



High School Course Scheduling

A Guide to Choosing Your Classes

Greensburg Salem High School

2026-27





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Graduation Requirements

•COLLEGE BOUND/NCAA REQUIREMENTS SUPERCEED MINIMUM GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Students must successfully complete a total of no less than twenty-five and one-half (25.5) credits to be eligible for graduation.
- The twenty-five and one-half (25.5) credits must include the successful completion of courses or learning requirements as listed in the Greensburg Salem High School course selection book.
- No student who fails to meet graduation requirements will receive a diploma or be permitted to participate in commencement exercises.
- Successful completion of every component of the Career Awareness Program (CAP) is a requirement for graduation.
- PA State Requires Keystone Testing: Algebra I, Biology, & Literature
 - It is the responsibility of each student to review their progress toward meeting graduation requirements. Minimum course requirements are:

COURSE TITLE/DESCRIPTION	UNITS OF CREDIT
English Language Arts (must include a Literature course)	3
Mathematics (must include Algebra I & Geometry)	3
Science (must include Biology)	3
Social Studies (must include US History & Civics & Government)*	3
Minimum of 1 Core Course Elective (World Language Accepted)	1
Physical Education	1
Health	0.5
Freshman Seminar	0.5
Financial Literacy	0.5
STEM Course Elective	1
General Electives	9

**Minimum Requirement for
Graduation: 25.5 Credits**

Scheduling Selections

- 7 TOTAL credits
 - mark with an X
- MINIMUM of 3 ALTERNATIVE
 - mark with an A
- Parent Signature

26-27 Schedule Changes

- No G-Block or S-Block
- Double Periods throughout day

Classroom Time

Double Period

100 minute classes/semester = 150 hours

Period

50 minute period/year = 150 hours (core)

50 minute period/semester = 75 hours (electives)

Double Period Offerings

- Mock Trial
- AP Biology
- AP Environmental
- AP Physics
- AP Physics II
- Honors Chemistry
- AP Chemistry
- FLES
- Pre-Apprenticeship (12 only)
- Kennametal Engineering (12 only)
- Pre-School Practicum (12 only)

CWCTC Academic Programming

- All Core Classes Scheduled at GSHS Yearly:
 - AM Tech
 - Periods 1-3: CWCTC
 - Periods 4-7: GS (core classes)
 - PM Tech
 - Periods 1-3: GS (core classes)
 - Periods 4-7: CWCTC
 - GSHS Core Classes: English, Math, Social Studies, Science, Health/PE, Financial Literacy
 - By Senior Year students have option to take Co-Op and work in field of study.

CWCTC Academic Programming

- If you are not currently in a program, please schedule 7 credits with GSHS
- Once you get accepted into a program, we will fix your selections

Tips for Building a Strong Schedule

- Consider future career/college plans
- Mix challenging courses with manageable ones
- Balance workload; consider extracurriculars-cannot drop classes mid-stream
- TAKE ADVANTAGE OF COLLEGE IN HS CREDITS

(Saves you money and time in College)

Common Scheduling Mistakes

- Choosing classes based on friends.
- Not challenging yourself or overloading with too many difficult courses
- Not meeting graduation requirements
- Forgetting elective or passion-based courses

Grade 12

- English: English 12 or AP Literature & Composition
- Math: Next course in sequence
- Social Studies: Any Social Studies Course
- Science: Any Science Course
- Financial Literacy (if not taken)
- 3 General Electives

Grade 12

Senior Only Options:

PLT

Work Experience

Pre-Apprenticeship Program

FLES

Pre-School Practicum

Kennametal Young Engineers Program

Community Service

Senior Mentoring

Grade 12

- Counselors will review future goals with current academic progress (25.5 credits) towards graduation.
- Must meet ACT 158 Pathway to graduation and complete Senior Project.
- Early Completion – January 15, 2027
 - finish all graduation requirements
 - Sr. Project

College Bound Admissions Recommendations

- English=4 Years
- Science= Biology, Chemistry, Physics (minimum)
- History=4 Years
- Math=4 Years
- Language= 2 Years (minimum)
- Admissions will compare course rigor versus peers and also extracurricular involvement on applications.
- Take advantage of College in HS (CHS/AP) offerings to earn reduced cost college credits to lighten credit load and future tuition costs.

Rising Grade 12 Timeline

- March 4: Informational Session
- March 9: Begin meeting with counselors
 - Need worksheet completed and signed

Grade 11 Core Courses

- English: English 11 or AP Language & Composition
- Math: Next course in sequence
- Social Studies: Any Social Studies Course
- Science: Any Science Course
- 3 General Electives
- Financial Literacy (.5 Credit required)
- Reminder-College Bound: SATs in Spring and Letters of recommendation

Rising Grade 11 Timeline

- March 5: Informational Session
- March 17: Scheduling in Social Studies class
 - Need worksheet completed and signed
- March 18: Scheduling in Social Studies class
 - Need worksheet completed and signed

Grade 10 Requirements

- English: English 10 or Pre-AP 10
- Math: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or Honors Trig/Precalculus
- Social Studies: US Government & Politics
- Science: Chemistry, Physics, Physical Science or AP courses
- 3 General Electives

Rising Grade 10 Timeline

- March 6: Informational Session
- March 19: Scheduling in Social Studies class
 - Need worksheet completed and signed
- March 20: Scheduling in Social Studies class
 - Need worksheet completed and signed

Grade 9 Core Requirements

- English: English 9 or Pre-AP 9
- Math: Algebra I or Honors Geometry (rec.)
- Social Studies: American History
- Science: Integrated Science or Honors Biology (rec.)
- Health
- PE
- Freshman Seminar
- 1.5 General Electives

Q&A and Next Steps

- Questions? Ask now!
- Where to find more resources (counseling office, website, etc.)
- www.greensburgsaalem.org
 - HS-Counseling website
 - 26-27 Course Selection Guide