

# GARNER MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL

## SOPHOMORE NEWSLETTER

### CLASS OF 2019



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### KNOW YOUR COUNSELOR!

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## Promotion Requirements

### Promotion to Grade 10:

Minimum of six credits: One credit must be English I, two must be in the areas of mathematics, social studies, or science and three additional credits to total six.

### Promotion to Grade 11:

Minimum of twelve credits: Two credits must be English I and English II, one must be mathematics, one social studies and one science, plus seven additional credits to total twelve.

### Promotion to Grade 12:

Minimum of eighteen credits: Three credits must be English I, English II and English III, and enrollment in remaining courses required to graduate.

## Graduation Requirements



Curriculum	Units	Courses
English	4	English I, II, III, and IV
Mathematics	4	Math I, Math II, Math III, and 4th course beyond Math III
Science	3	Earth Science/ AP Environmental Science, Biology, and Physical Science/Chemistry/Physics
Social Studies	4	World History, Civics and Economics, and American History I and American History II or AP US History and a Social Studies Elective
Health & PE	1	Healthful Living
Required Electives	2	2 electives of any combination from either CTE, Arts Education or Second Language
Additional Electives	8	Courses from any subject area 4 electives <i>strongly recommended</i> to concentrate in one area (CTE, Arts, or any other subject area)
Total	26	MINIMUM required to graduate

### Need Extra Help?

- After School Tutoring:** View the Tutoring Schedule on the GMHS website (<http://www.wcpss.net/domain/3513>) or check with your teachers
- Lunch Time Tutoring:** Check with your teachers
- "Success Series" Video Tutorials:** FREE website (Grammar, Math Concepts, Biology, Civics, Foreign Languages) <http://www.wcpss.net/domain/27>
- Math II, Math III, and AFM Tutorial Videos:** [www.misterbledsoe.com](http://www.misterbledsoe.com)
- Check out the Student Services Links on the GMHS website** - Information on Registration, College Planning, Scholarships, Summer Opportunities, and MORE!

### To earn Honors Distinctions at Graduation:

- Honors Graduates: 3.33 to 3.74 weighted GPA.
- Distinguished Honors Graduates: 3.75 weighted GPA or higher.

## TRANSCRIPTS REVEALED!

Your transcript is a complete record of your four years in high school. It includes all courses you have taken, the final grade in each course, courses you are currently taking, your grade point average (GPA), class rank, and your attendance record.

Transcripts are used by colleges, scholarship committees, and employers to get a picture of the type of student you are. An impression is formed by looking at your grades; the types of classes you took (Are your classes rigorous? For example, did you take honors or AP classes), and your attendance. Your transcript is extremely important. Work hard so your transcript will reflect the best YOU possible.

Some terms you will hear when discussing your transcript:

**Grade Point Average (GPA):** Your GPA is the sum of all the quality points earned divided by the total number of attempted credits. Both weighted (extra points for honors, AP, and IB classes) and unweighted (standard class scale) grade point averages are reported on your transcript. Grade point averages are calculated and rounded off to four decimal places.

Standard	Honors	AP or IB
A = 4 Pts	A = 4.5 Pts	A = 5 Pts
B = 3 Pts	B = 3.5 Pts	B = 4 Pts
C = 2 Pts	C = 2.5 Pts	C = 3 Pts
D = 1 Pt	D = 1.5 Pts	D = 2 Pts
F = 0 Pts	F = 0 Pts	F = 0 Pts

**Class Rank:** Students are ranked within their class from the highest GPA to the lowest GPA using the cumulative weighted grades. Class ranks are given in terms of position in rank to the total class population.

**MCR:** This stands for Minimum Course Requirements to the University of North Carolina System of Higher Education. Completing these courses means you have satisfied the minimum requirements needed to be admitted to a public university in North Carolina. The requirements are:

- A minimum weighted GPA of 2.5
- 4 units of English
- 4 units of Math (Math I, Math II, Math III and a math beyond Math III)
- 4 units of Social Studies to include World History Civics and Economics, American History I and American History II or AP US History and a Social Studies Elective
- 3 units of Science to include a life science, a physical science, and a lab science
- 2 units of the same foreign language
- Minimum of 17 on the ACT or 880 combined Verbal and Math on the SAT

\*\*\*\*It is also strongly recommended by colleges that you take math, social studies and science (core curriculum) courses during your senior year of high school. Students are also encouraged to do more than just two years of a foreign language.

## \*\*\*\*\*REGISTRATION INFORMATION\*\*\*\*\*

- Sophomores register for their classes in the spring. If you do not register at that time, your Counselor will choose your classes for junior year for you and no schedule changes will be allowed to the Counselor's choices. Review the *Future Ready Core* requirements before you register, choose your courses carefully and pick three (3) alternate courses you really would like to take that prepare you for your plans after high school! Questions? - See your Counselor.

## Useful Websites for College Planning

### Garner Magnet High School

[www.wcpss.net/garnerhs](http://www.wcpss.net/garnerhs)

Check out our website for current happenings at our school. Visit the Student Services Section for scholarship information, planning guides for each of your years in high school and much more!!!

### The College Foundation of North Carolina

[www.CFNC.org](http://www.CFNC.org)

This excellent website helps you plan for college, apply to college and learn how to pay for college. Includes specific information on all colleges and universities in NC, including both four-year and community colleges; career information; high school course planner and scholarship information. Students can apply directly to North Carolina schools; keep track of extracurricular activities, and much more. It is a ONE-STOP-SHOP for students and parents. Visit [www.CFNC.org](http://www.CFNC.org) and click on "Create My CFNC" to set up your personal CFNC account.

### College Board

[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

The website contains information on the PSAT, SAT, admissions, financial aid, and scholarships. Use this website to register for the SAT Reasoning Test during your junior year after you have completed Algebra II. Make sure to take the PSAT your junior year of high school (even if you have taken it before!!!!) to qualify for National Merit scholarships!!!

### SAT Test Prep

[satpractice.org](http://satpractice.org)

Free, personalized SAT test prep offered through Khan Academy. You can link your PSAT Score Report or take the quizzes offered to identify your areas of need. This service provides detailed responses and videos providing feedback on how to find the right answers. They have a question of over 2000 questions and 6 full practice exams on which you can practice.

### The ACT

[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

The ACT test assesses high school students' general educational development and their ability to complete college-level work. The website contains information on the PLAN, ACT, admissions, financial aid, and scholarships. Register on this website for the ACT with writing your junior year.

## Save the Dates:

- Curriculum Carnival: Feb. 9, 2017 6p-8p
- Registration Period: Feb. 13-Mar. 17
- Spring Break: Apr. 10-14 2017
- AP Exams Period: May 1-12, 2017
- Final Exams Period: Jun. 1-9, 2017
- Last Day of School: Jun. 9, 2017
- Graduation: Jun. 12, 2017, 8p

GMHS CAREER SERVICES:

[HTTP://GMHSCAREERSRVCS.WEEBLY.COM/](http://gmhscareersrvcs.weebly.com/)