

Gardner Edgerton High School

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

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Transcripts

Request transcripts on the GEHS website

The screenshot displays the Gardner Edgerton High School website. The top navigation bar is dark blue with the school's logo on the left, which includes the text "GARDNER EDGERTON HIGH SCHOOL" and "Home of the Trailblazers". On the right side of the navigation bar, there is a "Share Good News" link with a magnifying glass icon, a "MENU" button (highlighted with a yellow box and a yellow arrow), and an "ENGLISH" dropdown menu. Below the navigation bar is a large banner image of the school's stadium at dusk, with "TRAILBLAZERS" written on the building. Overlaid on the right side of the banner is a dark blue sidebar menu titled "COUNSELING". The menu items are: "2022-2023 Course Book", "Counseling Staff", "Adult Degree Completion Program", "Transcript Request" (highlighted with a yellow box and a yellow arrow), and "College Planning +". At the bottom of the banner, the text "GEHS Newsletter" is displayed. Navigation controls at the bottom include a pause button on the left, a series of five dots in the center, and left and right arrow buttons on the right.

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.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Grades/college prep | <input type="checkbox"/> Essay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACT/SAT scores | <input type="checkbox"/> Interview |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Class Rank | <input type="checkbox"/> Extracurricular activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendations | <input type="checkbox"/> Recognition programs |

Qualified Admissions



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

21 ACT

or

2.25 cumulative high school GPA

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



21 ACT

or

3.25 cumulative
high school GPA



21 ACT

*plus 2.0 cumulative high
school GPA*

or

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

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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
 - GEHS: March 2024
 - Personal Connection
- ★ Pay close attention to deadlines!

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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>

