Sophomore and Junior Class Guidance

2022-2023
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Educational Opportunities

Technical /Vocational Training

Community Colleges

Four Year Universities

Military
Consider College Characteristics

❖ Majors and degrees offered
❖ Admission policy
❖ Housing
❖ Location and size
❖ Cost and financial aid
❖ Support services
Finding the Right College

College websites end in .edu

www.collegeforalltexans.com

- Gather information
- Visit schools
  - www.ecampustours.com
  - www.campustours.com
- Ask questions
  - Talk to Admissions
  - Talk to Financial Aid
- Look at dorms
- Compare information
College/Military Visit

Junior and senior students are allowed two school days each year to visit a college or military office.

The student must complete the College / Military Absence Form located in the counseling office.

The student must notify the counseling office by returning the form with signatures of all teachers and a parent. The counselor will sign the form and keep it on file.

The student must bring a note to the attendance office on official letterhead showing the date of the visit and signed by a representative from the college/military office.
Top 10% Rule

To be eligible for automatic admission, a student must:

• Graduate in the top 10 percent of his or her class
• On the Foundation Plan, graduate with a Distinguished Level of Achievement (See Course Catalog for requirements)
• Enroll in college no more than two years after graduating from high school; and
• Submit an application to a Texas public university for admission before the institution's application deadline
• Students are required to provide SAT or ACT scores. Students must also take the TSI test, unless exempted from the TSI test requirement.
• Admission to a university does not guarantee acceptance into a particular college of study or department.
• Top 10% does not apply to University of Texas at Austin, only the top 6%.
College Entrance Exams

• The SAT I Reasoning Test is a college entrance timed exam which has:
  
  Reading
  Writing and Language
  Math (two sections)

• Register online at: www.collegeboard.org
• GHS School Code is 442-915
• Fee waivers available
• May 6th given at GHS; deadline to register is April 7th

• The ACT is a college entrance timed exam which has:
  
  English
  Math
  Reading and Science
  Writing (optional)

• Register online at: www.act.org
• GHS School Code is 442-915
• Fee waivers available
• April 15th given at GHS; deadline to register is March 10th
The Application Process

➢ Select Schools
➢ Apply online as early as July 1st for many universities: www.applytexas.org
➢ Fill out application carefully and completely
➢ Application fee
➢ Student is required to send ACT/SAT scores directly to the university from online ACT and College Board accounts
➢ Request a transcript in the counseling office
➢ Letters of recommendation
  ○ Fill out form from counseling office
➢ Check on housing
  ○ Additional application and fee
Additional Testing

- STAAR (English 1, English 2, Algebra 1, Biology, US History) - Required for graduation
- PSAT (October 2023)
- TSI (Texas Success Initiative)
  - Given at the Weatherford College Testing Center
    - www.registerblast.com/weatherford
  - Exemption based on SAT/ACT scores
- ASVAB
Immunization Requirement

● All students are required to show proof of an updated bacterial meningitis vaccination.

● A copy of their immunization record must be submitted to the college/university they will be attending.

● The bacterial meningitis vaccination cannot be more than 5 years old at the start of college.

● It is likely current seniors will require an additional vaccination to comply with the 5 year requirement.
All males must register within 30 days of their 18th birthday.

Registration forms are available at any Post Office or online at www.sss.gov

A registration card will be sent to your home address. Keep this card.
For Athletes Only

Register with NCAA Eligibility Center

www.eligibilitycenter.org
Apply for the FAFSA
*This is your source for financial assistance.

- You can apply starting in October of your senior year.
- FAFSA is a graduation requirement.
- GHS will offer sessions for help with the FAFSA in the fall of the senior year.
- Financial aid can include scholarships, grants, loans & work study,
- Start early to understand the process.
Begin Scholarship Search

www.collegeforalltexans.com
www.fastweb.com
www.scholarships.com
Bigfuture.collegeboard.org

Create an account and login for Scholarship Help Now
Students - pirates.scholarshiphelpnow.com
Parents - pirateparents.scholarshiphelpnow.com

Search for scholarships through car insurance, electric, water or other companies

Set up a separate email account to use for scholarship searches.
Attendance

● Students must be in attendance 90% of the time to earn credit for each course.
● Doctor, dentist, counselor, and court notes allow absences to be excused.
● Parents need to write a note when the child is absent. There is a limit of 3 parent notes per semester for excused absences.
● Parent notes will not be accepted if turned in after three school days.
● Notes should be received the day the student returns.
● Losing credit due to excessive absences results in a GPA penalty.
The District shall determine an unweighted GPA for each student using grades from eligible courses. Upon completion of advanced credits, as outlined in the table below, a 1.25 multiplier will be applied to the student's cumulative GPA.

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GPA multiplier opportunity:

- Selected high-rigor classes are deemed “Advanced Academic Credits” or AACs.

- All students are eligible to enroll in the AAC courses. They may pick and choose courses appropriately with the guidance of counselors and parents.

- AACs are aligned primarily with core content subjects and high-rigor capstone CTE courses.

- Four years’ participation in a comprehensive extracurricular activity may substitute for an AAC. *Known as a Fidelity – see course catalog or website for more information.

- Students who accumulate 6 AAC credits will receive a 1.25 multiplier on the cumulative GPA.

- Juniors must have a total of 10 AACs by the end of the school year or the GPA will revert to an unweighted GPA.

- Students who receive the 1.25 multiplier must complete the 16 AACs to keep the multiplier.

- Students who do not fully complete 16 AACs will revert back to an unweighted GPA.

The full policy EIC (LOCAL) is available on the district website at www.granburvisd.org/policy.
Additional Graduation Requirements

- CPR and Police Officer Interaction Videos
  (In your student's Class of 2024 or Class of 2025 folder in Google Classroom)

- FAFSA (or FAFSA opt-out form)

- Community Service (20 hours)
GHS Pirates Give Back

The **Class of 2024** and the **Class of 2025** must have **20 volunteer hours** in order to graduate. Hours done over the summer can be counted toward this requirement.

For more information and to log volunteer hours, please visit: https://www.granburyisd.org/domain/1900
Class of 2024 Google Classroom
Join code - fs4coax

Class of 2025 Google Classroom
Join code - 7r4zkwm

● Graduation Requirements
● Community Service Hours
● Announcements and Reminders
College Credit Opportunities

Advanced Placement

Subject test at the end of each school year scored on a scale of 1 — 5. AP credit is accepted by colleges nationwide. Price is $100 per test (financial assistance may be available).

Dual Enrollment

Student will receive both college and high school credit. Be sure to check with your prospective college regarding acceptance of dual enrollment courses. Price is around $150 per course. No TSI required.
Dual Credit

Must meet requirements to participate. Student will receive both high school and college credit. Dual credit does not transfer to every school. Price is around $402 per semester course with additional book or lab fees. Financial assistance is available for students who qualify via the FAFSA application. TSI required.
A Quick Dual Credit Reminder

For students in dual credit courses:

Please be aware that your child’s high school grade and college grade may be different.
You will receive a letter with the date and time for your student’s 15 minute individual registration appointment with his/her counselor.
Thank you for coming!

Granbury High School Counseling Department