

Junior Newsletter



Setting sail for senior year and beyond!



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Check this out!!!

[Click here to schedule your Junior Scheduling Meeting](#)

Please select your school counselor and email them your registration form before the meeting. Parents may join! Meetings will take place through March 1, 2023



Advanced or Standard Diploma?

Know what requirements you still need to complete before June of your senior year!

STANDARD DIPLOMA

- English 4 credits
- History/Social Science 4 credits
- Math 3 credits
- Science 3 credits
- Health & PE 2 credits
- World Language, Fine Arts or CTE 2 credits
- Economics & Personal Finance 1 credit
- Elective Courses 3 credits
- 1 Virtual Course

*Economics & Personal Finance Class Course fulfills this requirement

- Career/Technical Education Credential

Total credits 22

ADVANCED STUDIES DIPLOMA

- English 4 credits
- History/Social Science 4 credits
- Math 4 credits
- Science 4 credits
- Health & PE 2 credits
- World Languages 3 credits
- Fine Arts or Career/Technical 1 credit
- Economics & Personal Finance 1 credit
- Electives 3 credits
- 1 Virtual Course

*Economics & Personal Finance Class Course fulfills this requirement

Total credits 26

New VDOE Graduation Requirement: Students must take 2 credits of Sequential Electives for the Standard & Advanced Diplomas!

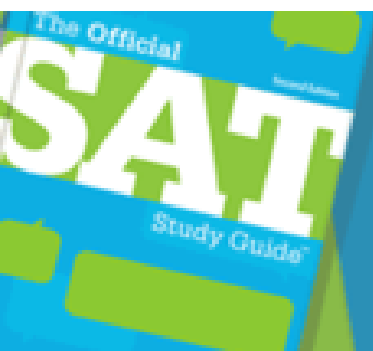
 [If you are unsure about a requirement or would like to learn more about a course, click here to be taken to the YCSD Program of Studies!](#) 

Juniors should plan to take the SAT at least twice in the spring of their Junior year, some also take the ACT. Talk to your school counselor about if this is a good option for you. Use Khan Academy for excellent test prep! Check out the links below!

[Register for the SAT at
www.CollegeBoard.org](http://www.CollegeBoard.org)

**SAT
&
ACT**

[Register for the ACT at
www.ACTstudent.org](http://www.ACTstudent.org)



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Highlights from the Opportunities Guide & Workbook (Click the image to the left for this helpful resource!)

- Types of Colleges & a worksheet on how to choose the right college!
- Information on the college application process & exams!
- Worksheet to organize your college application process!
- Navigating Financial aid and FAFSA! Plus info on VA FinAid!
- VA College Profiler - compare cost and average SAT/GPA scores!
- Glossary of college terminology!



The Common App offers a single electronic application for over 900 colleges and universities. Students should consider using Common App if they are applying to 2 or more schools that accept it. This will save you time and stress! You must invite your GHS School Counselor to your Common App by using their correct email address. Once connected, your school counselor will be able to upload your transcript and complete the Counselor Report and recommendation! Your counselor will need your [Senior Activity & Info Sheet](#) (linked here) before completing your recommendation so that they can write amazing things about you! Click the logo to be taken to the Common App website; Common App will open August 1st!



Any application, employer, scholarship that requires a copy of your transcript while you are in high school will utilize www.parchment.com. Parchment is an electronic transcript system and must be set up using a registration code to be able to send for free. Your Parchment account is free until August 1st after you graduate. Please see Ms. Johnson for your registration code.



Big Future is a free, comprehensive set of digital resources that helps guide students through the journey to plan, search, and pay for college.

AP Credit Policy Search


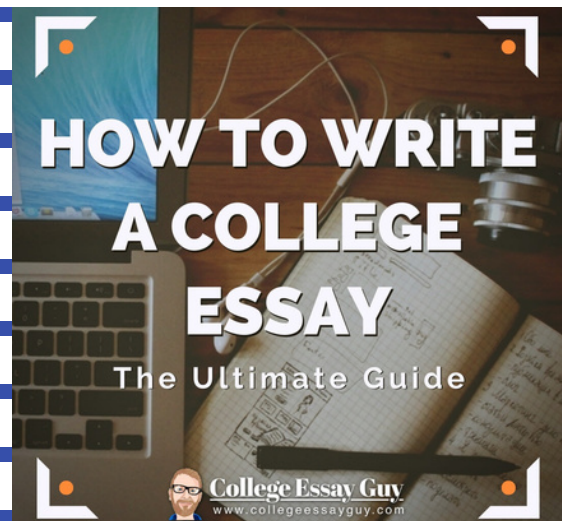
Your AP Scores could earn you college credit or advanced placement (meaning you could skip certain courses in college). Use the tool by clicking the image to find colleges that offer credit or placement for AP Scores.

Dual enrollment opportunities offer courses through which you may earn college credits. You must have a 3.0 GPA to enroll in a DE course. Click this [link](#) to learn more about making the most of dual enrollment classes and how it can transfer to Transfer Virginia partner Institutions.

Letters of Recommendation & Counselor Reports



Many colleges require letter of recommendation and/or counselor reports as part of a completed application. If you are applying through Common App, you will need your counselor to complete at least a Counselor Report for you and for some schools, a letter of recommendation as well. In order to provide colleges with the BEST view of YOU, please complete the **Senior Activity and Information Sheet** (linked here) and email it to your school counselor at the start of your senior year! Save a copy because teachers who you are requesting letters of recommendation from may also ask for this sheet!



[Click here to go on some Virtual Campus Tours!](#)

Community College



Community Colleges offer specialized courses of study where a student can earn a certificate in one year or less in an intensive training program. Many student often make the choice to attend community college before transferring to a 4-year institution allowing them to save money on general education courses, stay close to home and have smaller class sizes! Click the link below to learn more:

[Virginia Peninsula Community College](#)



Military



Opportunities for enlistment in the military are plentiful. The five services offer hundreds of schools and thousands of areas of instruction. This training and the experience that follows gives the military veteran a real advantage in the civilian world.

* Career Training * Education * Income * Service to Country
Each service sets its own enlistment qualifications. Local recruiters may be contacted for more information or click the links below for information regarding program opportunities and qualifications:

[AIR FORCE](#)

[ARMY](#)

[NAVY](#)

[MARINE CORPS](#)

[COAST GUARD](#)

[NATIONAL GUARD](#)

ASVAB

GHS conducts an ASVAB test this twice a year, once each semester
Please stay tuned for more information about the upcoming ASVAB or visit your local recruiter.

Trade/Pre Professional School



Entering a trade offers personal fulfillment, high salary potential, and job stability right after high school. Trade schools generally cost less or sometimes free compared to a college/university. It also takes less time to complete and enter the work field. Trades are in high demand with high/competitive pay after completion. Click on the links below to learn more:

[The Apprentice School](#)

[Lists of Schools in the Area](#)

Employment

If you have decided to work full time immediately after high school:

- Contact the Virginia Employment Commission online at www.vec.virginia.gov to learn more about opportunities in VA.
- Create a resume!
- Consider the opportunities for advancement available through the positions you are considering.
- Consider an internship to gain work experience.
- Meet with the GHS Career Coach,

[SEND RESUME](#)



Eligibility

Play Grafton Sports? You **MUST** be enrolled in 5 credit bearing classes in order to play **AND** you must have passed 5 classes the semester before to be eligible.



Want to play College Sports? Make sure you register with NCAA to be eligible