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Welcome Back To School!

I would like to officially welcome everyone back to the 2025-2026 School Year! We have had a successful and smooth transition back to school! Thanks for the support you give your children and GHS!

PTA Membership

Volunteering is a wonderful way to be involved with your child’s school. We hope that you will take advantage of one or more of the various opportunities listed on this sheet as well as a donation to our PTA! [Click Here](#)

GHS School Recognition!

Geneseo High School was once again named one of the top schools in the state of Illinois and the top school in Illinois in the Quad Cities Region! Here is a [link to the story!](#)



AP Scores

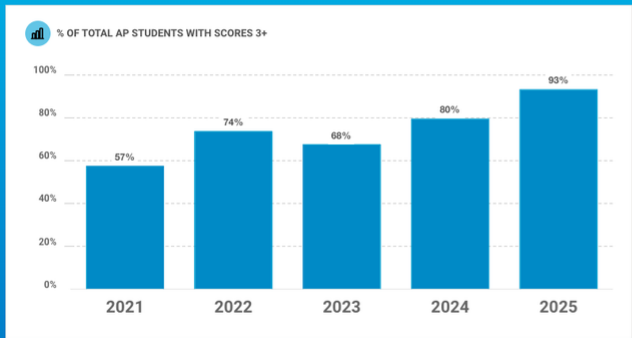
This past school year, students who took an AP course and exam performed at our high levels over the past 5 years. 93% of the students had scores of 3+ or on their AP exams. If your child is considering going to college in the future, we recommend that all students take an AP course to help them prepare for success. We offer several AP courses starting sophomore year. To sort through all our courses you can visit our online course catalog here- <https://gcsdstaff.org/courses/>



AP Score Reports for K-12 Educators

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SCHOOL SUMMARY					
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total AP Students	207	156	176	176	176
Number of Exams	296	264	272	253	268
AP Students with Scores 3+	119	115	119	140	164
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	57.49	73.72	67.61	79.55	93.18

"Learning is Not Optional at GHS" - Student Workshop and Skills Lab

During WIN time we offer both a "Student Workshop" and a "Skills Lab" (for ELA and Math).

Skills Lab- Students who need extra support for ELA and math courses can be signed up by a teacher to go to the Skills Lab during WIN to get extra help from a teacher.

Student Workshop- Students who are not completing their homework or classwork even after reminders will be assigned to the "Student Workshop" during WIN to get their work done. Students will be paired up with a peer helper to make sure they complete their assignments.

By providing 2 options for students who "can't do" or "won't do" we are ensuring students are learning at GHS!

Getting To School On Time.

This year we really want to emphasize the importance of getting to school on time. Why is this important? - Being on time sets students up for success. Arriving to school promptly ensures they don't miss key instruction, builds responsibility, and creates habits that last beyond high school. Thank you for partnering with us to help your student start the day ready to learn!

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

MINUTES LATE PER DAY	EQUIVALENT OF MISSING	HOW MANY LESSONS THIS IS MISSED
5 MINUTES	3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	17 LESSONS
10 MINUTES	6.9 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	35 LESSONS
15 MINUTES	10.3 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	51 LESSONS
20 MINUTES	13.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	69 LESSONS
30 MINUTES	20.7 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS



Fall Sports and Events!

Our fall sports teams are already in action! Football, volleyball, golf, tennis, cross-country, and soccer games are happening throughout the month. We encourage you to come out and support our student-athletes. A full schedule of games and events can be found on this site by [clicking here](#).

Have a wonderful month of September!

Locker Reminder



***Locker Reminder:
You should keep your
padlock on your locker at all
times. If you need a new
lock or are having lock
issues, stop in the Athletic
Office.***

Picture Day

Monday, September 22

9th - 11th Grade Individual Pictures; Library Lobby Loft - during English classes

Tuesday, September 23

9th - 11th Grade Individual Pictures; Library Lobby Loft - during English classes

Senior Group Picture; Stadium - during WIN

Thursday, September 25

Senior Individual Pictures; Library Lobby Loft - during English classes

Save The Date

On Wednesday, September 24th at 6:00 p.m. the GHS counseling department will be hosting an informational night for all parents with students in grades 9-12. There will be sessions on financial aid, AP/Dual credit course offerings, NCAA/NAIA, and Career Pathways. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. A flyer will be sent to parents at a later date.

Senior Transcripts

In the Spring, the Counseling Department asked Juniors and families to complete a Google Form indicating whether or not they wanted test scores included on their transcript. Unfortunately, after our recent Skyward migration, we are unable to accommodate having test scores appear on the transcript for some students and not for others. At this time, all test scores will be left off of transcripts. If this changes in the future, we will be sure to update families right away. Thank you for your understanding.

Graduation Date

Many of you senior parents and guardians will want to get this date on your calendar. The graduation ceremony will be **Sunday, May 24th, 2026**.

Student Attendance

Attendance Reminders

Leaving School During the Day

1. In the case of illness:

If a student is not feeling well, they need to go see the school nurse. The school nurse will contact a parent/guardian and will get approval from the parent/guardian before the student leaves school. Failure to check out with the school nurse could result in disciplinary action.

2. In the case of professional appointments:

Students having a medical/dental or other professional appointment must present a signed note from a parent/guardian to the GHS Front Office before school on the day of the appointment. The note needs to state the date, reason for leaving, and the time they need to be dismissed from class. When the note is given to the GHS Front Office, the student will receive a permit to show their teacher so they can be excused from class at the stated time.

In the case of last-minute appointments, the parent may notify the school by phone about the appointment. The student then must pick up a permit from the GHS Front Office to be excused from class.

Appointment Confirmation Slips

When a student receives their permit to leave for an appointment they will also be given a blue appointment confirmation slip that needs to be signed by the doctor, dentist, or professional involved. The signed blue confirmation slip must be given to the GHS Front Office when the student returns from the appointment in order for the absence to be recorded as excused.

When a student has a medical appointment before school starts for the day, a confirmation slip from the professional office must be presented to the GHS Front Office upon check-in for the absence to be recorded as excused.

If a signed confirmation slip is not returned the absence will be recorded as unexcused.

A confirmation slip is needed if a student has an extra-curricular activity, practice, game, etc. in order for the student to participate.

Attendance and Extra-Curricular Participation

On days when school is in session, students involved in extra-curricular activities must be checked in at the Front Office by 10:30 a.m. (with Early Bird - Period 6 schedule) and 11:30 a.m. (with a Period 1-7 schedule), unless prior arrangements have been made for medical appointments, funerals, etc.

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, September 1

No School - Labor Day

Monday, September 22

9th - 11th Grade Individual Pictures; Library Lobby Loft - during English classes

Tuesday, September 23

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Senior Group Picture; Stadium - during WIN

Wednesday, September 24

1/2 Day School Improvement - 11:30 a.m. Dismissal

Thursday, September 25

Senior Individual Pictures; Library Lobby Loft - during English classes



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