

GJHS FAQs for 15-16 Registration

Question: How many credits are required for graduation in each of the subject areas? Graduation requirements are listed on our GJHS website and posted on the bulletin board outside of the Guidance Office. Graduation requirements are also on each report card and on the Student/Parent Portal.

Question: Can students be in multiple academies? Yes. The student's first elective choice determines their Program of Study. Students may then select additional electives from other Programs of Study on the back side of the Registration Sheet. Example: A student in the Medical Academy may also take a culinary course OR a student in the Legal Academy may also take an ROTC course.

Question: Can a student be in two Programs of Study? No. The student's first elective choice determines their Program of Study.

Question: How would a student equally interested in electives from two Programs of Study choose which to mark as their 1st elective choice? Students should consider their future college or career plans to help them determine which Program of Study in which to focus. The student would also get their second choice elective choice even if it's from a different Program of Study.

Question: Can a student change their academy from last year? Yes, students may change their Program of Study each year, but Academies (within Programs of Study) require several courses to complete the Academy program. For example, Medical requires 3 and Veterinary requires 4 courses to complete their Academy Program, therefore the entry level courses are not available to upperclassmen.

Question: How do students taking AP and off campus dual enrollment courses who don't have electives in a Program of Study select their Program of Study? Students would circle their chosen Program of Study on the front of the Registration Sheet based on their area of interest.

Question: What if a student doesn't want to be in a Program of Study? All students will be placed in a Program of Study based on their first elective choice. No other courses are affected.

Question: How long do you have to be in an Academy to earn industry Certification? It varies from Academy to Academy, but most require 3 years.

Question: What certifications are available in each Academy? Due to the developing opportunities within each Academy, please refer to the GJHS website and Academy teachers.

Question: How many electives are students allowed to have? If students are not required to take Intensive Reading/Math courses the average is as following: Freshmen: 4 electives , Sophomores: 3 electives, Juniors: 3 electives, Seniors: 4 electives

Question: Who approves students' academic courses, such as English, Math, Social Studies, and Science? All academics are approved by teachers and reviewed by counselors based on each student's academic/testing history.

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Question: Does a student wishing to take an AP elective or academic dual enrollment course need that course's teacher's approval on the form? No. A student's current teacher in that subject area (English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language) would make the recommendation.

Question: Should a student who should be taking Intensive Reading mark it on their Registration Form? Students should not mark anything in this 'Required Courses' section. The Intensive Reading and Math courses will be added based on testing mandates.

Question: Can a student take AP courses if they are required to take Intensive Reading? Students who score a 3 or higher on the FCAT Reading are best prepared for AP courses. Due to the rigorousness of the curriculum and test, it is against advisement to take AP courses if the student has not passed FCAT.

Question: Will students be allowed to go to other teachers for recommendations? Yes. Courses that require recommendations are in bold/italics on the back of the Registration Sheet.

Question: How many college credit hours can a student earn in the Business Law Academy? GJHS offers 4 dual enrollment Law classes on our campus. Each class counts as 3 hours, therefore a student has the potential to earn 12 hours.

Question: What Academy is Graphic Design in? Graphic design is in the Academy of Design and Technology on the Digital Design Track.

Question: Are students who want to be in the Veterinary Academy required to take Agriscience? No. Agriscience is not a prerequisite for Vet Assisting 1. Because of class sizes, only freshmen and sophomores who can complete the program are permitted to take Vet Assisting 1.

Question: Are students required to have two years of a Foreign Language? Foreign Language is NOT required for graduation. However, it is required for students entering a college/university and to qualify for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

Question: What can ROTC count towards? Two years of ROTC will waive the Other PE requirement and the Practical/Performing Arts requirement. Nothing waives Personal Fitness.

Question: How do students sign up to be a Teacher Assistant (TA)? Teachers may request a student assistant from the Principal. Only seniors with a 3.0 GPA are eligible to be a TA. Offices including the Freshmen Academy, Guidance, and Main Office must be staffed with TA's before teacher TA positions are assigned.

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Question: Do students need to sign up for other electives if they are doing OJT? On the Job Training (OJT) students are required to complete the OJT application through business department after registration. OJT is only one period (juniors) or up to two periods (seniors). All students must select 6 electives on the Registration Sheet.

Question: Can a student sign up for OJT if they do not have a job? Students may sign up for OJT, then search for a job. However, all students in OJT must be employed at the beginning of the school year and maintain employment to remain in OJT.

Question: How do you sign up for dual enrollment classes? Students should refer to the George Jenkins website at www.georgejenkinshs.com under Academics, Dual Enrollment for details on the dual enrollment process. For classes on GJHS campus, students select the dual enrollment electives on their Registration Sheet. All students interested in dual enrollment must apply to Polk State College (PSC) at www.polk.edu and take the PERT.

Question: How many dual enrollment classes are offered on the GJHS campus? Dual enrollment courses are indicated with (DE) on the Registration Sheet.

Question: What grade levels are allowed to take dual enrollment courses? Grades 10, 11, and 12.

Question: Are students who only need a certain amount of requirements left for graduation required to have a full schedule? Yes. All GJHS students are required to have a full schedule at GJHS and select 6 elective choices on the Registration Sheet.

Question: Will seniors be given the option of having only 6 periods? The District Office has not given the approval to allow seniors to have 6 periods. Seniors should select 6 elective choices and will be assigned 7 courses until further directives are received from the District Office.

Question: Are seniors who already have 4 math and 3 science credits required to take math/science courses? All seniors are required to take math in their senior year. It is highly recommended seniors take science in order to stay competitive with college admissions and scholarships opportunities and to be prepared for college courses.

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Question: *Why weren't the forms sent home to the parents?* All registration information including informational videos, Registration Sheets, Curriculum Guide, and Power Point Presentations is available on the GJHS website. Parents should review this information with their students, then students come prepared to make their selections on registration day.

Question: *What if a student is absent on Registration Day?* It's highly recommended that ALL students attend on Registration Day. If a student must be absent, the student will need to see Mr. Patton in the Learning Center to get a Registration Sheet.

Question: *What if a teacher recommends a course a student doesn't wish to take?* Teachers recommend academics based on student grades, testing, and academic history. Students will be scheduled based on high school graduation, college admissions, NCAA, Bright Futures, and other scholarships.

Question: *Can a student change their course requests after registration?* Students must choose carefully! GJHS builds courses and determines personnel needs based on student requests at registration. Therefore, schedule changes are **HIGHLY LIMITED**. Schedule corrections will be made by Counselors to ensure all students meet graduation requirements.

Question: *Can a student with legitimate health issues opt out of PE?* No. Personal Fitness and another PE are required for graduation for all students. Modifications can be provided in the class to accommodate health issues. Students may also take Personal Fitness and the Other PE through FLVS.

Question: *Does Creative Writing take the place of an English credit?* No. Creative Writing would count as an academic elective.

Question: *Is there a test score required for Creative Writing?* No. This course doesn't have any prerequisites.

