



Granite Bay High School: New Parent FAQ

When does school start and end each day?

GBHS operates on a **4x4 block schedule** (four 90-minute periods per day).

- **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday (Regular Days):** School starts at **8:30 AM** and ends at **3:20 PM**.
- **Wednesday (Intervention / Collaboration Days):** School starts later at **9:30 AM** and ends at **3:20 PM**.

What are Intervention/Collaboration Days?

Wednesday schedules (with built-in intervention time) serve a dual purpose: they provide targeted academic support for students in each class and dedicated planning time for teachers before school.

When do students get their 2026/27 school schedules?

Schedules are released online via the Aeries Parent/Student Portal on August 4th.

See important information from the GBHS Counselors on the [Course Selection Process](#).

Do all 9th grade students need PE clothes?

Yes. Students taking Physical Education are required to change into PE-appropriate clothing daily. While official GBHS-branded shirts and shorts are available for purchase through the [student store/webstore](#) during Grizzly Gear Up, students may also wear plain athletic clothes, plain black shorts (appropriate length) and plain grey shirts.

Do students have lockers?

No. The only lockers that are offered at GBHS are for PE use only and are located in the locker rooms. Students taking a PE course will be issued a locker to house items during their class period.

What if my student is late to school?

- **Bring a Note:** The preferred method is to send your student to school with a written, signed note explaining the lateness.
- **Check In:** Your student must check in at the **Attendance Office** to receive a tardy pass before heading to class.

How to arrange early student pickup:

- **Preferred Method:** Complete the online [Attendance Reporting Form](#) ahead of time, at least an hour.
- **Advance Notice Requested:** Send a handwritten note (written in ink) with your student in the morning, or complete the online Attendance Reporting Form ahead of time.
- **Retrieval Time:** Please plan ahead! It can take up to 45 minutes for staff to pull a student out of a block class.
- **Release:** Students will have a pass and come out the front gate. No need to get out of your car.
- **Important Note:** The office cannot accommodate non-emergency early dismissals/retrievals after **3:00 PM**.

What if my student is sick?

- **If they wake up sick:** Report the absence using the online [Attendance Reporting Form](#) (preferred) or call the Attendance Office at (916) 786-8676 (ext. 5107). All absences must be cleared within **3 days** to avoid a truancy mark.
- **If they get sick during the school day:** Your student must request a pass from their teacher to go to the **school nurse**, who will formally check them out and contact you. Tell your student *not* to just text you and walk off campus.

How can I drop something off to my student?

We have a table outside in front of the office. You are welcome to leave anything there for students. Make sure to please write their name on it. We do not monitor this table so please do not leave expensive items.

Should we get Chromebook insurance?

It is highly recommended. For \$90 the district's Chromebook Protection Plan covers accidental damage, theft, and hardware issues for all four years. Repairing or replacing a screen or liquid damage out-of-pocket can be quite costly. All insurance will be available for purchase via the [student store/webstore](#) starting August 1.

How can we volunteer as parents?

Parent involvement is highly welcomed! You can get involved by joining the GBHS Booster Club, participating in the Site Council, or helping with specific athletic teams, music programs, and drama productions. Keep an eye out for volunteer clearance forms and opportunities blast-emailed in the school newsletter at the start of the term.

Are there clubs for students to join?

Absolutely. GBHS features over **50 student-led clubs** covering academic interests, hobbies, community service, and cultural groups (ranging from DECA and Model UN to Robotics and Best Buddies). Club Rush will be at lunch on September 2nd and September 9th, where students can browse tables and sign up for anything that catches their eye.

Is there a "Back to School Night"?

Yes. Back to School Night is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2026. This is a highly recommended event where parents follow their student's exact daily schedule, spend 10–15 minutes in each classroom, meet the teachers, and learn about course expectations and grading policies.

How does the school meal program work?

- **Free Meals for All:** Breakfast and lunch are provided **free of charge** to all students every day.
- **Student PIN Numbers:** Every student is assigned a unique PIN number during their freshman year. They will use this same PIN to log their meals for all four years at GBHS.
- **Convenient Meal Options:** Students can get their fresh breakfast and lunch from two convenient locations on campus:
 - **The Cafeteria Window:** Serving traditional daily hot and cold meal options.
 - **Campus Vending Machines:** For students on the go, these specialized machines are stocked twice daily with fresh, breakfast and lunch options.
- **Off-Campus Lunch:** Granite Bay High School is a **closed campus**
- Students and parents are **not** allowed to have food delivered to school (Door dash, Uber eat, ect.).

How do we get a parking permit or drop off/pick up safely?

- **Student Parking:** Only juniors and seniors are permitted to park on campus, and they must purchase a [parking permit](#) from the student store.
- **Drop-off/Pick-up Loop:** Traffic can be heavy. Parents dropping off students should use the designated loops and avoid blocking emergency lanes or local residential streets. Plan to arrive 15–20 minutes early during the first few weeks of school.

What is the policy on cell phones and smartwatches?

GBHS enforces a strict "Away for the Day" or classroom-specific electronic policy. While policies can vary slightly by teacher, the general rule is that phones and wireless earbuds must be silenced and put away in backpacks during instructional time to minimize distractions or in designated classroom areas.

Academic Support Resources for struggling students:

- **Intervention Time:** Students can utilize the built-in Wednesday intervention time to meet with teachers for extra help.
- **Peer Tutoring:** The school often peer tutoring programs before and after school daily for all subjects.

- **Math Tutoring:** Our math department has daily before and after school help with our amazing math teachers.
- **Teacher Communication:** Parents and students are encouraged to email teachers directly as soon as a concern arises.