

GEO

Handbook

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A WASC Accredited K-12 School Using
Independent & Home Study Strategies

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Welcome to GEO

Vision

Gateway Educational Options believes that our students will benefit from being career and college ready by possessing the essential knowledge and necessary skills to lead fulfilling lives.

Mission

We recognize the unique needs and interests of each student. We provide choices for students who are seeking a personalized and flexible learning path towards a high school diploma and beyond. In our safe and welcoming learning environment, our students receive support in defining and achieving their goals, while they develop the skills they need to be successful.

Schoolwide Learner Outcomes

GEO students will:

- Persist in striving for academic accuracy and mastery
- Reflect on their learning and respond to complex problems
- Develop digital literacy
- Demonstrate personal responsibility
- Create an education action plan for high school and beyond



Instruction through Independent Study

- ❖ Facilitates the student's active participation in his or her own education.
- ❖ Offers flexibility and choice in the student's educational program.
- ❖ Challenges each student to excel in his or her area of special interest and abilities.
- ❖ Provides a variety of ways for students to achieve mastery of basic skills.
- ❖ Collaboration occurs between student, teacher, and parent.
- ❖ Encourages the student to be resourceful.
- ❖ Allows the student to study at their own pace within the limits of compulsory attendance and academic requirements.

Is GEO for Me?



A few things to know about our school:

Weekly Appointments:

As a GEO student, you will meet with your teacher once a week (same day and time each week). Appointments are in-person and you must provide your own transportation. Virtual appointments are available through Google Meet as authorized by the teacher. Guardians of kindergarten through 8th grade students must attend the weekly appointment with their child(ren). All state and district testing is required for all students and will be in-person on our campus.

Attendance:

- Attendance is based on the amount of work a student submits. It is important to complete and submit all of the assigned work on time each week.
- To remain enrolled in GEO, you must attend your weekly appointment with your teacher and you must submit all of your assigned work each week
- K-5 students have a daily online instruction requirement in addition to weekly appointments.
- 6-8 students have a daily live interaction requirement during school hours directed by the teacher in addition to weekly appointments.
- 9-12 students must earn a minimum of 30 semester credits (more credits may be required to meet individual credit goals); and 95% attendance
- Independent Study is a voluntary public school. Therefore, **a student can be dismissed from GEO for violation of the signed Master Agreement, which could include poor attendance, lack of progress, lack of academic integrity, and/or behavior issues. Once dismissed, the student will need to enroll in another school.**

Technology Requirements:

- Internet access is required.
- A Chromebook will be provided.
- Online assignments are required as a part of your weekly work.
- For high school students, A-G courses are only offered online through SUBJECT.com.

Sports for High School Students:

GEO high school students can participate in extracurricular sports teams at Central Valley High School. For more information, contact the front office at (530) 275-7000.

Additional Credit Opportunities for High School Students:

In addition to the weekly assigned work, GEO high school students can access further learning and credit earning opportunities through concurrent enrollment at Shasta College, the Regional Occupational Program (ROP), or through employment. For a work permit application, contact the front office (530) 275-7000.



Concurrent Enrollment with Community College

Concurrent enrollment is when a high school student enrolls at GEO and a community college at the same time. For more information about current courses visit: [Shasta College Concurrent Enrollment](#)

- ❖ A GEO administrator must give approval and the course(s) must further the student's academic goals.
- ❖ Students are responsible for the cost of textbooks, parking, health center, or other campus-related fees.
- ❖ College credits may count toward high school requirements and college credit at the same time.

Regional Occupational Program (ROP)

Grades 11-12

ROP courses are designed to provide students with the opportunity to explore the world of work. By applying the academics and skills required while in high school to a real work environment, students may prepare for college or advanced training and/or upgrade their existing skills. All of this is accomplished through a combination of rigorous and relevant classroom instruction by qualified instructors and supervised internships at local businesses or industries. To enroll in ROP, contact your GEO teacher.



For more detailed information, updated course list, and course descriptions, please visit www.strop.org

Possible ROP Courses

- ❖ Cosmetology
- ❖ Automotive Technology
- ❖ Advanced Automotive (Smog)
- ❖ Administration of Justice
- ❖ Child Psychology
- ❖ Careers with Children
- ❖ CISCO Networking (Computers)
- ❖ A+ Certification (Computers)
- ❖ Firefighter Training
- ❖ Fire: Public Safety
- ❖ Patient Care Tech
- ❖ Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA)
- ❖ Dental
- ❖ Restaurant Occupations

GUSD High School Graduation Requirements

English	40
Mathematics	20
Algebra/Integrated I	10
Physical Education	20
World History	10
U.S. History	10
American Gov't	5
Economics	5
Life Science	10
Physical Science	10
Science	10
Visual/Performing Art	10
Practical/Voc/CTE	10
Electives	60
TOTAL	230

High School Transcripts

For copies of official transcripts, please contact the front office at (530) 275-7000.

Graduation Ceremony

GEO graduates participate in a graduation ceremony at the end of the school year. In the spring, students are provided with information regarding a cap and gown and other pertinent details.



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*Violations of academic integrity can include, but are not limited to, forms of plagiarism such as using another student's work, or the Internet, and passing it off as the student's own work.

Check the box and sign below:

I have read and understand the GEO Handbook and the above statements.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____