

Gray's Creek High School Student Planner 2011-2012

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First Semester Schedule

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GRAY'S CREEK HIGH SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Gray's Creek High School community is to foster a safe, caring environment, promote high academic standards and encourage pride, leadership, and respect for all.



Go Bears!!

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ACCIDENTS

All accidents involving any personal injury that occur at school must be reported to the main office, whether the student involved has school insurance or not. An accident report must be completed and filed through the main office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General announcements will be made once a day. All announcements must be in writing, approved by the sponsor, and submitted to the school secretary by 10:00 am daily. Announcements will be made at the end of 1st period each day.

ARRIVAL ON CAMPUS

Upon arrival on campus, students are to immediately report to the atrium/cafeateria area. Students are not permitted in the hallways prior to the 8:20 AM bell.

ATHLETICS

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Students must live in the Gray's Creek High School district with their natural parents. Legal guardians will be recognized only if the parent is not living.
- Students must be properly enrolled at the time of participation, must be enrolled no later than the 15th day of the present semester unless transferring, and must be in regular attendance at that school.
- **Attend at least 85% of the previous semester.**
- Students must **pass 3 subjects each semester** on a 4 X 4 schedule and/or 5 subjects in a seven period day schedule for the current school year.
- Students can not participate in any sport with outstanding fees owed.
- Students must not have graduated, been eligible for graduation from high school or have exceeded eight consecutive semesters of attendance.
- Students must be under 19 years of age on October 16th of this school year.
- Students must obtain a medical examination by a physician each school year prior to practice. The physical is valid for one year from the date of the examination.

ATHLETIC INSURANCE

Athletes must have the proper insurance form on file in the athletic director's office prior to participation. School insurance is available for purchase. Proof of insurance is required.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The GCHS Athletic Booster Club meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00 PM in the media center. Everyone is invited!

ATHLETIC CONDUCT

GCHS Athletes are representatives of the school and must conduct themselves appropriately. Athletes must abide by the rules and regulations set forth by the coaching staff, as well as Cumberland County Schools and Gray's Creek High School. All GCHS athletes are expected to represent themselves, their coaches, and the school in a positive manner, exhibiting good sportsmanship and respect for all.

Athletes who fail to comply will face disciplinary action, which may include suspension from school and/or dismissal from the team.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

An attendance policy communicates to all students, parents, and teachers the importance of good attendance in achieving academic success. It supports character education, dependability, and responsibility. Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 115C-378, Gray's Creek High School will adhere to the following attendance policy.

No student may miss more than 9 days and receive credit for a course. When a student reaches his 10th absence, to include excused or unexcused, he/she should receive an FF on his/her report card and the comment "failed due to excessive absences." Lawful absences can be waived with proper medical documentation. An academic portfolio will be required to receive credit if the student has not missed more than 20 days. He/she will have a failing grade if the portfolio is not completed or will automatically fail if absences exceed 20 days.

- Students have 3 school days to make up work after an absence.
- Educational field trips do not count as absences.
- Lawful absences include the following:
 1. Illness or injury with a doctor's note. Parent note is accepted for short term absences due to illness or injury so long as they are not excessive.
 2. Death of immediate family member
 3. Medical/Dental appointments with doctor's note
 4. Court proceedings with documentation

BOOKBAGS

Students may use **only clear or mesh bookbags** to transport books and educational items to and from their classes throughout the school day. If a student uses large handbags or bookbags that are not clear or mesh to bring items to and from school, these bags must be left in the student's locker from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm.

BUSES

The Board of Education realizes that school buses are a means of transportation provided by the State of North Carolina. Drivers, monitors, and students who ride buses are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly manner. Therefore, the following regulations have been established by the Cumberland County School Board and Gray's Creek High School to govern student conduct while riding school buses.

- Students must ride their assigned bus and follow the instructions of the bus driver.
- Student must board and disembark the bus at assigned stops and through the designated door.
- Students should arrive at their bus stop 10 minutes prior to the expected arrival of the bus. The bus will not wait for students.
- Students must remain in their seats while the bus is moving and keep their heads and hands inside the bus at all times.
- Students must not throw any object from the school bus or inside the school bus.
- Students must not eat, drink, curse, and talk loudly while on the bus.
- Students must refrain from doing anything that might be considered dangerous to the safety of others on the bus.
- Students must adhere to all Cumberland County and Gray's Creek High School rules.

Students who violate the school bus rules, including fighting, will be subject to immediate suspension and/or bus dismissal. Drivers, monitors, and students assigned to school buses shall be responsible for willful or negligent damage caused by their actions.

CAFETERIA

STUDENT CONDUCT

- Students are expected to exhibit proper etiquette at all times.
- Students must not run to the lunch line.
- Students must not break the lunch line.
- Students should remove all trays, paper, and dishes from the table after eating and place them in the designated area.
- Students must not bring books and excess clothing in the cafeteria.
- Students may not charge meals.
- Students must know their ID number to key in on the keypad.

FREE OR REDUCED INFORMATION

In order to receive free or reduced meals, students must complete the application process and acquire approval from Child Nutrition Services. The application can be picked up from homeroom teachers. It should be completed and returned to the main office to be submitted for approval. For the first 10 days of school, students will maintain their free/reduced lunch status from the previous year while current applications are being processed.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Students may pay for meals in advance in the cafeteria before 8:15 AM. These accounts are non-transferable.

	<u>Reduced</u>	<u>Full</u>	<u>Adult</u>
Breakfast	.30	.85	à la carte
Lunch	.40	\$1.75	à la carte

Prices are subject to change upon notification from Child Nutrition Services.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Any student who changes his or her address or phone number must immediately inform the Counseling Center Secretary. Parents must bring proof of a change in address. Proof of address change includes an electric bill, power bill, water bill, or a deed of trust.

CHECKING IN

Any student late to school must report immediately to the attendance window to receive a class admission slip. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

1. **Excused tardy** - Student has appropriate documentation.
 - a. The student presents a note from a doctor/dentist.
 - b. The student presents documentation of court proceedings.
 - c. The student is **checked in by a parent/guardian** or presents a parent/guardian note.

Excessive excused tardies will result in administrative review/referral to social worker.
2. **Unexcused tardy** - Student does not have appropriate documentation.
 - a. First offense - Verbal warning, notice given to the student, and phone call to parent or legal guardian
 - b. Second offense - Verbal warning, notice given to the student, and phone call to parent or legal guardian
 - c. Third offense - Student will be referred to the administration and further disciplinary action will be taken.
 - d. Fourth offense - Student will be charged with *Failure to Comply*, which is a suspendable offense. Students with a parking permit will have their permit revoked for 10 school days.

CHECKING OUT

If a student must leave after having arrived on the Gray's Creek High School campus, the student must check-out through the attendance office. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

NOTE

Students checking out with a note must present the note to the attendance clerk **prior to the 8:30 AM bell**. The note must contain the student NCWise number, the reason for checking out, parent's or guardian's name, signature, and phone number to be used for verification.

While the school will make every effort to verify the check out note, it is ultimately the responsibility of the parent or guardian to ensure its verification.

No student will be allowed to check out of school without verification of the note.

Students will be given a check out pass to present to their teachers so that they may report to the office at the appropriate time to check out of school.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- No student will be allowed to check out of school unless the parent/guardian or responsible person on the verification of address form comes to pick the student up.
- Students who become ill during the school day should report to the office, and the parents or guardians will be contacted.
- Under no circumstances will a student be permitted to leave school early without parent/guardian authorization and the principal's or designee's permission.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

SECTION 504/AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

No otherwise qualified individual with a disability shall, solely by reason of his or her disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subject to discrimination from any program or activity of the school.

Qualified disabled students are entitled to a free appropriate public education. Disabled persons who believe they have been subjected to discrimination on the basis of their disability may appeal to the school district ADA/Section 504 Coordinator:

Mr. Ruben Reyes
Cumberland County Schools
P.O. Box 2357
Fayetteville, NC 28302

CLASSROOM TARDIES

It is the expectation of the administration and teachers of GCHS that all students arrive at each class on time. Students should be in their assigned seats when the tardy bell rings to begin class. Disciplinary action for students who are tardy will be taken in accordance to the frequency of the offense.

If a student is not in his or her class at the ringing of the tardy bell, he or she will be "swept" to the teacher or administrator on duty for that particular hall. The teacher will provide the student with a pass to enter class. All classroom tardies are documented and once a student accumulates three tardies, disciplinary action will be taken according to the guidelines described below.

Third tardy - Parents of the student will be notified and the student will be assigned after school detention.

Sixth tardy - Parents of the student will be notified and the student will serve in-school suspension.

Subsequent tardy - Parents of the student will be notified and the student **may be charged with failure to comply, which is a suspendable offense.**

COUNSELING CENTER

The Counseling program is an integral part of the educational offering at Gray's Creek High School. The Counseling Department includes counselors who assist students in making educational and vocational plans. College catalogues, occupational books and pamphlets, and scholarship information are available. Students wishing to have counselors review any applications must be considerate of the staff members and **submit a request 10 school days before deadline dates.** In addition, personal issues may be discussed with counselors. Appointments are required except in emergency situations.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

At Gray's Creek High School, we believe that good discipline is essential to attaining a quality education. Each student has the right to a positive, nurturing interaction with our faculty, staff, and administration as well as the right to be free from distraction caused by the inappropriate behavior of others.

Rules and policies are established to maintain a safe and orderly learning environment. All students are subject to the rules and policies published in the **Cumberland County Schools Student Code of Conduct** in addition to the rules and policies of Gray's Creek High School.

According to the Cumberland County Schools Student Code of Conduct, students are expected to treat others with respect, behave in a responsible manner, and demonstrate high standards of integrity.

Negative behaviors are detrimental to the educational environment of the school and will not be tolerated. Students who demonstrate these behaviors will be disciplined appropriately according to the CCS Code of Conduct.

DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS

Any organization, company representative, or individual that wishes to place or distribute materials of any nature must adhere to the following regulations.

1. Contact the principal for permission prior to bringing the materials to the school.
2. Make no effort to distribute or cause to have distributed any materials prior to receiving this permission.

DRESS CODE

Each GCHS student is expected to use good taste in choosing clothing for the school day so as not to present a health hazard, not to draw attention for him/herself, and not to interfere with the educational process.

- Students must wear shoes at all times. Students may not wear bedroom slippers.
- Shorts and skirts should be **not shorter than mid-thigh**. Splits in skirts should be no higher than mid-thigh. If leggings are worn under a skirt, the length of the skirt must still be mid-thigh.
- Students may not wear halters, tube tops, or see-through clothing. The necklines of shirts and blouses **must not expose cleavage**.
- Females may wear sleeveless tops and tank tops with straps that are at least 2 inches in width; but not fishnet tops.
- Males may not wear sleeveless or cutoff/altered tops. T-shirts with sleeves must be worn under basketball jerseys.
- Clothing must not be excessively tight (ex. bicycle shorts)
- Clothing must be worn so that it does not expose undergarment or navels. (No sagging)
- Sunglasses, bandannas, or headgear may not be worn in the building. Students may not possess or display bandanas on GCHS property (includes buses) at any time during any event.
- Students may not wear chains (wallet decoration or otherwise).
- Jewelry or accessories that could be used as a harmful object may not be worn.
- Clothing, jewelry, or other accessories depicting alcoholic beverages, weapons, controlled substances, confederate flags, or anything obscene or offensive in nature will not be worn.
- Students may not wear designer underwear as outer garments (boxers, long johns, pajamas, undershirts).
- All heavy/long coats must be kept in students' lockers during the school day.

If you think your item or outfit might be questionable, then choose to wear something else.

Students who violate the dress code will face the following disciplinary actions:

First offense - Student will be warned and the parent or guardian will be called to provide a change of clothes. The student will remain in ISS until appropriate clothing is provided.

Second offense - Student's parent or guardian will be called to provide a change of clothes. The student will remain in ISS for the remainder of the school day.

Third offense - Short-term suspension (1 - 5 days)

Fourth offense - Short-term suspension (5 - 10 days)

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The GCHS Student Government Association would like to encourage all members of the student body to become involved in the extracurricular activities offered at GCHS. In addition to athletic teams, GCHS offers membership in several clubs and organizations. Meeting dates and times will be announced to students.

ATHLETIC TEAMS

Fall Sports

Cheerleading
Cross Country
Football
Women's Tennis
Women's Volleyball
Men's Soccer

Winter Sports

Basketball
Bowling
Cheerleading
Swimming
Wrestling

Spring Sports

Baseball
Golf
Women's Soccer
Softball
Men's Tennis
Track & Field

Cross Country, Basketball, Swimming, Golf and Track & Field offer men's and women's teams. Junior Varsity and Varsity level teams are offered in most sports.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Academy of Scholars	Key Club
Art Club	Ladies of Elegance
Bear Mentors	Music Honor Society
Family, Career & Community Leaders of America	National FFA Organization
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	National Honor Society
Foreign Language League	NJROTC Drill Team
Forensics	Quiz Bowl
French Honor Society	Science Olympiad
Future Business Leaders of America	Skills USA
Gamer's Club	Student Government Association
Gentlemen of Distinction	Thespians Honor Society
Health Occupations Students of America	URSA Major

ELEVATOR

The elevator may only be used by staff members and specific students who have obtained written authorization from the front office.

ELECTRONICS

Radios, MP3 players, CD players, pagers, phones, or any other electronic devices must not be displayed or utilized on school premises during the school day.

If these items are displayed, they will be confiscated and disciplinary action will be taken. Items will be returned only to the student's parent or legal guardian.

***Electronic devices may be utilized in classrooms at the teacher's discretion.**

EXAMS

Final exams will be given prior to the end of each semester. Parents and students should not make plans that will interfere with exams. The school day for students will be a full day during exam week.

There will be no early dismissals.

Seniors who are absent 5 days or less (excused and unexcused) may be exempt from their final exams provided the exam is not a state-mandated EOC or VOCATS exam. **Each student enrolled in an EOC or VOCATS course will be required to take the state administered final exam which will count for 25% of the course average. (NO EXEMPTIONS)**

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FALSE ALARMS

A student will be subject to immediate suspension and/or criminal charges for turning in a false fire alarm, tampering with a fire extinguisher, communicating written or verbal threats of fire, bombs, or other catastrophic events.

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is a federal law that governs the maintenance of student records. Under this law, parents of students or students (if they are at least 18 years of age) have both the right to inspect records kept by the school about the student and the right to correct inaccuracies in the records. Access to the records by persons other than the parents (of the student) is limited and generally requires prior consent by the parents of the student.

Copies of this policy may be found in the office of the Superintendent and in the Principal's office of each school within the Cumberland County School System.

Complaints about noncompliance of school personnel with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act may be made, in writing, to FERPA Office, Federal Building No. 10,6000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20202.

FEES & CHARGES

Charges will be assessed for lost and damaged books, materials, supplies, equipment, and property in accordance with established replacement or repair costs. The power to regulate student fees and charges is vested in the Board of Education by virtue of the State Law, G.S. 115C-47. Pursuant to this power and authority, the Board shall periodically review and approve all system wide student authority and system wide fees. Such fees and charges include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Lost and damaged book fees and charges, lost and damaged materials, supplies and equipment fees.
2. Fees required for services and activities such as musical instrument rental fees, publication fees, student pictures, parking permits, official transcript fees, admission to athletic events, graduation fees (cap and gown), class dues for juniors and seniors, and I.D. cards.
3. Students may be charged for the cost of raw materials in certain occupational courses.

Fees will be carried forward at the end of each school year. If fees or charges are not paid or arrangements have not been made for payment, the principal shall withhold report cards, grades and diploma until payment is made. If after all of the above steps have been taken and no satisfactory arrangements have been made, the matter shall be referred to the Board attorney.

FIELD TRIPS

A field trip form signed by the student's parent or guardian and each subject teacher must be on file with the office manager prior to any field trip or excursion. **In order to be eligible to participate in a field trip, students must be in good academic standing (passing each course) and must not be in jeopardy of failure due to attendance in any class.** Forms for college visitation for Juniors and Seniors are available in the Counseling Center.

FIGHTING

The administration, faculty, staff, and students of GCHS deserve to work and learn in a safe and orderly environment that is free from disruption.

As a result, **fighting will not be tolerated.** According to the CCS Student Code of Conduct, students who engage in fighting during school, on school premises, at a school-sponsored event, on a school-owned vehicle, or at a bus stop will face **disciplinary action which may include long-term suspension or disciplinary reassignment to an alternative program after the first offense.**

FIRE DRILLS

The fire alarm is several short bursts from the intercom horn or alarm system. Evacuation routes should be posted in all classrooms. In case of a fire alarm, each class should move at least 300 feet from the building and turn facing the building. Students should refrain from talking, stay in a straight line, and stay with his/her teacher at all times.

An all-clear announcement to re-enter the building will be made.

If the alarm goes off during lunch, students are to exit the cafeteria to the athletic fields area.

If the alarm goes off during a change of class the students should quickly exit the building through the nearest exit. After exiting, students should locate their previous class period teacher.

FIRST AID

The school can help with such things as emergency first aid. If a student is too ill to attend classes, he/she is too ill to remain in school and parents will be notified to come for the student.

All students who have medical problems or physical limitations that require special attention regularly or in an emergency should report these conditions to the office. The appropriate staff will assist students with the medical care. No school employee may administer medication, to include over-the-counter, except those who have been trained to do so.

FLOWERS OR BALLOONS

Students will not be permitted to receive flowers, balloons, or gifts at school. The delivery causes a disruption of school and safety problem on buses. **The school will not accept the delivery of flowers, balloon, or gifts for students.**

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FOOD AND DRINK

All food and drink items are to be consumed in the cafeteria. Food consumption will not be allowed in other areas of the building. Drinks may be consumed in classrooms at the discretion of each teacher, provided cleanliness remains a priority of students and staff at GCHS. Food and drinks are not allowed in the gymnasium or the auditorium.

Visitors may not bring to students any food or drink item that has been purchased from a restaurant for their consumption during lunch. Students who attend Huskins courses or other programs that require off-campus instruction may not bring food or drink items on campus that have been purchased from restaurants. These items will be confiscated.

GRADES

Grades are assigned on a 7-point scale. Parents may use their child's NC Wise number to access grade and attendance information at the following website:
www.ccs.k12.nc.us/parentmod/

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to graduate from the Cumberland County School system, a student must successfully complete the unit/course requirements for a **specific** course of study. On a 4 X 4 schedule, students must earn a minimum of 28 credits in their course of study.

Graduation requirements differ depending upon the student's entry date into the ninth grade (high school).

More information is available in the Counseling Center.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

If at any time, a student or parent has a discrepancy in the student's grade in a particular class, the student and parent should meet with the teacher of that course. If at the conclusion of the meeting, an acceptable resolution is not reached, students and parents should request a meeting with a school administrator.

GUESTS

Visitors are **not** allowed on the GCHS campus without permission of the principal. All visitors must check in at the main office.

HALL TRAFFIC

Students should walk (not run) on the right side of the halls and stairs and should not block traffic patterns. Students are not permitted in the hallways during class unless they are accompanied or they have their hallway passport signed by an authorized staff member.

All passes should be written in the passport section of the student planner.

HONOR ASSEMBLIES

An academic awards assembly will be held each semester to honor students whose overall course average is an 85 or higher. Students will be presented with an academic letter or pin for their achievements.

HONOR ROLL

"A" Honor Roll will consist of students making no final grade below an "A".
"B" Honor Roll will consist of students making no final grade below an "B".

HONOR CORDS/STOLE

Students meeting the qualifications will be allowed to wear graduation cords/stole for the following areas:

AIG
Academy of Information Technology
Academy of Scholars
Career and Technical Education
F.T.C.C.
National Honor Society (stole)

HONOR GRADUATES

Honor graduates are based on weighted GPA.

Summa Cum Laude (4.20 and higher)
Magna Cum Laude (3.91 - 4.19)
Cum Laude (3.75 - 3.90)

INCLEMENT WEATHER

If school is closed, delayed, or dismissed early due to inclement weather, the local radio and television stations will make an announcement and CCS will send a phone call to students.

I.D. CARDS

Students are to have their I.D. cards at all times while at school or at a school function. There is a fee for I.D. cards. This fee will be collected the day school pictures and I.D. cards are made. The amount of this fee will be announced to students prior to their picture being made. Requests for a replacement should be made to the Media Center Coordinator.

IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ISS)

In-School Suspension, in some instances, may be offered in lieu of suspension from school. Students assigned to ISS will be expected to adhere to the guidelines established by the administration and supervising teacher.

The rules governing ISS are listed below.

1. Students must be in assigned seats before the tardy bell rings.
2. Gum, candy, drinks and other food items are not allowed.
3. Lunch will be served to the students in the ISS room.
4. The student must take all textbooks, paper, pencil, pens, etc. when reporting to ISS.
5. There will be no communication of any kind (verbal, written, or sign language) between students assigned to ISS.
6. Regular classroom teachers will send the student's assignments to ISS.
7. The student may check out of ISS for personal illness or a doctor's appointment only. If a student misses time from assigned ISS time, he or she must make it up the following school day.

INSURANCE

The Board of Education shall require a student in interscholastic sports and in other school activities, as deemed necessary, to participate in the school accident insurance program. Students with private insurance should have a parent/guardian submit a statement to the principal that the student is adequately protected against accidents that may occur while participating in activities.

The Board shall not be liable for any injuries or other form of accidents that may arise out of the course of any student's activities or school-related activities. Packets of information on student insurance will be provided to each student.

JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

The Junior-Senior Prom, a Junior class sponsored project, is the result of several months of planning during the early spring. An elaborate theme, decorations, and popular musical selections are combined to honor the graduating seniors.

Only juniors, seniors, and approved guests under 21 can attend. Prom dress code is formal attire for males and females. In order to attend, all juniors and seniors must have a Gray's Creek High School I.D. Guests must have an approved application, proper identification, and pay a guest fee. No one may attend who has not earned Junior status.

LOCKERS

The safe schools coordinator will issue lockers to students. Students will place a school lock on their lockers. For student safety, locks other than school issued will not be allowed. The school must also have a record of the lock combinations prior to being assigned a locker.

Students are responsible for all contents of his or her locker!

LOITERING

Students should not loiter on school property after school, before school, or on non-school days. Students should not be in the school building prior to 7:45 AM or after 3:45 PM unless they are under the direct supervision of a staff member.

Students are not to loiter in restrooms or in cars which are parked on campus. Loitering, eating, or socializing in the restroom will not be tolerated.

LOST AND FOUND

Any personal belongings found on school grounds should be turned in to the main office. Any student missing personal belongings should check at the office.

The school is not responsible for money, books, clothing or other items left unattended. At the end of each semester, unclaimed items remaining in lost and found will be discarded.

MARRIED/INDEPENDENT STUDENTS

Any student who gets married, is emancipated, or registered as an independent student must immediately report this information to the Counseling Center Receptionist.

MARSHALS

Juniors chosen as marshals are responsible for paying the rental fee for graduation attire.

MAKE UP WORK

The student is responsible for making arrangements with the teacher to make up work.

Teachers may schedule make-up work at their discretion, within 3 school days after the student's return. Work not made up within the 3 day period may result in a loss of credit for the assignment.

If the student is absent five or more days, a longer period may be granted.

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MEDIA CENTER

1. The Media Center is open from 7:45 AM to 4:00 PM each school day. A student I.D. is required to enter the Media Center at all times. Students should obtain a pass from their teachers during the instructional day.
2. The purpose of the Media Center is to provide a place for research and quiet study. Students who cannot positively contribute to such an atmosphere will be suspended from using the facility for an appropriate length of time. A media coordinator and an administrator will determine the length of time.
3. Passes must be given for one of the following purposes: Check book(s) in or out, do research, read, listen to or preview library materials.
4. To safeguard media accounts, students must present their I.D. when checking materials in or out, or when checking on overdue fines. Students are not permitted to check out materials for their friends.
5. All patrons are responsible for all materials charged to their media account.
6. Books are checked out for 14 days, after which time they can be renewed one time. There is a fine of ten cents per school day on each overdue book, with a cap of \$4.95 per book.
7. Reference books and back issue magazines are used in the Media Center and are not checked out except for overnight use (after 3 p.m. and returned before the first period next day.) There is a fine of 50 cents per day for these materials.
8. Materials of all kinds are expensive and are purchased for all students and teachers. Therefore, a few rules of common courtesy must apply: use them carefully, use your time with them efficiently, return them on time, and do not re-shelve materials you use; the library staff will do this.
9. The Internet is available to patrons of the Media Center.

Countywide school policy requires each student to have a permission form signed by a parent or guardian before exploring the Internet.



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MEDICATION

It is unlawful for school officials to supply medicine for a student who is ill and does not have the proper documents on file in the school's main office.

Students who need prescribed medication during school must have a

"Physicians School Medication" form and/or an "Asthma

Self-Medication" (inhalers only) form on file with receptionist in the main office. Prescribed medications must be in the properly labeled prescription package. Over-the-counter medications will not be accepted unless they are prescribed by a physician and carry a prescription label. Students may **not**

carry medication unless it is an inhaler for asthma and the "Asthma Self-Medication" form is on file with receptionist. Form information and prescription must match exactly. The parent or legal guardian must bring in all forms as well as the medications required for the student.

Students are not allowed to transport medication to and from school.

MESSAGES

Messages will not be delivered to students during the instructional day. Should the parent have an emergency and need to leave a message regarding transportation home, we will attempt to deliver it at the end of the school day; however, please know that we will only inform the student to ride his/her assigned school bus home. Under no circumstances will we send a message to wait for a ride after school or to ride home with another student or adult.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Eligibility:

1. The student must meet the basic guidelines for scholarship, leadership, character, and service of the National Honor Society.
2. The student must be at least a sophomore, and must have been in attendance for a period of one semester at Gray's Creek High School.
3. The student must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.9 (weighted) at the end of the semester ending in January of that school year. All students who can rise in scholarship to or above this minimum standard may be admitted to *candidacy* for selection to membership.
4. The student must have completed at least one Honors level class.
5. Upon meeting the grade level, attendance, and GPA standard requirements, candidates shall then be considered based on their service, leadership, and character.
6. Any student who has been assigned in school-suspension twice or out-of-school suspension once will not be considered eligible for NHS membership.

Membership requirements:

1. Candidates become members when inducted at a special ceremony. Candidates are not members until they are inducted.
2. The NHS member must maintain an overall GPA of 3.9 (weighted).
3. The NHS member must complete 4 higher-level classes per academic year. (Honor, AP, etc.)
4. The NHS member must attend all meetings unless given prior permission from the NHS advisor.
5. The NHS member must participate in a Service Activity as a National Honor Society group.
6. The NHS member must complete 8 hours of service per semester.
7. The NHS member must pay the annual dues of \$10.

The NHS member must maintain the standards of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character by which the member was selected.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

The Gray's Creek High School administration and teachers believe that home/school communication is vital to the success of its students. We encourage parents and guardians to contact the school at any time to schedule an appointment to discuss the progress of their child. Teachers may also be contacted via email. School-wide conference times will be scheduled once each semester. These dates and times will be publicized in school to all students and through the phone system to all parents.

PARKING

1. Permits are required for all cars parked on campus at a cost of \$50.00 per year. Only students who have had their applications approved and have purchased permits may drive cars on school property.
2. Students are not to be in the parking lot or in parked cars at unauthorized times during the school day unless they have written permission from an administrator.
3. Parking without a permit may result in the towing of the vehicle off campus at the owner's expense.
4. All student cars must be parked in the designated student parking areas.
5. The faculty parking area is off limits to students.
6. A student's car may be searched if reasonable belief exists that a student is in possession of items such as, but not limited to drugs, weapons, or other items that may be harmful to the welfare of the student or the student body.
7. **Any student who leaves campus during the school day without permission will have his or her parking permit revoked for up to 8 weeks.**
7. Parking permits may be revoked for: a) out of school suspension for any reason or any length of time (up to the remainder of semester) b) four tardies to school (10 day revocation) c) parking in unauthorized areas (10 day revocation) d) exceeding 10 miles per hour or making unsafe movements on campus (10 day revocation).
8. Restoring parking permits: upon administrative approval, a student may replace a revoked permit by purchasing a new one at a cost of \$25.00.

Any student aiding and abetting another student in leaving campus without being properly checked out will forfeit his/her parking permit.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXEMPTION

Any students who need to be exempted from physical education for medical reasons must bring a note from their doctor stating the reason for the exemption and the length of time the student should not participate. These notes must be renewed every year unless the doctor states that the student will never be able to participate in physical education classes.

PHONE USE

Students are **not** permitted to use the school phones except in cases of emergency. If students have an emergency, they should report to the office with a pass. **At no time should students use classroom telephones.**

PREGNANCY

Pregnant students should immediately notify the school social worker .

SAFETY

For the safety of all, students are not to sit, slide, or play on the rails or lockers.

PROMOTION STANDARDS (4 X 4)

1. To be promoted from the ninth grade to the tenth grade, a student must successfully complete six (6) units of course credit. (1 in English)
2. To be promoted from tenth grade to eleventh grade, a student must complete thirteen (13) units of course credit. (2 in English)
3. To be promoted from eleventh grade to twelfth grade, a student must complete twenty (20) units of course credit. (3 in English) In addition to this, the student must be eligible to graduate in order to be promoted.



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SENIOR RELEASE

Senior release students, or any other student with an alternative schedule away from campus, must have a card showing the program and the sponsor signature with them at all times. These students should leave campus immediately. Upon return to campus, these students may not bring with them any food or drink item that has been purchased from a restaurant.

SKIPPING CLASS

Students are expected to be in their assigned classes during the school day. More than 10 minutes late to class is skipping. **Skipping class or school will not be tolerated.** If it is determined that a student is skipping class or school, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. **Students who are skipping may have their parking permit revoked for up to 8 weeks.**

SKATES AND SKATEBOARDING ON CAMPUS

For safety reasons, students are not allowed, at any time, to skate or skateboard on school property. A skateboard is a non-educational item and should not be brought to school. **If a student brings his or her skateboard on campus, it will be confiscated and returned to the parent or legal guardian.**

TEXTBOOK DAMAGE FEES

Each student is responsible for any fees assessed for damaged or lost textbooks issued to the student. The following guidelines are established for assessing these fees.

1. Lost Book
 - 1st year of adoption 100%
 - 2nd year of adoption 80%
 - 3rd year of adoption 60%
 - 4th year of adoption 40%
 - 5th year of adoption 20%(or \$5.00 - whichever is the higher amount)
2. Damaged book, Unusable: Collect as for lost book.
3. Damaged book, Usable: Cost of repair - up to \$10.00

Books should never be left any place where someone else may pick them up.

Students are responsible for textbooks issued to them until they are returned to the teacher at the end of the school semester.

If you transfer from one teacher to another, you are to return your textbook to the teacher who issued the textbook. You will receive a book from your new teacher. If you stop attending school or transfer to another school, you must return all textbooks to the teacher who issued them to you. Under regular circumstances, all books will be collected at the end of the semester.

Certain materials, which are needed for special courses, are not provided by the state and must be paid for by the individual students enrolled in these courses.

TORNADO DRILL

When the alarm sounds, the teacher and students will proceed to the assigned tornado area in the building and assume protective positions. Students should refrain from talking and proceed in an orderly manner. Teachers must check their roll and remain with their students at all times.

USE OF FACILITIES AFTER SCHOOL

Students will not re-enter the building after the ringing of the 3:30 pm dismissal bell. Students who remain on campus for athletic practices will report immediately to the gym or practice area. All dressing will be done in the rooms provided.

Students remaining for club meetings or tutoring should exit the building and should meet the club advisor or supervising staff member at the flag pole in front of the school.

Students will not be permitted to loiter before or after school in the parking lots.

Any infraction of the aforementioned is a serious violation of school regulations.

UNAUTHORIZED ITEMS

No alcoholic beverages, narcotics, or harmful drugs are allowed on school grounds at any time. Students exhibiting the symptoms of being under the influence of the above controlled substances will be subject to disciplinary action. Any paraphernalia used in the consumption of controlled substances are also forbidden. These include, but are not limited to roach clips, rolling papers, bongs, pipes, and accessories for cocaine, (ex. spoons, syringes, hypodermic needles), and pills not prescribed by a physician. (Students who have been prescribed medication by a physician should follow all procedures and submit these items to the proper personnel in the main office. At no time should students have any medication on their person or in their belongings.)

Students may not bring items that are hazardous to the health and safety of others or that will interfere in some way with school procedures. **According to the Public School Laws of North Carolina and Cumberland County School Board policy, if it is believed that a student has items that are harmful to his/herself or to others, with reasonable suspicion, school administrators are allowed to search the student and his/her belongings.** Any sharp or blunt instrument, including knives, guns, explosives, stink bombs, or incendiary device will be confiscated and the responsible person(s) charged under G.S. 14-284.1.

In cooperation with local law enforcement, the GCHS staff frequently allows the K-9 units from the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office to conduct searches of the building, grounds, and all personal property located on the grounds.

Students are responsible for any item on their person, in their vehicle, in their locker, or in their personal belongings.

VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

These designations shall be made as cited below in partial fulfillment of the system-wide goal for the Cumberland County Schools to give appropriate recognitions to students for academic achievement.

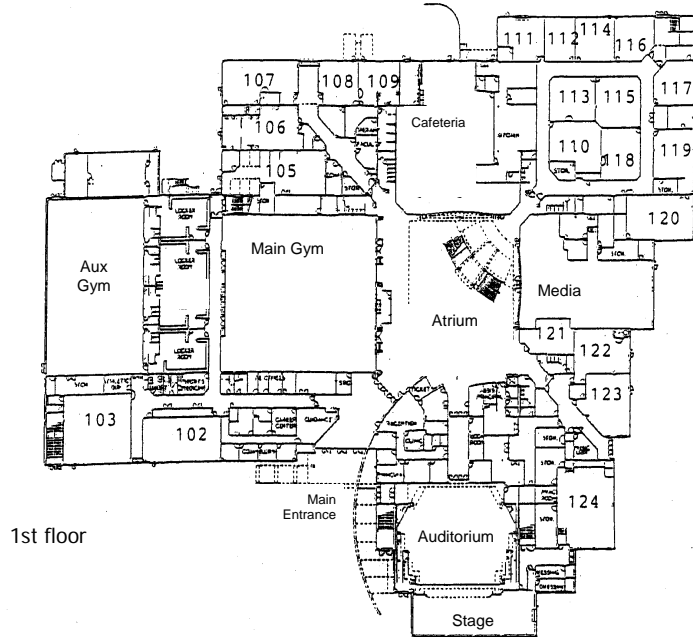
The school principal will name the graduating student(s) ranking highest in scholarship as the valedictorian(s), with the following stipulations:

- To be considered for the Valedictorian, a student must be in membership 150 consecutive days at the school from which he/she will be graduating; however, a student graduating in less than four years or who has been in membership less than four years or who has been in his/her grades are equal to or greater than the student who has attended high school for four years; and

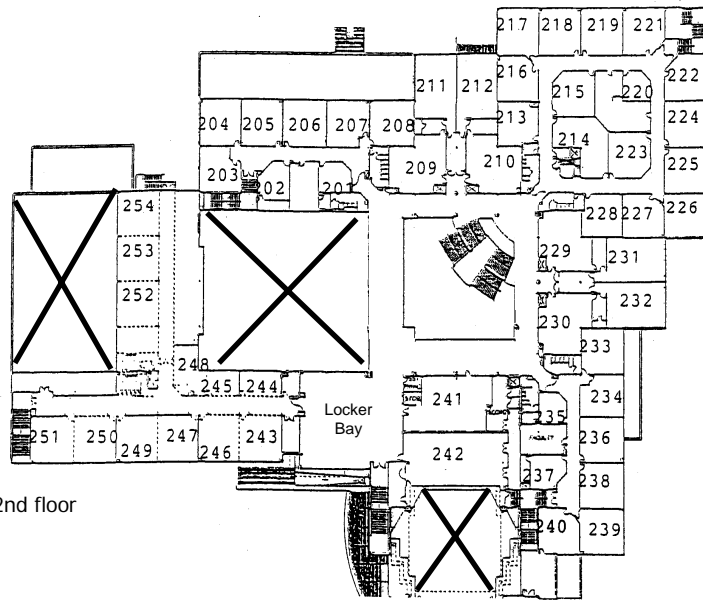
The school principal will name the graduating student(s) ranking second in scholarship as the salutatorian(s), with the following stipulations:

- To be considered for the Salutatorian, a student must be in membership 150 consecutive days at the school from which he/she will be graduating; however, a student graduating in less than four years or who has been in membership less than 150 days may be considered for co-salutatorian if his/her grades are equal to or greater than the student who has attended high school for four years.

GRAY'S CREEK HIGH SCHOOL



1st floor



2nd floor



CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS TRADITIONAL CALENDAR 2011-2012

CUMBERLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS TRADITIONAL 10-MONTH CALENDAR 2011-2012

DATES	DAYS	EXPLANATION	TEACHER PLANNING DAYS	REQUIRED LEAVE DAYS	HOLIDAYS
August 17-24	Wednesday-Wednesday	Teacher Workdays	6		
August 25	Thursday	First Day for Students			
September 5	Monday	Pupil/Teacher Holiday			1
October 27	Thursday	End of First Reporting Period			
October 28	Friday	Pupil Holiday/Teacher Workday	1		
November 11	Friday	Pupil/Teacher Holiday			1
November 23	Wednesday	Pupil Holiday/Teacher Workday	1		
November 24-25	Thursday-Friday	Pupil/Teacher Holidays			2
December 19-30	Monday - Friday	Winter Holidays (Pupils/Teachers) Required Annual Leave		7	3
January 16	Monday	Pupil/Teacher Holiday			1
January 20	Friday	End of Second Reporting Period			
January 23	Monday	Pupil Holiday/Teacher Workday	1		
February 20	Monday	Pupil Holiday/Required Teacher Workday	1		
March 23	Friday	End of Third Reporting Period			
March 26	Monday	Pupil Holiday/Teacher Workday	1		
April 6	Friday	Pupil Holiday/Teacher Workday	1		
April 9	Monday	Pupil/Teacher Holiday			1
April 10	Tuesday	Pupil Holiday/Day Off Payroll for 10-month Certified Staff			
April 11-13	Wednesday-Friday	Pupil Holidays/Teacher Required Annual Leave		3	
May (TBD)		High School Graduations for Cross Creek, Howard Health and Fuller			
May 28	Monday	Pupil/Teacher Holiday			1
June (TBD)		High School Graduations for Mae Rudd Williams and Walker-Spivey			
June (TBD)		Graduation for Massey Hill and Reid Ross			
June 8	Friday	Last Day for Students/End of Fourth Reporting Period			
June 11-13	Monday-Wednesday	Teacher Workdays	3		
June (TBD)		High School Graduations for Britt, Byrd, Cape Fear, Gray's Creek, Pine Forest, 71 st , Sanford, Smith, South View, Westover			
TOTALS			15	10	10

Protected Teacher Workdays: August 19, October 28, January 23, March 26, and June 11.

Schedule of Required Workdays:

- August 17 Individual Schools Staff Development Day
- August 18 Countywide Staff Development Day
- February 20 Countywide Staff Development Day

Two-hour early release will be in effect for students on their last day before winter break and their last day of school in June.

Schedule for make-up days due to inclement weather: February 20, April 6, 13, 12, 11. Additional days to be determined as need arises. Make-up days may be teacher workdays, holidays or leave days taken from Spring or Winter break.

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"The line between failure
and success is so fine that we...
are often on the line and
do not know it.

How many a man has
thrown up his hands at a time
when a little more effort,
a little more patience,
would have achieved success.

A little more effort,
and what seemed hopeless
failure may turn
to glorious success."

Elbert Hubbard
American Writer & Business Person
1856 - 1915