

Academic Policies

Academic Integrity

Students must maintain academic integrity at all times. Cheating in ANY form will not be tolerated. It will result in a zero for the assignment and a disciplinary referral sent to administration.

Benchmark Testing

Students will take benchmark tests every three weeks in all EOC classes. These benchmark tests will not impact students' grades, but will serve as a guide map for teaching, assessment, and remediation. Students who do not pass their benchmark tests will be required to participate in the Extended Learning Program (ELP).

Extended Learning Program

ELP sessions will take place after school. Students will be assigned to ELPs if their benchmark scores and / or classroom performance is below standard. These programs are designed to provide individualized remediation for students in order to help them improve their grades and get back on track academically.

Apex Learning

Students have the opportunity to re-take classes online. These classes are scheduled by the students' counselors on a case-by-case basis and are limited to space available. Students who are interested in taking online classes should contact the counseling department to set up an appointment to determine eligibility and availability. For more information please visit <https://www.apexvs.com> and schedule an appointment with a counselor.

Online Learning

Students also have an opportunity to take new classes online through the North Carolina Virtual Public School. These classes are scheduled by the students' counselors on a case-by-case basis and are limited to space available. Students who are interested in taking online classes should contact the counseling department to set up an appointment to determine eligibility and availability.

GPA

Grade point averages are tabulated at the end of each semester and appear on students' transcripts and final report card. If you have questions or concerns regarding grade point averages, please contact the counseling department for more information.

Grading Scale

Final Grade	Numerical Grade
A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	0-59

Transcript Requests – Online Only

Transcripts are required for applying to colleges and for most scholarships, and a parent signature is required if you are under 18. Transcript Request available online only through the Guilford County Schools Website at <https://guilfordnc.scriborder.com/> If you have any inquiries please see your counselor and allow 5 workdays for the request to be fulfilled. See Counseling to pick up your transcript(s). Do not break the seal or your transcript will no longer be official. If you would like to have a personal copy of your transcript, indicate this on the online request form. Remember: that it is your responsibility to mail your transcripts.

*If it is being sent to a college or university, you can send official transcripts electronically as well through the Transcript Request Form ONLINE through our GCS website. <https://guilfordnc.scriborder.com/>

Interim Reports and Report Cards

Students are given interim reports and report cards to take home to parents/guardians. Students receive interim reports every three weeks within a grading period (3x's each 9 weeks). These are to be shown to the parent/guardian, and students are required to return a signed form to the teachers. Report cards are issued approximately a week after the end of each grading period. Students take home a copy to show their parents/ guardians. Parents are strongly encouraged to use the Parent Portal in Power School to monitor their child's grades and are encouraged to download the GCS app for even more information. Any parent wanting more information on how to gain access to the Parent Portal may contact Sherry Starr at starrs@gcsnc.com for more information. The report card schedule is posted on GCS' website.

Marshals

Junior Marshals assist with graduation. The group consists of the top ten juniors who have the highest weighted grade point averages in their class at the end of their sophomore year.

Valedictorian and Salutatorian

These are the students who hold the top two highest averages in the graduating class. Final grade point averages to determine valedictorian and salutatorian will be calculated as soon as seniors complete their final exams and all grades have been submitted.

Field Trips

Field trips are limited to excursions that are truly of educational value. Teachers work closely with students to ensure that opportunities for enrichment are utilized effectively. All field trip communication will go through students' individual instructors.

Promotion Requirements

During each year of high school, students earn units of credit for courses successfully completed. Students are classified by grade according to the number of units earned.

Classification Units Earned

10th grade	6 units
11th grade	13 units
12th grade	20 units

Graduation Requirements

Class of 2018 and Beyond

Language Arts	4 units
Mathematics	4 units
Science	3 units
Social Studies	4 units
PE/Health	1 unit
Electives	<u>12 units</u>
Total	28 units