Grimsley High School

Registration Need to Knows

Timelines, Course Projections, Opportunities and Program, and Changes

2026-2027 School Year

Counselors Meet with Students

Feb 2nd - Mar 6th

Counselors will meet with students for individual meetings through their English class. If students are absent, or take English off campus, then Counselors will meet with them during the Follow Up period.

Families Review Course Selections with Their Student(s) in Parent Portal

Mar 28th - Apr 12th

Once course selections have been reviewed, please verify. Contact Ms. Calhoun at calhour@gcsnc.com to set up your Parent Portal account if needed.

Follow Ups

Mar 9th - Mar 27th

Counselors will meet with the necessary students.

Counselors Meet with Students

Rising 10th - 12th Graders

During their one on one meetings with their Counselor, students will:

- review their progress towards graduation
- current academic progress
- current attendance progress
- the course options pros and cons based on their progress, and goals for after high school

Rising 9th Graders

Counselors will coordinate with respective Middle School Counselors to register students for their courses.

All Students

Course selections will be entered into Infinite Campus and will be available to review in Parent Portal from March 28th to April 12th

Course Projections & Graduation Requirements

Course Projections

Courses we plan to offer. Final course offerings depend on student interest, teacher availability, and more.

Course Projections - Core Courses

English Department

English I, II, III, IV
Honors English I, II, III, IV

AP English Language and Composition (11th Grade)
AP English Literature (12th Grade)
IB English HL, SL

English Electives

Journalism/Yearbook I Honors
Journalism/Yearbook Honors II, III, IV

Honors Speech/Debate

Math Department

Foundations of Math 1
Math 1
Honors Math 1

Foundations of Math 2
Math II
Honors Math II

Math III
Honors Math III

Math IV
Honors Math IV
Honors Discrete Math
AP Pre-Calculus
AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB and BC
IB Math Applications SL
IB Math Analysis HL

Science Department

Earth/Environmental Science
Honors Earth/Environmental Science

Biology
Honors Biology

Physical Science
Chemistry
Honors Chemistry

Science Electives

Honors Forensic Science
Honors Anatomy and Physiology
Honors Marine Science

AP Physics
AP Environmental Science
AP Biology
IB Environmental Science SL
IB Biology SL/HL
IB Chemistry SL/HL

Social Studies Department

Civic Literacy Honors
AP US Government and Politics

World History
Honors World History
AP World History

American History
American History Honors
AP United States History

Economics and Personal Finance Honors

Social Studies Electives

AP Human Geography
AP European History
AP Psychology
IB Psychology SL/HL
IB Philosophy SL/HL
IB History SL
IB Theory of Knowledge (TOK)

Course Projections - Various Electives

Visual Arts

Art I - Visual Art (Beginning)

Art II - Visual Art (Intermediate)

Art III - Honors Visual Art (Proficient)

Art IV - Honors Visual Art (Advanced)

IB Art SL

Instrumental Arts

Honors Orchestra (Proficient/Advanced)

Honors Band (Proficient/Advanced)

Honors Jazz Band (Advanced)*

Performing Arts

Honors Modern Band (Proficient/Advanced)*

Madrigals - Honors Vocal Music (Advanced)*

Show Choir - Honors Vocal Music (Advanced)*

Chorus - Honors Vocal Music (Proficient)

Theatre Arts Beginning

Honors Theatre Arts (Proficient/Advanced)

Honors Technical Theatre (Proficient/Advanced)

Honors Film

Health & PE Department

PE and Health

Weight Training (Beginning)

Weight Training (Intermediate)

Weight Training (Proficient)

Physical Fitness (Beginning)

Physical Fitness (Intermediate)

Physical Fitness (Proficient)

Army JROTC Department

Army JROTC I

Army JROTC II

Honors Army JROTC III

Honors Army JROTC IV

* Courses marked with an asterisk are application or audition only.

Course Projections - World Languages

Hebrew
Honors Hebrew I

Honors Hebrew II

Honors Hebrew III

Honors Hebrew IV

Honors Hebrew V

Latin
Honors Latin I

Honors Latin II

Honors Latin III

Honors Latin IV

AP Latin

IB Latin SL/HL

Spanish
Spanish I

Honors Spanish I

Spanish II

Honors Spanish II

Hns Spanish for Heritage Speakers II

Honors Spanish III

Honors Spanish IV

AP Spanish Language

IB Spanish SL/HL

French
Honors French I

Honors French AB Initio B

Honors French IV

IB French SL

ASL
Honors ASL I

Honors ASL II

Honors ASL III

Arabic*
Honors Arabic I

Hns Arabic for Heritage Speakers I

*Official scheduling of these courses will depend on student interest and staffing

Course Projections - CTE Courses

Career/Technical Education Department

Business Pathways
Honors Business Essentials (9th Grade)
Honors Business Management I & II
Honors Entrepreneurship I & II
Honors Sports & Entertainment Marketing I & II
Honors Marketing

Computer Science Pathway
Honors Computer Science I & II
AP Computer Science

Construction Pathway
Honors Carpentry I & II
Honors Electrical Trades I & II

Health Science Pathway
Honors Health Science I (10th Grade)
Honors Health Science II (11th Grade)
Honors Nursing Fundamentals & Practicum (12th Grade)

Early Childhood Pathway
Honors Child Development (10th Grade)
Honors Early Childhood I (11th Grade)

Hospitality Pathway
Honors Hospitality & Tourism Management I

Counseling Pathway
Honors Counseling & Mental Health I

Graduation Requirements

Determined by our State Legislators, and regulated and enforced by North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Graduation Requirements

Credits Required to be Promoted to the Next Grade:

Sophomore:	5 Credits
Junior:	10 Credits
Senior:	16 Credits
Graduate:	22 Credits*

*While you must have 22 credits to graduate, there are specific course requirements that must also be met to meet the graduation requirements.
All Graduating Students MUST have a CPR Credit to Graduate!

Graduation Course Requirements:

English Credits:	4 Credits (English 1 & 2, a third level English, and a fourth level English)
Math Credits:	4 Credits (Math 1-3, and a fourth Math)
Science Credits:	3 Credits (Biology, Earth & Environmental Science, and a Physical Science course)
Social Studies Credits:	4 Credits (A Civics course, World History, American History, and Economics & Personal Finance)
Health/PE:	1 Credit
World Language:	2 Credits minimum if a student plans to attend a 4-year college or university)(NOT a graduation requirement)+
Elective Credits	6 Credits (2 must be a pair from either a CTE Pathway, the World Language Department, or from the Art Department)

+ Some colleges and universities have more or less World Language requirements. Check the specific colleges you are interested in for more information.

Opportunities & Programs

AP and IB Classes
Contact: Mr. Barnard

The GAP Program
Contact: Ms. Loftin

CCP with GTCC
Ms. England at GTCC

CTE Classes
Contact: Ms. Loftin

JROTC
Contact: Sgt. Robinson

Unique Courses
Contact: Various

AP & IB Courses

AP/IB Coordinator -
Mr. Barnard:
barnarr@gcsnc.com

- AP and IB courses are collegiate level courses.
- IB courses require more writing, research, and in depth analysis.
- Students not in the IB program can take IB courses.

* Exception: Theory of Knowledge

CTE Courses

CTE Career & College Manager -
Ms. Loftin:
loftins@gcsnc.com

- Help students explore career paths.
- Completers earn special recognition at graduation.
- Students can earn industry recognized certifications and internship experiences.

The GAP Program

CTE Career & College Manager -
Ms. Loftin:
loftins@gcsnc.com

- Must have a 2.8 GPA to apply.
- Students get internship experience with a local business.
- Must be a Junior or Senior to apply.

JROTC

Program Chair -
Sgt. Robinson:
robinsd2@gcsnc.com

- Extracurricular experiences like camp and competition.
- If planning to enter the Armed Forces, can earn a higher rank.
- Can receive Service Learning hours.

Unique Courses

Grimsley Offers Unique Programs

- Hebrew
  Teacher - Mr. Bretan
  bretanl@gcsnc.com
- ASL
  Teacher - Ms. Brown
  browna8@gcsnc.com
- Spanish Immersion
  Teacher - Ms. Howard
  howardr@gcsnc.com

Career & College Promise with GTCC

"Career and College Promise offers North Carolina high school students the chance to earn college credits at a community college campus. The program is tuition-free for high school juniors and seniors (semester fees will apply). You must have a **cumulative unweighted GPA of 2.8** or higher or passing test scores."

- Students choose a pathway to meet their goals.
  - Career Technical Pathway
  - College Transfer Pathway
- Students must:
  - Be Independent and Organized
  - Have their Own Transportation
  - Plan their courses around their Grimsley Schedule
  - Pay Semester and Additional Fees

https://www.gtcc.edu/academics/high-school-programs/career-and-college-promise.php

Changes

Online Classes and Zero Periods

Due to recent funding cuts within the district, the number of online course enrollments available during both the summer session and the regular school year, in addition to zero period offerings, will be limited. As a result, access to these courses will be prioritized for students whose graduation requirements cannot be met within the traditional school-day schedule or who have specific, documented program needs that require online coursework. This approach is intended to ensure that limited resources are allocated to students with the greatest academic necessity. Additionally, abbreviated schedules will be limited, and online classes will not be used to facilitate or accommodate shortened school-day schedules.

Counselors and Student Services Staff Members

Program Counselors

Ms. Beth Southern-Marsh (IB Students, 9th -12th): southes2@gcsnc.com

Mr. Will Brown (Non IB Grimsley Athletes 10th-12th): brownw3@gcsnc.com

Mr. Tom Lauer (Freshmen - Non IB): lauert@gcsnc.com

Alphabet Counselors

Ms. Lindsay Robinette (Non Program Students Last Names A-K 10th-12th Grade): rossl2@gcsnc.com

Ms. Kristina Zemaityte (Non Program Students Last names L-Z 10th-12th Grade): zemaitk@gcsnc.com

Student Services Staff

Ms. Joy Seibold-Vest (504 Coordinator and Graduation Coach): seibolj@gcsnc.com

Ms. Chauwanda Southerland (Social Worker): southec@gcsnc.com

Ms. Krissy Poirier (Secretary): poiriek@gcsnc.com

Ms. Stephanie Spencer (Registrar): spences2@gcsnc.com

Ms. Ronda Calhoun (Data Manager): calhour@gcsnc.com

Ms. Christine Davis-Potter (Nurse): davispe@gcsnc.com

Thank you!

Additional Resources:

Curriculum Information - https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1769724006/gcsnccom/tnb4mlysfghr9lmvv4k5/CurriculumNight25-26.pdf

Grimsley Student Services Website - https://grimsleyhs.gcsnc.com/students/student-support-services