

GARNER MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL

SOPHOMORE NEWSLETTER



CLASS OF 2021

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Promotion Requirements

KNOW YOUR COUNSELOR!

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GMHS College Advisor: Ethan Levine.

He is available to meet with you and your parents to help guide you through the college search process. Schedule your appointment to meet with Ethan in room 4013 via his e-mail: gmhs.cacduke@gmail.com

Career Development Coordinator, Lisa Daughenbaugh

Career planning, exploration, internships, outside opportunities. Register to take the Armed Services Vocational Area Battery test (ASVAB) - dates TBA- a must, if you plan to join the military. See her in room 13014 for information about the ASVAB and the military and for career planning and exploration.
 Email: lbaughenbaugh@wcpss.net
 Follow on Twitter for job openings, career events, etc: @GMHSCarServ



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 <u>and</u> American History II <i>or</i> AP US History and a Social Studies Elective |
| Health & PE | 1 | Healthful Living / Health & PE |
| 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 |

Make Sophomore Year count!

Continue to work on grades and extracurricular activities. Get involved! Find volunteer or job shadow opportunities. Use CFNC.org to learn more about your career interests.

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, and your attendance. 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 |

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.

Graduation recognition

Summa Cum Laude: weighted GPA 4.25 or higher

Magna Cum Laude: weighted GPA 4.0 – 4.249

Cum Laude: weighted GPA 3.75 – 3.99

NC Scholar: unweighted GPA 3.5 **and** specific courses

Save the Dates:

- **Pre-ACT:** Nov. 7, 2018- **FREE** for all Sophomores
 - Offered at school
- **Curriculum Carnival:** Feb. 7, 2019
 - Learn more about the variety of courses offered at GMHS

Need Extra Help?

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

Useful Websites for College Planning

Garner Magnet High School

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

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, SAT/ACT prep, 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 and click on "Create My CFNC" to set up your personal CFNC account.

College Board

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

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 over 2000 questions and 6 full practice exams on which you can practice.

The ACT

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.