

GRANVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Club & Activity Guide

Granville High School strives to provide a wide spectrum of educational and athletic extracurricular and co-curricular activities for its students. From varsity sports to performing arts, academic endeavors to service organizations, GHS provides an outlet to meet the interests and abilities of each of its students. Students or parents interested in additional information should contact the appropriate advisor, administration, athletic department, or school counselor.

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Clubs & Activities

ACADEMIC

Blue Ace Book Club

Advisors: Mrs. VanValkenburg
(svanvalkenburg@granvilleschools.org) & Mrs. Garee
(kgaree@granvilleschools.org)

Open to all students 9-12. Two groups meet during separate lunch periods, 1-2 times per month, in the library. Book choices are determined by the students in each group, with varying genres read throughout the year.

Competitive Math League (GHS Math Team)

Advisor: Mr. Kieffer (advisor@ghsmathteam.com)

Students who enjoy math come together to practice problem-solving techniques and advanced concepts in preparation for local, state, and national competitions. Learn more at www.ghsmathteam.com.

Envirothon Team

Advisor: Mr. Reding (jreding@granvilleschools.org)

Stimulates and reinforces interest in the environment and natural resources. Tests students' knowledge of soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatic ecology, and current environmental issues, while building cooperative decision-making and teamwork skills.

Chess Club

Advisor: Mrs. Garee (kgaree@granvilleschools.org)

Open to high school and middle school students of any skill level. Learn to play, play for fun, or just socialize and watch. Beginners are taught. Meets weekly in the library; no obligation to attend every meeting.

Creative Writing

Advisor: Mr. Mullins (kmullins@granvilleschools.org)

Open to all grade levels and writing abilities. Students write, share ideas, and collaborate while exploring different genres and techniques, with encouragement to share or publish their work. Meets at least twice a month.

Marine Biology Field Studies Course/Trip

Advisors: Mr. Reding (jreding@granvilleschools.org) & Mrs. Newell
(jnewell@granvilleschools.org)

A 1-credit life science course for sophomores through seniors, meeting during late arrivals (plus a few evenings) in the second semester. Highlights a week-long spring trip to a field research station on Andros Island, Bahamas, to investigate marine habitats and species firsthand.

Science Olympiad Team

Advisors: Mrs. McKinney (jmckinney@granvilleschools.org) & Mr. Johnson (osuforester@gmail.com)

Competes against top Ohio and national teams across 23 events spanning science, technology, engineering, and math. Members prepare in a fun, friendly atmosphere by studying, experimenting, building, and testing projects.

STEM Career Club

Advisor: Mrs. Newell (jnewell@granvilleschools.org)

Open to anyone curious about STEM, whether pursuing a science career or simply exploring. Covers topics like environmental science, medicine, technology, and engineering, with hands-on activities, guest speakers, and field trips.

Women in STEM

Advisor: Mrs. Newell (jnewell@granvilleschools.org)

For girls of any grade interested in medicine, math, engineering, or the sciences. Modeled after the national organization, offering shadowing and volunteer opportunities and information tailored to specific interests.

STAR

Advisor: Mrs. Minton (lminton@granvilleschools.org)

STAR students support and enhance the use of educational technology, assisting staff and students with its integration into the curriculum, while gaining personal learning and growth in tech-related fields.

Tick Talk

Advisor: Mrs. Newell (jnewell@granvilleschools.org)

Students collect, identify, and analyze ticks from around Licking County, using genetic lab protocols to test for the bacteria that cause Lyme Disease. Involves collaboration with the Licking County Health Department and Denison University.

GLOBAL LANGUAGES

French Club

Advisor: Miss Doll (ldoll@granvilleschools.org)

Open to all high school students currently studying French. Meets monthly (typically during ACE) for food tastings, film nights, crafts, and cultural events. French Honor Society is by invitation based on GPA.

Spanish Club

Advisor: Ms. McClanahan (kmccclanahan@granvilleschools.org)

Open to high school students interested in Hispanic culture. Monthly meetings (typically during ACE) feature holiday parties and cultural crafts. Dues are \$5.00.

Latin Club

Advisor: Mr. Fisher (dfisher@granvilleschools.org)

Current and former Latin students meet to deepen their understanding of Latin language and Roman culture. Plans a fall cookout, Saturnalia party, charity connections, and Red Cross blood drives, with leadership and service opportunities. Latin Honor Society is by invitation based on GPA in Latin.

Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica (Spanish Honor Society)

Advisors: Ms. Leatherman (nleatherman@granvilleschools.org) & Mrs. Mosquera (jmosquera@granvilleschools.org)

A national honor society; students are inducted annually at the Global Language Honors Night in May, based on third-quarter grades and cumulative GPA through second-year Spanish. Active with monthly meetings and activities. \$5.00 dues.

THEATER

Drama Club / Performances

Advisor: Mrs. Rodocker (srodocker@granvilleschools.org)

Open to students of all classes. Produces the fall play, winter play, and spring musical, teaching theatre on and off the stage. The club also enjoys meals together, cast parties, improvisation nights, and field trips to area theatres.

Spring Musical

Advisor: Mrs. Rodocker (srodocker@granvilleschools.org)

Each spring, the music and theater departments combine to present a musical with more than 100 students on and off stage. Past productions include Chicago, Cinderella, Annie, Seussical, Pippin, Beauty and the Beast, Guys and Dolls, Bye Bye Birdie, 9 to 5, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, The Wizard of Oz, and Little Shop of Horrors.

MUSIC — BANDS

Blue Steel Drum Band

Advisor: Mr. Krumm (akrumm@granvilleschools.org) — .5 credit

A high-energy ensemble dedicated to entertainment and excellence. Meets 2-4 days per week, rehearsing 7:05-7:45 a.m., and performs at concerts and community events throughout the year. Members must also belong to a major performing ensemble (concert band, orchestra, or choir).

Marching Band

Advisor: Mr. Smith (granvillebands@gmail.com) — .5 credit

Meets in the fall 4-5 times a week after school (about 4-7 hours/week), performing at varsity football games, the Homecoming Parade, and other events. Requires July summer practices, a week of band camp, and performances at 5 home basketball games in winter. Students purchase their own summer uniforms and some fall uniform pieces; membership in a core concert band is required.

Jazz Band

Advisor: Mr. Smith (jsmith@granvilleschools.org) — .5 credit

An audition-based ensemble starting mid-fall and rehearsing once or twice a week outside of school for the rest of the year. Performs at school concerts and around the community; concert attire is provided by the music boosters.

Wind Ensemble

Advisor: Mr. Smith (jsmith@granvilleschools.org) — 1 credit

Meets five days a week for the full year, performing in scheduled concerts, occasional community events, and solo/ensemble and large group contests. Explores many musical styles; members are encouraged to also join Blue Steel, Jazz Band, Pep Band, and Marching Band.

MUSIC — ORCHESTRA

GHS Concert Orchestra

Advisor: Mrs. Schnabel (sschnabel@granvilleschools.org)

Welcomes grades 9-12 playing violin, viola, cello, or double bass. Participates in concerts, performances, and the annual OMEA Solo & Ensemble and State Orchestra Contests (all performances mandatory), while building string technique, theory, history, and performance skills.

GHS Sinfonia

Advisor: Mrs. Schnabel (sschnabel@granvilleschools.org)

An audition-based ensemble (grades 9-12); auditions are held the preceding spring and include an excerpt, scales, and sight-reading. Studies demanding traditional and contemporary repertoire and competes in OMEA Solo & Ensemble and State Orchestra Contests (all performances mandatory).

Electric Ensemble

Advisor: Mrs. Schnabel (sschnabel@granvilleschools.org)

An independent-study course (grades 9-12) requiring current enrollment in an instrumental ensemble. Includes violin, viola, cello, double bass, guitar, bass guitar, and drum set (auditions may be required for guitar, bass guitar, and drums). Rehearses Tuesdays/Fridays, 7:05-7:45 a.m., and performs at all major orchestra concerts and other gigs (mandatory); requires self-motivation and independent practice.

FILM & MEDIA

Blue Ace Media

Advisor: Mrs. Tolbert (atolbert@granvilleschools.org)

GHS's official online newspaper, delivering student-centered news on school events, sports, arts, and student life. Produced mainly by Multimedia Journalism students, but open to all for writing, photography, or creative contributions. Published at blueacemedia.org; the 2025 editor-in-chief is Alex Walker.

GHS Film Club

Advisor: Mr. Mullins (kmullins@granvilleschools.org)

Meets at least once a month for thoughtful discussion about films and film production. For students interested in producing and editing short films, sharing resources and ideas, and gaining skills toward a career in film.

GOVERNMENT

Mock Trial

Advisor: Mr. Wait (jwait@granvilleschools.org)

Makes students aware of their constitutional rights and responsibilities. Gives students the opportunity to work with actual attorneys in a hands-on simulation that develops critical thinking and problem-solving skills.

Senior Class Officers

Advisor: Mrs. Simmons (esimmons@granvilleschools.org)

Run for a senior class officer or Student Council position during senior year. The senior class traditionally plans the Homecoming dance and Graduation.

Sophomore Class Officers

Advisor: Mr. Fisher (dfisher@granvilleschools.org)

Focus much of their time on fundraisers that begin earning money for senior-year prom, and typically select a prom site.

Student Advisory

Advisors: Mrs. Hartshorn (thartshorn@granvilleschools.org), Mrs. Muhlenkamp (emuhlenkamp@granvilleschools.org) & Mrs. Smith (ebsmith@granvilleschools.org)

Led by the Student Body President, the Student Advisory Council works for the good of the school community and promotes GHS spirit. Members meet monthly and act as liaisons between the student body and administration.

Junior Class Officers

Advisor: Mr. Carr (rexcarr@granvilleschools.org)

Lead Junior Class activities, including Homecoming week and Prom, and are expected to help with Prom Committee fundraisers.

Freshman Student Council

Advisor: Mr. Hopping (jhopping@granvilleschools.org)

Allows students to take a leadership role in their first year of high school; members are elected by peers at the end of 8th grade. Mainly raises money through fundraisers such as concessions and sponsoring dances.

SERVICE

Key Club

Advisor: Mr. Lawrence (jlawernce@granvilleschools.org)

A service and leadership organization that partners with the local Kiwanis club to make a positive impact serving the school and community.

Interact Club

Advisors: Mrs. Hartshorn (thartshorn@granvilleschools.org) & Mrs. Belt (katie@mkbtraining.com)

Rotary International's service club for ages 12-18. Sponsored by local Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, while Interact clubs remain self-governing and self-supporting.

ADDITIONAL CLUBS

Art Club

Advisor: Miss Tinnel (ctinnel@granvilleschools.org)

A community of students who work together to produce projects that build friendships and improve the school through art-making.

Conservation Club

Advisor: Mrs. McDonald (dmcdonald@granvilleschools.org)

Works to help the environment by removing invasive plants locally. Meets several times in fall and winter and weekly in spring, aiming to educate others and give back.

Best Buddies: School Friendship

Advisor: Mrs. Parsley (tparsley@granvilleschools.org)

Builds one-to-one friendships between students with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities. Commitments include at least a one-year friendship, monthly in-person meetups, weekly contact, and participation in Best Buddies events.

DECA

Advisor: Mrs. Sanford (ksanford@granvilleschools.org)

A competitive business organization that prepares students as emerging leaders and entrepreneurs, building college and career readiness through discussion, exploration of the business world, and competitive industry knowledge.

Fishing Club

Advisor: Mr. Reding (jreding@granvilleschools.org)

For students interested in freshwater fishing; no experience or equipment needed. Meetings and outings focus on education, conservation, recreation, competition, and service.

Gender-Sexuality Alliance (Student Led)

Advisors: Mrs. Fortner (nfortner@granvilleschools.org) & Miss Tinnel (ctinnel@granvilleschools.org)

A space where students can be themselves and find support in their LGBTQ2+ identity and life in general. Straight and cisgender allies who are open-minded and respectful are also welcome.

Pickleball Club

Advisor: Ms. Cramer (tcramer@granvilleschools.org) — Instagram: [@gvillepickleballclub](https://www.instagram.com/gvillepickleballclub)

One of GHS's newest clubs, now in its second year. A low-stress club, open to everyone, meeting once or twice a month on Sunday nights just to have fun playing pickleball.

Sustainable Fashion Club

Advisor: Mrs. Noblett (snoblett@granvilleschools.org) — Instagram: [@granvillefashionclub](https://www.instagram.com/granvillefashionclub)

Brings students together to spread beneficial habits within the fashion world, meeting once a month to explore creative and sustainable practices through hands-on activities.

Women For Women

Advisor: Mrs. Decker (ddecker@granvilleschools.org) — Meets about 2x/month (time TBD)

Aims to empower women by organizing one event or activity each month, from a women's shelter drive to spotlighting a powerful woman on the announcements, with an emphasis on working together and hearing everyone's voices for change.

Archery

Assistant Coach: Brandon Smith (egwbrandon@gmail.com) — Instagram: [@gvillearchery](https://www.instagram.com/gvillearchery)

An active club where students learn archery techniques and compete in competitions, training both physically and mentally while learning good sportsmanship and teamwork. A great fit for students who'd rather skip aggressive or hands-on physical sports but still want the team experience. Meets Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays, 6:30-7:30 a.m., in the GMS gymnasium (first practice date TBD).

Food from the Heart Club

Advisor: Mrs. Sanford (ksanford@granvilleschools.org)

A student-led service club addressing food insecurity by preparing and delivering meals, desserts, and holiday care bags to organizations such as Newark Homeless Outreach. Typically prepares food Thursday or Friday and delivers Saturday mornings.

Industrial Tech Club

Advisor: Mr. Wenning (cwenning@granvilleschools.org)

For students interested in technology and manufacturing. Meets monthly to explore cutting-edge tech and industry trends, including an annual field trip to a local manufacturing facility, plus a yearly group event and small fundraiser such as laser-engraving cups.

Ping Pong Club

Advisor: Mrs. McDonald (dmcdonald@granvilleschools.org)

A group of students who meet periodically to play ping pong.

Ski Club

Advisor: Mrs. McDonald (dmcdonald@granvilleschools.org)

Meets for ski trips to Snow Trails for six weeks in January and February. Costs are associated with this club; sign up on SportsYou (Access Code: EKZL-QL7C).

Writers-Illustrators Collaboration Club

Advisor: Mrs. Bice (pbice@granvilleschools.org)

A combined GMS/GHS club encouraging young creators to collaborate on projects they're passionate about — comics, illustrated novels, and more. Meets monthly during late arrival in the GMS Library; interested students can showcase work at the Granville Center for the Arts at year's end.

Automotive Maintenance Club

Advisor: Mr. Reinke (creinke@granvilleschools.org)

A hands-on club for students interested in cars — learning basic maintenance, how different systems work, and how to diagnose and fix common problems. Activities include working in the shop, changing oil, using an OBD scanner to read codes, rotating tires and changing a spare, exploring fuses, fluids, brakes, and transmission fluid, and diving into engines, suspension, drivetrains, turbochargers, and superchargers. The club also discusses supercars, off-road vehicles, and performance cars, and takes part in fun activities like pit-stop competitions and Cars & Coffee.

Philosophy Club

Advisor: Mrs. Huddleston (amy.huddleston@outlook.com)

A discussion-based club focused on broadening perspectives and teaching critical thinking skills. Welcomes and encourages people with differing views to express themselves and debate ideas — not to prove one another wrong, but to prompt deeper analysis of one's own morals and views.

Fall Sports — High School

For questions about a specific team, contact the coach below or Athletic Director Jessica Wills (jdevoll@granvilleschools.org).

Sport	Coach	Email
Cheerleading	Morgan Hellmich	mhellmich@granvilleschools.org
Cross Country – Boys	Will Zink	wzinkcoach@granvilleschools.org
Cross Country – Girls	Lori Ladzinski	lladzinski@granvilleschools.org
Field Hockey	Sydney Super	ssupercoach@granvilleschools.org
Football	Heath Hinton	hhinton@granvilleschools.org
Golf – Boys	Tyler Schultz	tschultz@granvilleschools.org
Golf – Girls	Al Sowards	asowardscoach@granvilleschools.org
Soccer – Boys	Alec Mathew	amathewcoach@granvilleschools.org
Soccer – Girls	Thai Trinh	ttrinh@granvilleschools.org
Tennis – Girls	Rick Corder	rcordercoach@granvilleschools.org
Volleyball	Justin English	jenglish@granvilleschools.org

WINTER SPORTS

Sport	Coach	Email
Basketball – Boys	Luke Gibson	jgibson@granvilleschools.org
Basketball – Girls	Kellon Thomas	kthomascoach@granvilleschools.org
Bowling – Boys	Al Sowards	asowards13@gmail.com
Bowling – Girls	Rita Resek	redsfan74@hotmail.com
Cheerleading – Sideline	Morgan Hellmich	mhellmich@granvilleschools.org
Cheerleading – Comp	Morgan Hellmich	mhellmich@granvilleschools.org
Swimming – Boys	Tyler Paulsen	tpaulsencoach@granvilleschools.org
Swimming – Girls	Hillary Paulsen	hpaulsencoach@granvilleschools.org
Track & Field – Indoor	Rex Carr	rexcarr@granvilleschools.org
Wrestling – Boys	Kyle Bergeron	kbergeron@granvilleschools.org
Wrestling – Girls	Ian Kelton	ikelton@granvilleschools.org

SPRING SPORTS

Sport	Coach	Email
Baseball	Mike Seifert	mseifert@granvilleschools.org
Lacrosse – Boys	Paul Kirk III	pkirk@granvilleschools.org

Lacrosse – Girls	Haleigh McPhillips	hmcphillips@granvilleschools.org
Softball	Brooke Warehime	bwarehimecoach@granvilleschools.org
Tennis – Boys	Rick Corder	rickcorder0917@gmail.com
Track & Field – Outdoor		