

# Gainesville High School

MASCOT HURRICANES

SCHOOL COLORS Purple/White

ENROLLMENT Approximately 1850

TYPE Gainesville High School, located in the heart of the city, mirrors the racial, ethnic and socio economic diversity of the community. GHS is the designated high school for English speakers of other languages. The school was established in 1906, and GHS is the original high school in Alachua County. There are over 120 faculty members. More than half of the faculty members have earned a Masters, Specialist, or PH.D.

## COMMUNITY

LOCATION: North Central Florida  
County Seat of Alachua County  
City of Gainesville

POPULATION: Alachua County: 241,364  
City of Gainesville: 114,375

TYPE: Gainesville is the home to flagship university for the state of Florida, The University of Florida and Santa Fe College. There are over 65,000 college students who call Gainesville their home. Gainesville is a cultural center for North Florida. Museums, galleries, and performing arts centers are located in Gainesville.

CALENDAR: Two 18-week semesters, each with two 9-week grading periods; credits generated each semester; six period day (M-F) All classes are fifty minutes and meet daily. Summer term is twenty days and only for credit retrieval.



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ACCREDITATION:

Southern Association of Colleges & Schools

Florida Department of Education

# Academics

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The State of Florida and the School Board of Alachua County have set the following requirements for graduation from Gainesville High School:

### TWENTY-FOUR TOTAL CREDITS INCLUDING:

English—4 Life Management Skills .5  
Math—3 Performing Arts .5\*  
Science—3 Practical/Vocational Arts .5\*  
Social Studies—3 American Government .5  
World History—1 Economics—.5  
American History—1

Physical Education—1, Personal Fitness .5. Physical Education .5

\*One full credit from either Performing or Practical/Vocational Arts is an acceptable alternative.

Note: A cumulative grade point average of 2.0 and successful performance on the FCAT

## GRADING SYSTEM

Grade point average was determined by the

SEMESTER grade according to the following scale:

Numerical Scale	Grade Points	Progress Level
A (90—100)	4.0	Outstanding
B (80—89)	3.0	Above Average
C (70—79)	2.0	Average
D (60—69)	1.0	Below Average
F (0—59)	0.0	Failure

## CLASS RANK

Students are numerically ranked each year (ranking includes all courses taken and all students in the class). An additional weighted ranking and GPA (1.0 quality point) are completed as of the junior year for honors and Advanced Placement classes. A plus (+) grade carries an extra .5 quality point.

## CURRICULUM

### DEPARTMENTAL AREAS

Business Technology, Drivers Education, Exceptional Student Education, Foreign Language (French, Spanish), Family & Consumer Sciences, Language Arts, Mathematics, Performing Arts (Art, Drama, Music) American Sign Language, NJROTC, Science, Social Studies and Technology Education

### ACCELERATED COURSEWORK

#### **ADVANCED INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION**

\*Represents highest level of courses offered at GHS

\*AICE students are prepared to enter selective four year universities and colleges, and all AICE students are required to take the AS or A level exam for each AICE course they take.

\*All AICE students at GHS are pursuing the AICE Diploma. The AICE Diploma is awarded to students passing at least 6 courses based on the test grade chart below. A total of 120 points is required to earn the AICE Diploma (along with passing a total of 6 AS level exams)

A = 60 points, B = 50 points, C = 40, D = 30, E = 20

\*18.4% of GHS students are AICE students

*A and AS Level Subjects are graded according to the following:*

Cambridge Grade	US Grade
A	A+,A
B	A-, B+
C	B
D	C+
E	C
F	D+
G	D
U	F

<http://ghs.sbac.edu/academics/programs/cambridge/index.html>

### **ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES**

Studio Art, French Language, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, English Language, English Literature, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics B, American Government, Microeconomics, American History, European History, World History, Psychology

## **HONORS COURSES**

English I, II, III & IV, Pre-Calculus, Algebra I & II, Geometry, Anatomy and Physiology, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, American Government, American History, World History and Economics.

## **ACADEMY OF HEALTH PROFESSION**

Nursing, Dental, Pharmacy, and other Health related professions

## **OTHER PROGRAMS**

Academic Dual Enrollment (Santa Fe Community College)

Academic Dual Enrollment (University of Florida)

## **TESTING**

Advanced International Certificate of Education (AS and A Level), Advanced Placement (CEEB), Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT), Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), ACT PLAN,

## **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

### **Athletics:**

Baseball, Girls Basketball, Boys Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Boys Golf, Girls Golf, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Softball, Swimming & Diving, Girls Tennis, Boys Tennis, Track & Field, Girls Volleyball, Girls Weightlifting, Boys Weightlifting, Wrestling

**Clubs:** GHS has over 50 service, interest, and community service clubs.

### **Other Extracurricular Areas:**

Marching Band, Drama, NJROTC, Yearbook