



GULF SHORES
HIGH SCHOOL

DEMOGRAPHICS

American Indian/ Alaska Native	3	0.35%
Asian	13	1.42%
Black	42	4.59%
White	726	79.26%
Two or More Races	94	10.26%
Hispanic/Latino	38	4.15%
TOTAL	916	

GENDER

Female	442	48.25%
Male	474	51.75%

STUDENT STATUS

EL (EL = 1,2 & 6)	18	1.97%
Immigrant	8	0.87%
Military Affiliated	4	0.44%
Gifted Primary	89	9.72%
Economically Disadvantaged	262	28.60%
Athlete	569	62.12%
Career Tech	726	79.26%
Fine Arts	???	???%

GRADING SCALE (4.0)

- A - 90-100, 4 quality points
- B - 80-89, 3 quality points
- C - 70-79, 2 quality points
- D - 60-69, 1 quality point
- F - 59 & below, 0 quality points

Honors and Dual Enrollment courses receive an additional 0.5 quality points. Advanced Placement (AP) courses receive an additional 0.5 quality points, plus 0.5 points for taking the AP exam.

2026-27 PROFILE

School and Community

Located along the Gulf Coast of Alabama, Gulf Shores is a thriving suburban beach community known for its natural beauty, strong tourism economy, and commitment to educational excellence. Gulf Shores High School serves approximately 916 students in grades 9–12.

Our Mission and Core Values

Gulf Shores City Schools is committed to preparing students to become critical thinkers, ethical decision-makers, lifelong learners, and responsible citizens. Through innovation, collaboration, and continuous improvement, we equip students for success in an ever-changing global society.

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Educational Philosophy

Gulf Shores City Schools uses a student-centered approach that combines place-based, constructivist, and project-based learning to connect classroom instruction with real-world challenges and opportunities.

Students engage in hands-on learning that uses the Gulf Coast as a living classroom, including:

- Designing and building electric vehicles through STEM programs.
- Building and flying aircraft through the Aviation Academy.
- Studying coastal ecosystems and developing solutions for shoreline erosion and sustainability.

These experiences build critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving skills while preparing students for college, careers, and civic life.

2026
ADVANCED
PLACEMENT
SUCCESS

58

TOTAL
AP
SCHOLAR
AWARDS

AP COURSES

AP Biology	AP English Language & Composition
AP Environmental Science	AP English Literature & Composition
AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based	AP Seminar
AP Chemistry	AP Research
AP Statistics	AP European History
AP Precalculus	AP World History
AP Calculus AB	AP Government & Politics
AP Computer Science Principles	AP US History
AP Computer Science A	AP Spanish Language
AP Cybersecurity	

Grade 9 - Students are limited to 1 AP course.

Grade 10 - Students are limited to 2 AP courses.

Grades 11 & 12 - There is no set limit on AP enrollment; however, students are advised to choose a course load that is rigorous, balanced, and appropriate for their individual academic goals and commitments.

COLLEGE AND CAREER ACADEMIES

- Aviation
- Business and Marketing
- Engineering and Computer Science
- Fine Arts
- Government and Public Administration-Navy JROTC
- Gulf Coast Sustainability -Agriscience - (Plant Systems)
- Health Science
- Hospitality and Tourism - Culinary Arts
- Engineering, Computer Science and Cybersecurity



2026 AP SNAPSHOT

Advanced Placement Exam Summary



444

EXAMS TAKEN



351

EXAMS PASSED



79%

PASS RATE



Fine Arts

Intro to Visual Arts
Advanced Visual Arts
Marching Band
Concert Band
Steel Drum Band
Color Guard Band
Choir
Theatre

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
History/Social Science	4
Fine Arts, CTE or World Languages	3
Career Preparedness	1
Beginning Kinesiology or JROTC	1
Health	0.5
Electives	2.5
TOTAL	24 Credits

Class Rank

Gulf Shores High School does not rank students numerically. Instead, individual weighted grade point averages are reported.

AVERAGE GPA 3.45

ATHLETICS

JV and Varsity sports:
Football, Volleyball, Softball, Baseball and Cheerleading

JV and Varsity Boys and Girls sports:
Basketball, Wrestling, and Soccer, Golf, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track, Cross Country

Varsity Boys and Girls sports:
Swim, Bowling and Tennis

