

Welcome to GHC TK-8



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CHARTER

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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ADMINISTRATION



Chief Academic
Officer/Interim
Director
Dr. DaCosta



Assistant
Administrative
Director 3-5:
Mrs. Rodriguez



Assistant
Administrative
Director 6-8:
Mrs. Alfred



Assistant
Administrative
Director TK-2:
Mr. Alvarado

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8th Grade Teachers



Ms. Song
English

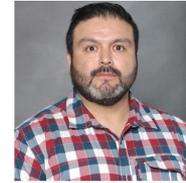


Ms. Purse
History

**Mr.
Gogue
-Alefosio**
Physical
Education



**Ms.
Feldman**
Science



**Mr.
Pimentel**
Math



Mr. Perez
Spanish



Ms. Chen
Mandarin

Special Programs and Student Support Services



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Inclusion Specialist/Reading
Intervention Coordinator



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Special Education Coordinator



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Special Education Teacher

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Dean of Student Life
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Ms. Cordero,
School Psychologist
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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 8:30AM-9:55AM	Period 3 8:30AM-9:55AM
Period 2	9:25AM-10:15AM		Recess 1: 9:55AM-10:10AM	
Recess 1: 10:15AM-10:30AM		Block 2	Period 5 10:15AM-11:40PM	Period 2 10:15AM-11:40PM
Period 3	10:35AM-11:25AM		Advisory 11:45PM-12:50PM	
Period 4	11:30AM-12:20PM	Lunch 12:50PM-1:10PM		
Advisory 12:25PM-12:50PM		Recess 2: 1:10PM-1:25PM		
Lunch 12:50PM-1:10PM		Advisory 1:30-1:45PM		
Recess 2: 1:10PM-1:25PM		Block 3	Period 4 1:50PM-3:15PM	Period 1 1:50PM-3:15PM
Period 5	1:30PM-2:20PM			
Period 6	2:25PM-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

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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

- After school in the Intervention, Counseling Office
- Campus Beautification
- Specific task by the counselor/administrator based upon the infraction.

Possible consequences for not serving redirection may include but are not limited to:

1. Thirty minutes added per marking period if there is a redirection balance at the end of the marking period
2. Ineligibility to participate in student activities, school clubs, dances, and culmination.
3. Conference with parents, dean, and administrative director-in-charge

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

Middle School Attendance Impact

- If a student has **15 or more absences** (excused or unexcused) in a course during a semester, the **final grade will be capped at a C**.
- If a student has **20 or more absences** in a course during the same semester, the **final grade will be an F**.
- Absences are **calculated per course**, not across the entire schedule.
- The grade drop applies **only to the course(s)** where the absence threshold is exceeded.
- Parents/guardians and students will receive a **formal warning at the 7th absence** in any course.
- **Appeals** may be submitted to administration and will be reviewed based on documentation and extenuating circumstances.

Make Up Work

- Students with an **excused absence** will be allowed to complete all missed assignments and tests that can be reasonably provided.
- Students will receive **full credit** upon satisfactory completion within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the school (excluding finals week).
- The **classroom teacher** will determine which assignments and tests are reasonably equivalent to those missed (they do not need to be identical).
- *Teachers are not required to provide work for unexcused absences.*

Tardies

Unexcused Tardy:

A tardy is unexcused if:

- The student is not in their seat when the bell rings.
- The student is outside the classroom without a valid pass.
- The student arrives late from off-campus without a valid school excuse. (***Parent notes do not excuse tardies.***)

Every 3rd Tardy will result in a Redirection. Parents will receive notifications through Minga.

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

Students that are granted appeals will have to make up the Final Exam within 6 weeks of the following semester.

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

8th Grade Contract

**YOUR STUDENT SHOULD HAVE TURNED THEIR
8TH GRADE CONTRACT IN TO THEIR
ADVISORY TEACHER by
Friday, September 12, 2025**



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
Advisory	5	Advisory	5
Total Credits Possible	<u>35</u>	Total Credits Possible	<u>35</u>

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 8th Grade Activities

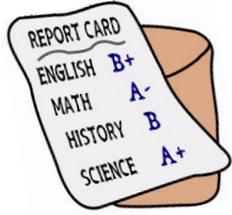
Students must meet the following criteria to participate in 8th Grade activities:

- Student cannot have three (3) or more U's (Unsatisfactory) in citizenship on the Progress Report Card leading up to 8th Grade 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 8th grade activities.
- All students are subject to the attendance policy which can be referenced in the GHC Student Planner.

Participation in Culmination Ceremony

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

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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Participation in Culmination

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

- A minimum of 60 credits
- 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.
- All students are subject to the attendance policy which can be referenced in the GHC Student Planner.

Participation in 8th Grade Activities

Students must meet the following criteria to participate in 8th Grade activities:

- Student cannot have three (3) or more U's (Unsatisfactory) in citizenship on the Progress/Report Card leading up to 8th Grade or Culmination activity.
- Student must clear all obligations including Redirections, Chromebook & textbook return, cafeteria charges, and library charges, if applicable.
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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.
- The response of the Culmination Appeals Committee shall be provided in writing 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



Check your email!

Majority of communication is through email. Be sure to check your email for:

- Monthly 8th Grade Team Emails
- Sunday Emails
- Emails regarding your student progress/Parent conference requests





You are invited!



ANNUAL EIGHTH GRADE OPEN HOUSE

FOR POTENTIAL INCOMING NINTH GRADE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES!

October 11, 2025
10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Join us to learn about:

- The enrollment process for all TK-12 applicants.
- World-class academic programs and enrichment classes.
- Activities, arts, and athletics opportunities.

Registration is not required

We look forward to your visit with us at the Zelzah Campus!

Open Enrollment Application



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



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School Tour



¡Esta Invitado!



JORNADA DE PUERTAS ABIERTAS DEL OCTAVO GRADO

¡PARA POTENCIALES ESTUDIANTES Y FAMILIAS QUE ENTRAN AL NOVENO GRADO!

11 de Octubre de 2025
10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Únase a nosotros para aprender sobre:

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

No es necesario registrarse

¡Esperamos su visita con nosotros en el Campus Zelzah!

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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Recorrido Escolar

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Thank You!

If you have any questions, please contact me at
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