SCHEDULING INFORMATION FOR 9TH GRADE

2026-27

GENERAL INFORMATION

- PLEASE MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS CAREFULLY AND THINK OF THEM AS **FINAL CHOICES**.
- **REVIEW the *Schedule Changing Guidelines*** (below)
- **NEWEST CURRICULUM GUIDE:** Go to GHS Student Services website and click "Curriculum Guide" in the dropdown menu
- **NOTES about choosing classes:**
  - **Electives & Alternates–**Use the 9th Grade Elective list to help make your choices in the Electives & Alternates sections of your *Course Planner* in SchooLinks
  - **Course Descriptions:** Click the ⓘ in the upper right corner of each of each class in SchooLinks to check the prerequisite, grade requirement, course description BEFORE signing up for a class.
  - **Honors Classes:**
    - If you have a question about your recommendation, see your current teacher
    - If you were recommended for an honors course that you are not interested in, you are **NOT** required to take that course

PE Waiver:

- **Students may be excused from the Physical Education requirement by participating in TWO of the following prior to senior year** (You can combine categories or do 2 in the same category):
  - Full season of a GHS-sponsored athletic team
  - Full season of Marching band
  - 1 year of ROTC program

EXAMPLES:
1. 2 years of ROTC
2. 1 season football & 1 season track
3. 1 yr marching band & 1 season bowling
4. 1 year ROTC & 1 year marching band
5. 2 seasons of volleyball

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TIMELINE

- **FEB 24–** Visit the high school, receive Scheduling Folder and SchooLinks instructions.
- **FEB 24-MAR 2—**Discuss your Course Planner with parents/guardians
- **MAR 2** -Submit *Course Planner* in SchooLinks **(see instructions sheet in your folder)**
- **MAR 3--MAR 9** - One-on-one meetings to review Course Planner with GHS counselors
- **MAY:** Scheduled course requests will be mailed to your home.
- **MAY 28:** Changes can be requested through the last day of school. Fill out Schedule Change Request Form (Google form will be sent to your email in May)

GHS Schedule Changing Guidelines

In order to provide the greatest opportunity for students to schedule appropriately and to maximize instructional time, the following guidelines have been established for schedule changes.

1.) The last day of school (of the previous school year) will be the deadline to initiate schedule changes.
Students and parents will receive a confirmation of scheduled classes in late May. Families should use this notification to review their student's schedule and request changes when appropriate.

2.) Schedule corrections will only be performed after the deadline in the following circumstances:
a. A course that was on the student's selection sheet has been omitted.
b. A course is scheduled that the student had not selected.
c. Too many or too few courses are scheduled.
d. Lunch is not scheduled.
e. Student has not met the prerequisite of a course.
f. Students have completed/not completed a course in summer school.

3.) Schedule changes from one course to a more or less difficult one within a content area can be requested after the tenth day of school and in accordance with the following:
a. After the 10th day of school and through the first interim, students may request to change to a different level of course. Student/ parent initiated changes will not be honored after the 5th week of school.
b. All requests must be made in writing to the student's counselor bearing the student's signature, as well as a parent signature, and the signature of the teacher from whom the student is transferring.
c. If there is a disagreement among the academic team (student, parent, teacher, counselor), a conference with a principal will be scheduled.
d. All changes under this circumstance are also subject to seat availability.
e. Teacher initiated changes may be made through the 2nd grading period.
f. Grades accumulated in the course from which the student transfers will be given to the teacher of the course in which the student enrolls. Accumulated grades will be transferred to the new course and used in calculating the grade in the new course.
g. Schedule change requests in this capacity will not be honored for students who have failed to appropriately participate in classroom activities, school offered tutoring, and/or failed to complete assignments.

4.) In specific hardship circumstances, students may request a schedule change after the last day of school deadline.
Students must complete the *"Extraordinary Circumstances Schedule Change Request"* within the first 10 days of either semester. This form is available in the Student Services office and online. The request will be reviewed and presented to the GHS Department Chairs for consideration.

9th GRADE ELECTIVES WORKSHEET

Use this to help you pick your electives and alternates for completing your *Course Planner* in SchooLinks.

Code	Course Name	Category	Additional Info & Prerequisite	Length (Block is half year for 2 periods)
BUSINESS, VOCATIONAL, & TECHNOLOGY				
CM01	COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	TECH	must pair with another yellow class	HALF YEAR LONG
CM02	MULTIMEDIA	TECH	must pair with another yellow class	HALF YEAR LONG
CM03	VIDEO GAME DESIGN	TECH		YEAR LONG
CM04	ROBOTICS	TECH		YEAR LONG
VR32	INTRO TO BUSINESS	BUSINESS		BLOCK
VR34	BULLDOG MEDIA	BUSINESS		BLOCK
FINE ARTS				
UA01	2-D ART 1	ART		BLOCK
UA05	3-D ART 1	ART		BLOCK
UA12	DIGITAL PHOTO	ART	A digital camera or high quality phone camera is required for this course.	BLOCK
PA09	CONCERT BAND 9	BAND		YEAR LONG
PA11	MARCHING BAND 9	BAND	after school	HALF YEAR LONG
PA05	TENOR-BASS CHOIR	CHOIR		YEAR LONG
PA06	TREBLE CHOIR	CHOIR		YEAR LONG
PA04	MUSIC THEORY	MUSIC		YEAR LONG
PA31	MUSIC APPRECIATION	MUSIC		YEAR LONG
PA02	WORLD IS A STAGE: BUS PERFORM	THEATER	Audition (2nd week of January of the previous school year)	BLOCK
PA03	STAGECRAFT	THEATER		YEAR LONG
PA30	MUSICAL THEATER	THEATER	Singing, Dancing, Acting auditions (2nd week of Jan. of previous school yr)	BLOCK
LANGUAGE ARTS DEPARTMENT ELECTIVES				
LA18	PUBLIC SPEAKING		must pair with another yellow class	HALF YEAR LONG
LA23	INTRO TO JOURNALISM		must pair with another yellow class	HALF YEAR LONG
LA38	CREATIVE WRITING		must pair with another yellow class	HALF YEAR LONG
LA41	COMPETITIVE/PERFORMANCE SPEECH		must pair with another yellow class	HALF YEAR LONG
LA42	SATIRE COMEDY AND LAUGHTER		must pair with another yellow class	HALF YEAR LONG
LA43	INDEPENDENT READING SEMINAR		must pair with another yellow class	HALF YEAR LONG
LA31	VIDEO EDITING 2			BLOCK
LA32	ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TALK SHOWS			BLOCK
LA33	VIDEO EDITING			BLOCK
PHYSICAL EDUCATION & ROTC ELECTIVES				
PE09	WEIGHT TRAINING			YEAR LONG
PE12	FOOTBALL WEIGHT TRAINING		Must be on the Football Team	YEAR LONG
RC01	AIR FORCE JROTC	ROTC		YEAR LONG

SCIENCE				
SC31	BIOLOGY			YEAR LONG
SOCIAL STUDIES ELECTIVES				
SS41	THIS IS YOUR LIFE		must pair with another yellow class	HALF YEAR LONG
SS43	LEADERSHIP STUDIES		must pair with another yellow class	HALF YEAR LONG
WORLD LANGUAGES				
WL01	SPANISH 1		70% in Language Arts	YEAR LONG
WL02	SPANISH 2		70% in Spanish I	YEAR LONG
WL07	FRENCH I		70% in Language Arts	YEAR LONG
WL08	FRENCH II		70% in French I	YEAR LONG
WL11	GERMAN I		70% in Language Arts	YEAR LONG
WL12	GERMAN II		70% in German I	YEAR LONG