM-12:10PM	
Lunch 12:10PM-12:30PM	
Recess 2: 12:30PM-12:45PM	
Period 5	12:50PM-1:30PM
Period 6	1:35PM-2:15PM



Dress Code

- 1 Shorts/skirts/dresses must be fingertip + 1 inch in length
- 2 Holes and tears in jeans must be below fingertip + 1 inch
- 3 Tops accompanying leggings must be thumb length all the way around
- 4 No transparent clothing. No explicit or vulgar images. No Non-GHC headwear



Electronic Device Policy



To avoid cell phone confiscation AND detention, remember:

- Keep the phone off and in your backpack all times.
- Keep earphones and AirPods out of sight.
- Use the student phone in the Main Office to contact a parent/guardian.
- When feeling sick, students should visit the Health Office. **DO NOT** use your cellphone to call home.

Confiscated devices must be picked up by a parent/guardian in the Main Office.

Redirection/Reassignment

Redirection

A student may receive a redirection for violation of school rules including but not limited to

- *Cell Phone out during school hours
- *Dress Code
- *Chromebook not charged
- *Chewing Gum
- *Disruptive behavior in the classroom or on the yard

Clearing Redirection

Student may clear the redirection hours by

- *supporting a teacher or counselor after school
- *Campus Beautification
- *Attending after school tutoring



Attendance Grading Policy

- Students who are absent 15 or more times from a class will have their grade reduced by one (1) letter grade.
- The school will make every effort to notify parents of troublesome attendance patterns; however, it is the student's responsibility to maintain satisfactory attendance.
- The fifteen-day absence policy includes excused/unexcused absences.
- Unexcused absences will be subject to the Attendance Policy under Chronic Truancy which may result in no participation for dances, field trips, culmination.

Grading Policy

Final grade in each class is a reflection of performance in these categories

- Progress/Practice (classwork, homework, formative assessments)
- Achievement (final projects, tests, writing assessments)

Homework is a key part of your progress in class

Students may have assignments, studying or a long term project that they may need to complete at home

Absences During FINAL EXAMS

Students must be present in class during the time that final exams are administered.

Students will NOT be permitted to take their final exams outside of the allotted Final Exam time provided in the classroom.

If there are extenuating circumstances and a student misses their final they can complete a Final Exam Absence Appeal form and provide documentation that must verify the reason for absence such as but limited to:

- Doctor notes
- Documentation of emergency

*Appeals will NOT be granted for vacation, family trip, family reunions or any other non-emergency activity.

8th Grade Contract

PLEASE RETURN THIS SIGNED FORM TO YOUR
ADVISORY TEACHER by
Friday, October 4, 2024

Middle School Certificate of Completion Policy
&
Participation in Culmination and 8th Grade Activities Policy

Certificate of Completion

All academically eligible students will earn a Certificate of Completion for middle school. Students must earn a total of 60 credits during their 8th grade school year to be eligible for a Certificate of Completion. All subject areas will be considered for eligibility.

Students earn 5 credits for passing each semester course with a grade of "D" or better.

Fall 8th Grade		Spring 8th Grade	
Courses	Credits	Courses	Credits
Language and Literature 8A	5	Language and Literature 8B	5
Math 8A (CC/Alg1/Geom)	5	Math 8B (CC/Alg1/Geom)	5
Individuals and Societies 8A	5	Individuals and Societies 8B	5
Science 8A	5	Science 8B	5
Physical and Health Education 8A	5	Physical and Health Education 8B	5
Language Acquisition 8A	5	Language Acquisition 8B	5
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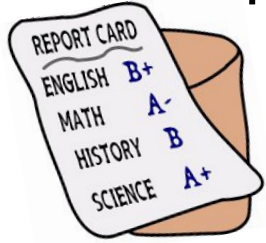
If a student transfers into GHC for the first time in the second semester of 8th grade, the administrator or designee will evaluate student eligibility based on the possible credits attempted and earned from the date of entry into the school.

Participation in Culmination Ceremony and 8th Grade Activities

Students must meet the academic requirements to earn a Certificate of Completion AND the following additional criteria to participate in the culmination ceremony and 8th Grade activities:

- Student has three (3) or more U's (Unsatisfactory) marks in citizenship on the Progress/Report Card leading up to Culmination or Culmination activity.
- Student must clear all obligations including Redirections, Chromebook & textbook return, cafeteria charges, and library charges, if applicable.
- Frequent or serious violations of any school rule(s) resulting in an office referral can disqualify a student from participation in the culmination ceremony and other 8th grade activities.
- All students are subject to the attendance policy which can be referenced on page 3 of the GHC Student Planner.

Culmination and Activity Participation Requirements



Grade Eligible

Pass all classes with a "D" or better. No more than 2 Fails for the entire school year.

Citizenship

Student has no more than three (3) Unsatisfactory Marks on Progress or Report Cards (evaluated each 6 weeks)



Behavior

Frequent or serious violations of any school rule(s) resulting in an office referral can disqualify a student from participation in the culmination ceremony and other 8th grade activities.

Students must have a redirection balance of zero (0) to participate in any school activities

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Appeals Process

If a student does not meet the academic criteria for the Certificate of Completion, the student or parent/guardian may appeal by following the procedures listed below.

- A student or parent/guardian must submit a written request to the Culmination Appeals Committee stating why the student did not meet the requirements for the certificate or for participating in the culmination activity. At a minimum, the Culmination Appeals Committee will include a site administrator, a teacher, and a counselor.
- The response of the Culmination Appeals Committee shall be provided in writing and by telephone within three school days following the appeal.
- If the parent/guardian does not agree with the Culmination Appeals Committee they may appeal to the TK-8 Administrative Director within three days.
- A decision by the TK-8 Administrative Director shall be made within three school days following the appeal.

How can I Support my Student?



Home Access Center (HAC)

Home Access Center

- Class Grades
- Missing Assignments (NTI)
- Attendance
- Teacher Contact Information
- Detention Balance

For technical support email:
eschoolplus@ghctk12.com



Planner

Students should be using their planner to keep track of assignments and to keep track of important dates



8th grade team emails

8th grade team sends out a monthly email on the first Sunday of each month to families where they go over major topics/assignments being covered in each of your student's core classes.

September, 2024

Good Sunday morning, 8th grade students and families!

It was a pleasure meeting you all during our Back-to-School night. As previously mentioned, in an effort to streamline the number of emails you receive from the school and teachers, the 8th grade team would like to share some information with you at the beginning of each month in *one email* with updates for all the classes. Thank you in advance for taking the time to read through the reminders and information to help your child be successful in each of their classes this upcoming year. As always, feel free to reach out to individual teachers with specific questions or concerns.

Here are some updates and reminders for the month of September:

General Reminders:

- GHC TK-8 PTSA needs your support! Please click [here](#) for more details on how to get involved.
- Cell phones and Smartwatches must be turned **OFF** (not silenced) and placed *inside* student backpacks while on campus during school hours.
- HW Planners have been provided for each student. Please be sure students are utilizing this tool to document their daily & long-term assignments.
- Charge Chromebooks- students, please remember to charge your Chromebooks the night before. An uncharged Chromebook will lead to a referral slip.
- Home Access Center (HAC) Grades- Please stay abreast with your child's progress in [Home Access Center](#). The 6-week progress report card grades will be accessible to view on Home Access Center the week of 9/27.
 - If you need assistance, please email eSchoolPLUS@ghctk12.com
- Looking Ahead:
 - Saturday, 9/7 PTSA Ice Cream Social
 - Wednesday, 9/11 Grades 6-8 Upstage Rehearsal begins
 - Wed, 9/11 - Fri, 9/13 Grade 8 Audiometry Testing
 - Tuesday, 9/17 PTSA Meeting
 - Thursday, 9/19 MS Club Rush (MPR)
 - Friday, 9/20 6-Week Progress Report Grading Period
 - Friday, 9/27 TK-8 Spirit Day: Back to Football Jersey Friday
 - Wednesday, 10/2 Make-Up Picture Day
 - Thursday, 10/3 No School: Unassigned Day

English Updates:

- **Argumentative Unit:** For the next several weeks of September, we will be reading various articles that revolve around our essential theme: *Freedom vs. Security*. Students will be responsible for showing their thinking through *purposeful annotations*, weekly *Pop-Up debates*, and writing an *effective argumentative piece* that includes both a *counterclaim* and a *rebuttal*.
- **Greek/Latin Root Words** will continue to be pushed each week. Students will be responsible for studying their root words in preparation for weekly quizzes. Each week's list of root words will build upon the previous week's, so students should keep up with their root word studies. This Wed/Thursday, students will take Quiz #2, which will cover both lists 1 & 2 (10 root words).
- **IXL** will begin the week of September 9. Students will be responsible for showing mastery of 2 assigned skills each week.
- **Materials:** Please make sure to bring your HW planner, independent reading book, WRN (Writer's Reader's Notebook), charged Chromebook, and pens/pencils/ highlighters to class each day.
- **Classroom Library Book Donations** would be greatly appreciated. Please click here for our classroom library Amazon wishlist [link](#).
- **CANVA S** will be our main platform for any online materials or assignments as well as monthly announcements specific to our class. Occasionally, Google Classroom will also be utilized for specific projects/assignments/quizzes.
- Questions or concerns? Email me at annsong@ghctk12.com

You are invited!

ANNUAL 8TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE

October 19, 2024

Join us to receive information about:

- New enrollment process for all TK-12 applicants.
- World-class programs and enrichment classes.
- Activities and athletics opportunities.

This event aims to allow families to learn more about our school's programs and offerings.

Registration is not required
We look forward to your visit with us!

Open Enrollment Application



Can't make it to the 8th Grade Open House? Scan the QR Code to schedule a tour.



¡Esta Invitado!

JORNADA DE PUERTAS ABIERTAS DEL OCTAVO GRADO

19 de Octubre de 2024

Únase a nosotros para recibir información sobre:

- Nuevo proceso de inscripción para todos los solicitantes de TK-12.
- Programas de clase mundial y clases de enriquecimiento.
- Actividades y oportunidades deportivas.

Este evento permite que las familias aprendan más sobre los programas y ofertas de nuestra escuela.

No es necesario registrarse
¡Esperamos su visita con nosotros!

La Solicitud de Inscripción Abierta



¿No puede asistir a La Jornada de Puertas Abiertas del Octavo Grado? Escanee el código QR para registrar un recorrido.



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Thank You



Don't forget to have your students
submit their signed contract by
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