

The two major ethnic populations that make up the school are Whites (65%) and Hispanic/Latinos (26%), with the remainder being Asian & other at (9%). 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 15 championships over the last 8 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 six Advanced Placement (AP) courses: English Language and Composition, English Literature, Calculus, Chemistry, American Government, and US History during the 2014/2015 academic year. In addition, GWHS began to offer AP Environmental Science and AP Computer Science in the fall of 2015; bringing the total to eight AP courses. 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 May.

Advanced Placement Results

- In May 2015, 37 students took AP Exams
- A total of 80 exams were taken in 6 subjects
- 41% 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)

I highly encourage all students to become an active member of the school community by participating in sports and/or joining the various clubs that exist on campus.

WEB, which stands for "Where Everybody Belongs" is a middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes 7th graders and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their middle school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, the program trains mentors from our 10th grade class to be WEB leaders. As positive role models, WEB leaders are mentors and student leaders who guide the 7th graders to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to middle school and help facilitate 7th grade success.

More and more studies show that if students have a positive experience their first year in middle school, their chances for success increase dramatically. WEB provides the structure for 7th graders to receive support and guidance from 10th graders who have been through the challenges that middle school poses and understands that the transition into high school can sometimes be overwhelming. WEB also acts as an anti-bullying program for our school by providing it with a cadre of student leaders who look for bullying behavior and help stop it. WEB gives older students permission to be aware of and report any negative behavior they see, creating a safer school for everybody.

High School is a time of exploration and of defining who our students will become in life as they prepare to confront the ever-changing world. Our goal at GWHS is to challenge all students to become life-long learners and productive, responsible citizens. I hope that you will give us the opportunity to serve you and your student.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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