GAHS Counseling Center

https://hs.gettysburg.k12.pa.us/our-school/counseling-center
717-334-6254, Opt. 2, Ext. 6248

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Counseling Services & Student Support

- School counselors work with students in grades 9-12. Students are assigned a school counselor based on the first initial of their last name.
- Students meet with their school counselor individually at least one time per year to discuss their interests, strengths, goals, and future course planning.
- School counselors work in three domains (Academic, College / Career Readiness, and Student Wellness).

Course Selection & Academic Planning

Information, including the 2025-2026 Course Selection Guide can be found here:
https://hs.gettysburg.k12.pa.us/our-school/counseling-center/scheduling

- Current 8th-grade students should consult with their current teachers, counselor, and administrators for core class recommendations.
- Course selection forms are due to GAMS Homeroom teachers by Friday, February 21st.
- Once in high school, GAHS Counselors visit students in their Freshman Advisory / Career Exploration classrooms in December and February to discuss Counseling Center resources and course selection for 10th grade. Individual meetings follow to plan ahead for 10th grade.

Communication & Resources

- Student schedules are available in Skyward at the beginning of August, prior to the start of a new school year. Students will be given instructions on how to request corrections to their schedule or better balancing of core courses between semesters, once schedules are made available. All changes requests for the entire school year must be submitted by the deadline, prior to the 1st day of school. Several Accelerated and AP courses require completion of summer assignments.
- Counselors, teachers, and administrators are available for consultation.
- Important information is communicated via:
  - Skyward Messenger emails for parents.
  - Student Gmail and Student Counseling Center Canvas Pages.
  - Counseling Center section of the GAHS website.
- Collaboration with parents/guardians is encouraged to help students maximize their high school experience.

GETTYSBURG AREA HIGH SCHOOL

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School Report

Grading:

Students earn numeric grades. GPA based on weighted numeric scale out of 100.

A	94-100
A–	92-93
B+	90-91
B	85-89
B-	83-84
C+	81-82
C	75-80
C-	73-74
D+	71-72
D	67-70
D-	65-66
F	64-0

Report Cards are issued at the end of each semester.

Class Rank:

School District Policy states class that rank is based on final cumulative numeric grades for all GAHS work. Students are ranked numerically. GAHS names a valedictorian and salutatorian.

Graduation Requirements:

28 Credits

English	4
Social Studies	4
Science	3 or 4
Math	3 or 4
Electives	6
Arts/Humanities	2
Physical Edu	2
Career & Research	1
Personal Finance	.5
Health	.5
Freshman FACS	.5
Safety Ed	.5

*Staring with the class of 2026 the course work requirements will be changing but total credits needed to earn will remain at 28 credits.

Community:

Gettysburg is a rural community of approximately 10,000 citizens. We are located forty miles south of Harrisburg, and seventy miles north of Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD. Our town attracts many visitors to our famous historic battlefield. We are proud to be home of Lincoln's famous "Gettysburg Address". Our town is also home to Gettysburg College and Gettysburg Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Course Weighting:

Accelerated Courses are offered in English, Mathematics, and Sciences.
1.03 Weight
**Accelerated option also available in Social Studies.*

Advanced Placement
Courses are offered in English Lang, Lit, and English Seminar 10, Spanish, US History, World History, Gov & Politics, Human Geo, Psychology, Calculus, Physics, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, and Art.
1.1 Weight

College in the High School Courses are offered in English 101 and 102, Health, Intro to Business Software, Business, Management, Anatomy & Physiology and Environmental Science.
1.1 Weight

School:

Established in 1883, Gettysburg Area High School is a comprehensive public high school with a student body of 1,000 in grades 9-12. The school employs approximately eighty certified faculty members and more than 60% of those hold advanced degrees. We have 1 Principal, 2 Assistant Principals, 3 School Counselors, 1 School Nurse, 1 Librarian and 1 Athletic Director. Our student support staff consists of a school Psychologist, Social Worker, Family Navigator, Speech Therapist, an English as a Second Language program and Learning Support classes.

Off Campus College Opportunities:

Area Colleges and Community College also provide opportunities for students to take college level courses during their senior year.
College level courses taken outside high school and taught by teachers not employed by GASD, independent study, foreign exchange student work and transferring grades from other high schools will receive credit for work but will not be included in GPA for class rank calculations.

Curriculum:

Students have over 100 required and elective courses to choose from. GAHS is on block scheduling by semester. Classes are required in English, Social Studies, Math, Science, PE, Health, Personal Finance, Freshman FACS, Safety Ed, Careers & Research. Other offered programs include Agriculture, Art, Business, Career and Technology, Foreign Languages, Family and Consumer Science, Music, Technical Education, JROTC, and career internships. There is a comprehensive interscholastic athletic program for both boys and girls in thirteen sports.

Post-Graduation Plans: Class of 2024

17% -2-year institutions
40% -4-year colleges
4% - Military
4% - Post Secondary Training (No Degree)
19% - Workforce
16% - Undecided

Accreditation:

GASD is designated as a registered district by Pennsylvania Department of Education. Certification process takes place every 5 years.

CEEB CODE:

391510

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College Credit Opportunities at GAHS

Advanced Placement Courses (AP)

All Advanced Placement (AP) courses are college-level courses designed to prepare students for Advanced Placement tests. Depending upon how well a student does on the respective AP examination given in May, they may receive college credit in a particular subject area. Students electing to take an AP course are required to take the examination and pay the exam fee (approximately $100.00). Payment of the fee can be made in three installments. Failure to pay the fee will result in an "Incomplete" being assigned for the class grade until the fee is paid. Financial assistance may be available.

Students desiring to take AP courses need to be highly motivated and should have experienced a high degree of success in previous courses in the subject area. Students will be required to do a great deal of reading, writing, and high-level problem solving.

In addition, students enrolled in AP courses may be required to complete summer assignments. Please see each individual course description for guidelines regarding summer work assignments. Assignments should be given directly to the teacher of the AP course. Exceptions may be granted by the teacher with the approval of the administration for extenuating circumstances only. Three or more college credits may be granted by the cooperating institution based on the student's AP exam score and the receiving college's AP credit policy.

- AP Seminar 10 (Approx. $140)
- AP ENG 11: English Language
- AP ENG 12: English Literature
- AP Human Geography grades 9-12
- AP Psychology - 10,11,12
- AP US Government and Politics - 10, 11, 12
- AP United States History – 10, 11, 12
- AP World History - 10, 11, 12
- AP Calculus AB (1.5 credit course)
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry I & II (2 credit course)
- AP Physics (1.5 credit course)
- AP Art (2D, 3D, & Drawing) (2 credit course)
- AP Spanish

Advanced Placement courses are weighted an additional 10%, the same as College in the High School courses. See the Grading Scale on page 7 of Course Selection Guide.

See College in the High School information on page 2 →

College Credit Opportunities at GAHS

College in the High School (CHS)

Gettysburg Area High School has partnered with various post-secondary institutions to provide college level courses and credit to eligible students in grades 11 and 12. College in the High School courses are taught by certified Gettysburg Area High School teachers, offering the same course content as the college. Students enrolled in CHS courses have the option to earn college credits offered at a reduced tuition rate at the expense of the student and family at the approximate cost of $225.00 - $400.00 per course. Courses are charged per credit, with the cost per credit being set by the college. See each course's description for more details. Financial assistance may be available, consult with your counselor.

English
- CHS English I
- CHS English II

Health & Sciences
- CHS Health/Wellness
- CHS Biology
- CHS Intro to Environmental Science
- CHS Anatomy / Physiology

Business
- CHS Accounting 1
- CHS Accounting 2
- CHS Business
- CHS Intro to Software

Career & Tech Ed
- CHS Electronics Tech
- CHS Digital Electronics
- CHS GIS

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High School Classes Open the Doors to College

Because you are planning to go to college, it's important that you take the right classes in high school.

Beginning in ninth grade, the majority of your classes should be ones that prepare you for admission to and, even more importantly, success in college. Most admission officers tell you that the first thing they look at is your choice of classes—even before they look at grades. When it comes time to apply to college you want to make sure that you meet the admission criteria of *all* colleges in which you are interested. Always remember that it is much better to be overprepared than underprepared.

Here's what you need by the end of your senior year to meet the admission expectations at a majority of colleges:

- Four full years of English classes. This includes courses in which you study writing and courses in which you read literature. Colleges know that you need to be able to write well in nearly every career. You need to be able to read and analyze, and you need to develop strong communication skills.

- Four full years of math classes. Students who take math in each year of high school are far more successful in college than students taking only three years. Math is the tool that you will use for many other classes, especially those in science. Your math classes should include at least four of the following six classes, taken in this order:
    1. Pre-algebra
    2. Algebra
    3. Geometry
    4. Algebra II and/or trigonometry
    5. Precalculus
    6. Calculus

Never skip a year of math in high school, because you will lose your momentum. If you don't take math in your senior year, you will find that the math classes required in college will be very difficult!

- Three–four years of laboratory science classes. You will have the strongest background if you have taken at least one year each of:
    - Biology
    - Chemistry
    - Physics

- Two years minimum of social sciences. Most college freshmen studied World History and American History in high school. Other social science options include:
    - Government
    - Sociology
    - Geography
    - Psychology

- Two–four years of a world language. More colleges are requiring a minimum of two years of language study while in high school for admission. Because many colleges require students to study a second language, it is important that you expose yourself to the study of languages while in high school.

- A small number of colleges require one year of visual or performing art prior to admission. Participation in these classes throughout high school can help you to develop a special talent that will make you a highly qualified applicant.

Most colleges require students to meet certain college prep curriculum standards. Colleges may want to see advanced courses, such as honors and/or AP, that demonstrate the ability to succeed in higher levels of academics. Meeting the minimum isn't the best way to prepare for college. Strong preparation means going beyond the minimum—allowing you to start your college career in college-level courses, not remedial courses which are designed to help you catch up or review high school material—for *no credit*!

Athletes: Work with your counselor and coaches to make sure that your classes meet the standards of the NCAA Clearinghouse. Go to *http://eligibilitycenter.org* for more information.

What Classes Will You Take to Prepare for College?

Subject	Minimum college preparation	State universities and other selective college requirements	Highly selective college recommendations *(Honors and AP levels, when possible)*	My courses to date*:	I need to take:
English (with an emphasis on reading and writing)	4 years	4 years	4 years		
Math	3 years, including algebra, geometry, and advanced algebra	4 years, including algebra, geometry, and advanced algebra	4 years, including algebra, geometry, and advanced algebra		
Social Studies	2–3 years, including 1 year of US History and 1-2 years from other social sciences	2–3 years, including 1 year of US History and 1-2 years from other social sciences	2–3 years, including 1 year of US History and 1-2 years from other social sciences		
Science	2 years of lab science: Biology, Chemistry, or Physics	2–3 years of lab science: Biology, Chemistry, or Physics	3–4 years of lab science: Biology, Chemistry, or Physics		
World language	2 years of the same foreign language	3 years of the same foreign language	4 years of the same foreign language		

*Record date and semester

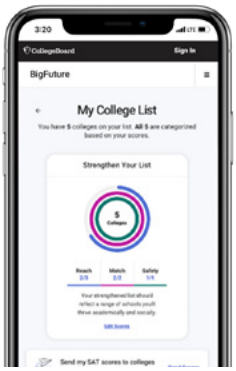
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3 Steps for Students to Plan for College on BigFuture

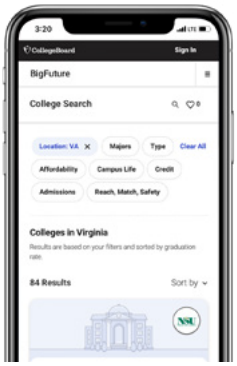


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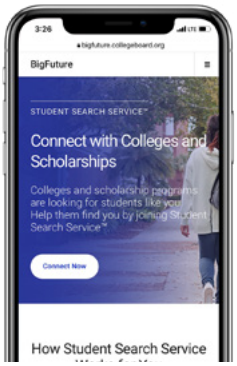
1. Take a Quiz. Get Personalized Options.

Students answer a series of questions about college preferences (e.g., GPA range, intended major, institution type, and college setting) and get a personalized list of recommended colleges.



2. Explore Over 3,600 College Profiles With Credible Information.

Students can search and filter profiles with rich content about campus life and admissions provided by the colleges themselves. They can save schools to their college list and sort by reach, match, or safety based on SAT® score.[1]



3. Connect with Colleges Through Student Search Service.

Student Search Service™ is the way thousands of colleges and scholarships connect with more than five million students. On average, students contacted by colleges through Student Search receive 29% more college admission offers than similar students who aren't in Student Search.[2]

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- Check out the **Ultimate Guide to Writing Your College Essay** with videos and articles provided in partnership with Khan Academy®.

[1] The categorization is based on the average score range (25th to 75th percentile of test scores) of last year's first-year class. As students build balanced lists of colleges, it's important to consider a range of factors, including location, cost, size, and majors offered. Together, these help students determine which colleges are an overall good social, financial, and academic fit.

[2] All Access. (2021). New Research Links Student Search Service Participation to More College Admission Offers. Retrieved March 13, 2023, from https://allaccess.collegeboard.org/new-research-links-student-search-service-participation-more-college-admission-offers

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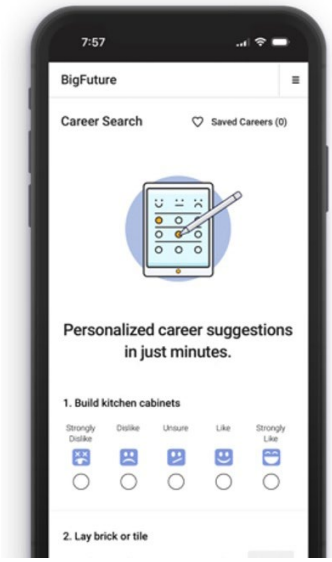
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Ways to Explore Careers on BigFuture

Career exploration is a top priority of students, regardless of their pathway after high school. BigFuture® offers all students free, personalized tools to find careers and the education they need to reach them.

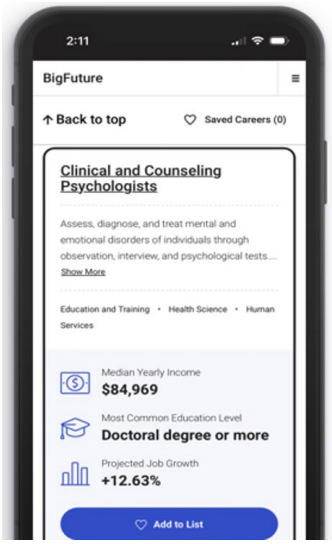
1 Take a Career Quiz Get Personalized Career Recommendations

Students can take a 10-minute career quiz about their interests and get matched to a list of 30 potential careers to explore.



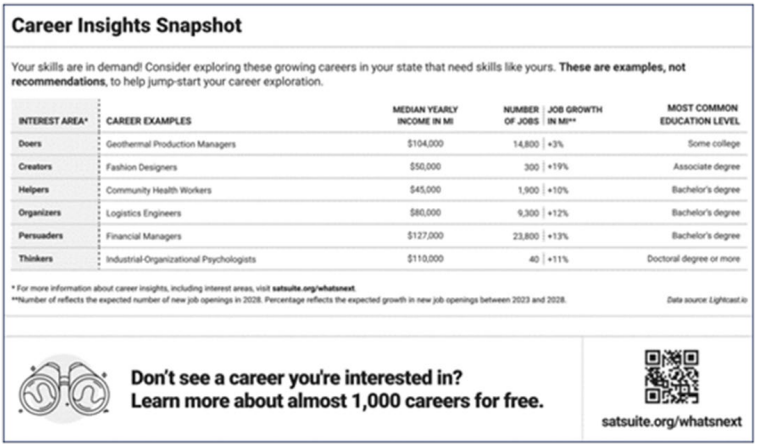
2 Explore Over 1,000 Career Profiles.

Students can access detailed state and national information about income, job growth, and common education level.



3 Match Careers to Interests and Skills with Career Insights Snapshot.

Students receive information on careers that connect to their Math test and Reading and Writing test scores, and that are growing in their state.



Career Insights Snapshot

Your skills are in demand! Consider exploring these growing careers in your state that need skills like yours. **These are examples, not recommendations**, to help jump-start your career exploration.

INTEREST AREA*	CAREER EXAMPLES	MEDIAN YEARLY INCOME IN MI	NUMBER OF JOBS	JOB GROWTH IN MI**	MOST COMMON EDUCATION LEVEL
Doers	Geothermal Production Managers	$104,000	14,800	+3%	Some college
Creators	Fashion Designers	$50,000	300	+19%	Associate degree
Helpers	Community Health Workers	$45,000	1,900	+10%	Bachelor's degree
Organizers	Logistics Engineers	$80,000	9,300	+12%	Bachelor's degree
Persuaders	Financial Managers	$127,000	23,800	+13%	Bachelor's degree
Thinkers	Industrial-Organizational Psychologists	$110,000	40	+11%	Doctoral degree or more

* For more information about career insights, including interest areas, visit **satsuite.org/whatsnext**.
**Number of reflects the expected number of new job openings in 2028. Percentage reflects the expected growth in new job openings between 2023 and 2028.

Data source: Lightcast.io

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GAHS Student Clubs/Activities 2024-2025	
Organization	**24-25 Advisor**
(AEP) American Exchange Project (Jr & Sr)	Niki Kubeck
Amnesty International	
Badminton Club	Mr. Willard
Brainbusters or Quizbowl	
Chess Club	Mr. Dolly
Crochet Club	Mrs. Miller
Collaborating for Youth	
Enviromental Club	Mr. Glassmann
Tri-M Music Honor Society	Mrs. Kriel, Mr. Hofmann, Mrs. Coolbaugh
FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America)	
Fiber Arts Club	
French Club	Mr. Trone
Future Business Leaders of American (FBLA)*	Mr. Wadel, Mr. Klunk
Game Club	Mrs. Saltzer & Mr. Jurney
Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)	Ms. Baker & Mrs. Alston
German Club	Mrs. Wilson
History Club	Mr. Willard
Hope Squad*	Mrs. Weigle
Indoor Track & Field	
Interrobang Magazine Club	
Key Club	Mrs. Kubeck and Mrs. Bowman
Latino Club	Ms. Tosh
MiniTHON	Mrs. Black, Mr. Smith
Math Club	Mr. Godack
Art Club	Mrs. Stith
National Art Honor Society (NAHS)*	Mrs. Dreves, Mrs. Stith
National FFA Organization (FFA)	Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Scott
National Honor Society (NHS)*	Mr. Armor, Mr. Withers

Photography Club	Mr. Deckert
National Math Honor Society (MATHS)*	Mr. Godack
Spanish Club	Mr. Diehl
Speech and Debate	Mr. Houser & Jurney
Sports Leadership*	Mr. Laing
Sports Nutrition	E. Kriel / Mr. Smith
Sports Nutrition Outreach Program (SNOP)	E. Kriel / Mr. Smith
Science and Engineering Fair	
Student Council*	Mrs. Biggins/Ms. Morris
Technology Student Association (TSA)*	Mr. Colgan, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Licharowicz
Technology Student Association (TSA)*-Robotics	Mr Hardy
Ultimate Frisbee Club	Mr. Dolly
Warrior Wire*	Mrs. Smith
Warrior Ambassadors*	
District Printing/Yearbook Publications	Mr. Deckert
Band	Mr. Hofmann
Dramatics (Spring Musical)	Mrs. Coolbaugh
Fall Dramatics	Connie Tarbox
HS Choral Ens	Mrs. Coolbaugh
HS Chorus	Mrs. Coolbaugh
HSS (School Store)	Mrs. Osmolenski
JROTC	Sgt. Klein
Orchestra	Mrs. K Kriel
Veterans Day Comm	Sgt. Klein
*invitation only	