Gardner Edgerton USD 231





Senior Parent Information 2023-24

GEHS Counseling Staff

- Melissa McIntire—Director of Student Support Services
- ☐ Jan Bechard—Last Names A-E
- Wess Burns—Last Names F-Le
- □ Krista Hart—Last Names Li-Ro
- Brett Misse—Last Names Ru-Z
- Megyn Monarrez- College Advisor

First Stop...High School Graduation!

- ☐ Graduation is Saturday, May 18, 2024
- On track to graduate?
- Importance of senior year

Choosing a College

- ☐ Find the right fit...know yourself and what type of college atmosphere you want
- Be informed! Explore websites, meet with college reps, attend college fairs
- Campus visits are essential

Consider College Characteristics

- Degrees offered
- Location and size
- Costs and Financial Aid
- Religious affiliation
- Campus activities and support services

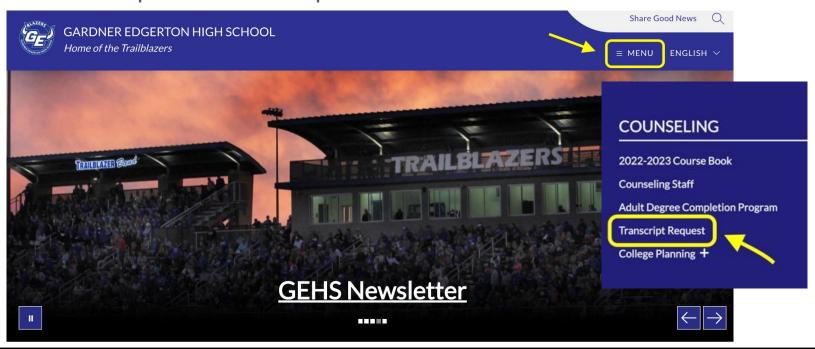
Myths About College Selection

- ☐ There is only one college that is right for me.
- I need to decide on a career before I decide on a college.
- My family can only afford an inexpensive college.
- The most important factor in college admission is my ACT/SAT score.
- ☐ I haven't heard of this college so it can't be a good school.
- ☐ This is going to be a difficult and confusing task.
- ☐ I have plenty of time.

Applications

- One is okay
- More than one is okay
- ☐ Range of schools
- Deadlines
- Transcripts
- Test scores
- Letter of recommendation

Transcripts
Request transcripts on the GEHS website



Admissions

Community colleges, Kansas public universities, private colleges, out of state schools, and highly selective colleges all consider different factors when selecting students for admission.

- □ Grades/college prep
- ☐ ACT/SAT scores
- Class Rank
- Recommendations

- Essay
- Interview
- Extracurricular activities
- Recognition programs

Qualified Admissions











To be admitted to Pittsburg State, Emporia State, Fort Hays State, and Wichita State, students will need:

21 ACT

<u>or</u>

2.25 cumulative high school GPA

To be admitted to K-State or KU, students will need:



21 ACT

<u>or</u>

3.25 cumulative high school GPA



21 ACT plus 2.0 cumulative high school GPA

<u>or</u>

3.25 cumulative high school GPA

Highly Selective Colleges

- Schools that have a low acceptance rate
- Deadlines are usually in early January
- Considerations for admissions usually include GPA, ACT or SAT scores, essays, letters of recommendation, and interviews
- ☐ Speak with your counselor **soon** for more information



VS.



Comprehensive exam over English, Reading, Math & Science

- Tests in Math, English, Reading& Writing
- Writing is required in all SAT tests.

^{*}Some colleges give students the option to "superscore" their composite test scores, which means that students have the ability to mix and match individual section scores from different test dates.

Upcoming ACT Dates

October 28, 2023- register by September 22nd

December 9, 2023- register by November 3rd

Upcoming SAT Dates

(GEHS is not a test site for the SAT)

November 4, 2023- register by October 5th

December 2, 2023- register by November 2nd

College Information Sources

- College Websites
- College Admissions Office
- College Rep Visits
- Campus Visits
- GEHS Daily Announcements
- ☐ GEHS Weekly Newsletter
- Senior Scoop Newsletter

Types of Financial Aid

- 1. **Scholarships**: awarded by colleges and organizations for academic merit or other talents.
- 2. **Loans:** money students and parents may borrow to finance college that will need be paid back.
- 3. **Grants & Work Study:** financial need based programs awarding money for college that will not need to be paid back.

Scholarships

- ★ School-based Scholarships
 - General Fund
 - Departmental
- ★ Private Scholarships
- ★ Local Scholarships
 - o GEHS: March 2024
 - Personal Connection
- ★ Pay close attention to deadlines!

FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- www.studentaid.gov
- Opens December 2023
- ☐ SAI (Student Aid Index)
- ☐ FAFSA Estimators/Predictors
- Required (most of the time)
- Deadline: June 30th, schools require before then
- *Financial Aid Night @ GEHS: TBD

Financial Aid Scams

- Scholarship money is guaranteed
- ☐ You can't get this information anywhere else
- Credit card or bank account information is requested
- ☐ We'll do all the work
- ☐ The scholarship may cost some money

College Athletics

NCAA: Division I and Division II NAIA

See your counselor or Mr. Misse

Now What?

- Take needed tests
- Campus Visits
- Apply for admission
- Be Organized (folder/spreadsheet for each school)
- Treat the process like a part-time job
- Meet Deadlines
- Apply for Financial Aid
- ☐ Consult with Counselors and Teachers request letters of recommendation when required
- Make Copies of all Paperwork
- Communicate!

Questions?

Schedule a meeting with Mrs.

Monarrez

Scan this QR code!



Or follow this link:

https://calendly.com/gehsmonarrez

