

2017-2018 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 192 students, 60 enrolled in middle school and 132 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, Biology, American Government, US History, Computer Science Principles during the 2016/2017 academic year.

Mission Statement

We will empower students to become lifelong learners.

Vision

We envision a community that inspires innovation and excellence.

In the Fall of 2017, AP Computer Science A is being offered in addition to the aforementioned classes, and AP Environmental Science is being taught in lieu of AP Biology as they alternate years.

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

Class of 2018 Grading and Ranking

Letter Equivalent	Unweighted Grade	Weighted Grade	% Grade
A- Excellent	4	4.025-4.05	90 - 100
B- Good	3	3.025-3.05	80 - 89
C- Average	2	2.025-2.05	70 - 79
D- Needs Improvement	1	1.25-1.05	60 - 69
F- Failure	0	0	0 - 59

Honors Courses receive an added value of .025 per course and AP Courses receive an added value of .05 per course.

Rank

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

Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation

For the Class of 2018 and beyond, 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 given an added value of .05 or .025 per course. Grades are recorded on the transcript and GPA is computed in January and June.

Class of 2017

There were 24 graduates in the Class of 2017.

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

Snapshot: Class of 2018

There are 39 students in the Class of 2018.

- 12 earned 4.0+
- 6 earned 3.5-3.99
- 7 earned 3.0-3.49
- 8 earned 2.50-2.99
- 3 earned 2.0-2.49
- 3 earned less than a 2.0

Standardized Test Results

SAT (Old Test Version) Mean Scores (Participants)	Class of 2016 (21)	NV Class of 2016	SAT (New Test Version) Mean Scores (Participants)	Class of 2017 (13)	NV Class of 2017
Critical Reading	537	511	Mean Scores	1152	1112
Mathematics	550	509	Evidence Based R&W	580	560
Writing	516	488	Math	572	552

ACT	Class of 2017	NV Class of 2017
English	20.5	16.3
Math	21.0	18.0
Reading	21.8	18.1
Science	21.0	18.2
Composite	21.3	17.8

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

Advanced Placement Results

- In May 2017, 47 students took AP Exams
- A total of 114 exams were taken in 8 subjects
- 53.5% 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 - 2015
- Silver Medal Award; ranked #3 in the state of Nevada and #894 nationally by U.S. News & World Report
- 2013-2014 & 2014-2015 "Award of Excellence in Academics, Athletics & Citizenship" by the Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association (NIAA)

Post High School Placement

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Class Size	34	25	28	24
Community Colleges	15%	12%	25%	29%
4 Year NV Colleges	50%	52%	36%	17%
4 Year Colleges (outside NV)	29%	28%	29%	46%
Trade/Technical Schools	3%	4%	0%	0%
TOTAL Continuing Education	97%	96%	90%	92%
Armed Forces	3%	0%	3%	4%
Employment	0%	4%	7%	4%

Colleges Attended by GWHS Graduates from 2013-2017

Arizona State University
 Art Institute of Las Vegas
 Baylor University
 California Lutheran University
 California Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo
 Claremont McKenna
 Coker College
 Cottey College
 Harvard University
 Humboldt State University of California
 Jamestown University
 Montana State University
 Occidental College
 Purdue University
 Saint Mary's College
 San Diego State University of California
 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