

# 2016-2017 Profile

## George Whittell High School



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George Whittell High School (GWHS) is a small 7-12 secondary school nestled in the forest of Lake Tahoe in Zephyr Cove, Nevada. The school is one of four high schools in Douglas County School District. At GWHS, we pride ourselves as being a Nevada High Achieving School. Students range from high to low socio-economic backgrounds, creating a diverse climate of learners. As of count day, GWHS had an enrollment of 201 students, 68 enrolled in middle school and 133 enrolled in high school. The two major ethnic populations that make up the school are Whites (69%) and Hispanic/Latinos (24%), with the remainder being Asian & other at (7%). The Free and Reduced Lunch (FRL) population is at 25%. GWHS is a geographically and demographically unique school. It is a commuter school following a nontraditional, four-day school week schedule. Due to the small population, students are able to participate in a variety of extracurricular activities; Leadership, Choir & Band, Speech & Debate, Key Club, National Honor Society, Academic Team, Science Team, and community service. Over 80% of the student body has been involved in at least one Junior Varsity or Varsity athletic team, winning over 16 championships over the last 9 years. Likewise, GWHS is proud to be the home of multiple students being awarded All-State Academic/Athletic distinctions. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, George Whittell High School also became a 1:1 technology school, where every student has an electronic device of their own, and all classroom teachers have an interactive board containing Wi-Fi connectivity for student and teacher devices.

### Curriculum

The academic program is organized on a straight six period schedule. Three credits per semester is the maximum course load. Students attend all six classes daily.

GWHS offered eight Advanced Placement (AP) courses: English Language and Composition, English Literature, Calculus, Chemistry, Environmental Science, American Government, US History and Computer Science A during the 2015/2016 academic year. In the Fall of 2016, AP Biology was introduced at GWHS and it will alternate years being offered with AP Environmental Science.

### Mission Statement

The Whittell community will challenge students to become independent, life-long learners who are productive, respectful, and responsible citizens.

### Beliefs:

1. We believe all students can learn.
2. We believe all students deserve a safe and supportive environment: one that encourages compassion, empathy, and respect.
3. We believe effective teaching is focused, engaging, and challenges all students to think critically and creatively.
4. We believe parent and community involvement benefits student achievement.
5. We believe our students should become life-long learners, with a capacity to further explore their interests, abilities, and talents.

Honors classes are offered in English I & II, PreCalculus/Trigonometry.

### Class of 2017 Grading and Ranking

Letter Equivalent	Unweighted Grade	Weighted Grade	% Grade
A- Excellent	4	5	90 - 100
B- Good	3	4	80 - 89
C- Average	2	3	70 - 79
D- Needs Improvement	1	2	60 - 69
F- Failure	0	0	0 - 59

Honors and AP Courses receive an additional 1.0 weight for year-long courses.

### Rank

Due to our small student population, class rank is not computed or estimated at GWHS.

### Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation

GPA is computed using the above quality points. Beginning with grade nine, all subjects, whether passed or failed, are included in the computation. A minimum of 23 credits is required for graduation. AP and Honors classes are weighted by one point. Grades are recorded on the transcript and GPA is computed in January and June.

### Class of 2016

There were 28 graduates in the Class of 2016.

- 11 earned 4.0+
- 3 earned 3.5-3.99
- 6 earned 3.0-3.49
- 5 earned 2.50-2.99
- 2 earned 2.0-2.49
- 1 earned less than a 2.0

### Snapshot: Class of 2017

There are 27 students in the Class of 2017.

- 6 earned 4.0+
- 6 earned 3.5-3.99
- 4 earned 3.0-3.49
- 9 earned 2.50-2.99
- 2 earned 2.0-2.49
- 0 earned less than a 2.0

### Standardized Test Results

SAT (Old Test Version) Mean Scores (Participants)	Class of 2015 (17)	NV Class of 2015	Class of 2016 (21)	NV Class of 2016
Critical Reading	461	494	537	511
Mathematics	479	494	550	509
Writing	443	470	516	488

ACT	Class of 2016	NV Class of 2016
English	20.4	16.2
Math	21.7	18.0
Reading	24.0	18.1
Science	22.0	18.1
Composite	22.2	17.7

Beginning with the Class of 2016, 11<sup>th</sup> grade participation in the spring administration of the ACT is required for graduation.

### Advanced Placement Results

- In May 2016, 40 students took AP Exams
- A total of 113 exams were taken in 8 subjects
- 51% of the AP exams received a score of 3 or higher

### Awards and Distinctions

- 4 out of 5 Star rating on the Nevada School Performance Framework (NSPF) 2011 - 2014
- Silver Award; ranked #3 in the state of Nevada and #894 nationally by U.S. News & World Report
- 2013-2014 "Award of Excellence in Academics, Athletics & Citizenship" by the Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association (NIAA)

### Post High School Placement

	2013	2014	2015	2016
Class Size	39	34	25	28
Community Colleges	28%	15%	12%	25%
4 Year NV Colleges	28%	50%	52%	36%
4 Year Colleges (outside NV)	33%	29%	28%	29%
Trade/Technical Schools	3%	3%	4%	0%
TOTAL Continuing Education	92%	97%	96%	90%
Armed Forces	0%	3%	0%	3%
Employment	8%	0%	4%	7%

### Colleges Attended by GWHS Graduates from 2013-2016

Arizona State University  
 Art Institute of Las Vegas  
 Baylor University  
 California Lutheran University  
 California Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo  
 Claremont McKenna  
 Coker College  
 Harvard University  
 Montana State University  
 Occidental College  
 San Diego State University  
 Santa Clara University  
 Stanford University  
 University of Alaska, Anchorage  
 University of California, Berkeley  
 University of California, Davis  
 University of California, Fullerton  
 University of California, San Diego  
 University of Hawaii at Manoa  
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas  
 University of Nevada, Reno  
 University of Oregon  
 University of Washington  
 Westminster College  
 Western Nevada College  
 Willamette University