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Principal's Message

Our Mission...each student is Prompt, Polite and Prepared.

Our Vision...each student will graduate with the skills necessary to be successful in college or in a career.

Dear parents,

It is hard to believe that this school year is within a few weeks of being over. I have been amazed at how committed our students and staff have been in spite of the unique challenges and hurdles we have faced this school year. Teachers have been putting in extra time trying to make sure students are prepared for testing and we look forward to seeing how our students perform! I would also like to commend my Testing Coordinator, Jody Heady and my administration team for creating our testing schedule. With the magnitude of students testing and some new guidelines, she has developed a great and safe plan for everyone.

Our spring sports seasons are in full swing and many of our teams are preparing for playoff runs. Overall, we have had a very successful sports year and I appreciate the dedication of our student-athletes and coaches. I fully anticipate a few of our teams will make deep runs again this spring.

Just a reminder to all returning students that you will be able to review your course requests for next year with your parents during the next few weeks. I continue to encourage students to finish the year strong as how they perform will affect classes they are eligible for next year. I also encourage families to be that solid support in the home so your student has the best chance at being successful!

Graduation will be upon us in a few weeks, and I look forward to celebrating our Seniors! It is always a great time!

Our mission is each student is Prompt, Polite and Prepared...with a vision that each student will graduate with the skills necessary to be successful in college or in a career.

Keep Soaring Eagles!

Tom Patton
Principal

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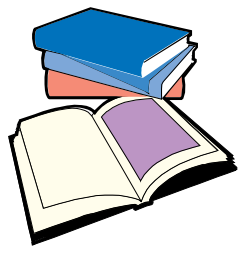
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Publix®

Attention all 18 year old students! Publix will be on campus March 31st and will be recruiting for careers in manufacturing and distribution. All students are encouraged to sign up in the Guidance Office to attend this on-campus recruiting session! Students will be able to apply at the end of the session via a QR code. It is advised students have an electronic copy of their resume available to make the application process go smoothly.

GJHS National English Honor Society

You Are Cordially Invited To Attend The 4th Annual GJHS National English Honor Society Awards & Induction Ceremony. Celebrating Our NEHS Eagles' Academic Accomplishments Thursday, March 30, 2023 5:30 PM, GJHS Auditorium, GJHS Culinary Refreshments following in the foyer.



Congratulations to the GJHS National English Honor Society 2023-24 Executive Board: President Emma Abdoney, Vice Presidents Sarah Ceranic, Nolan Fernandez, Eden Parker. Secretaries Kelly Granger, Lydia Shi. Treasurer Jacob Blankenship. Historian Kayleigh Losch. Parliamentarian Nalanie Davila.

Proposed Education Trip to Montgomery, AL



George Jenkins High School US History teacher, Coach Gregg Mays will put forward a request to take GJ students on an educational trip to Montgomery, AL during spring break 2024. The proposed dates are March 8-12, 2024. The current estimated cost, which will be collected by the school, is \$500.00 per person, which will cover transportation, hotel cost, breakfast, and all admissions to the historical sites we will visit. There will be a payment plan available for those who would like to make payments. Students will need money for other meals and the evening events; the estimated costs are \$75 and \$40 respectively. This would bring the estimated total cost of the trip to \$615. We will only be able to take 36 students on this trip so if you are interested, please pay as early as possible.

If this trip is approved by the district office, students will be able to participate in fundraising activities to help defray the cost. Additionally, there will be an interest meeting at the beginning of the school year in order to gauge the interest and provide the most up to date information for students and parents.

Please direct any questions you may have to Coach Gregg Mays via email at gregg.mays@polk-fl.net.

A Message from the GJHS Tech Office

As we all have been adjusting to the new One to One laptop initiative here at GJHS. The Administrative team, teachers, custodians, students and families are in this together. It has affected us all, reminding students to bring their devices to school charged, and ready to go for the day. Also, along those similar lines, remembering to gather up the device, charger and case if they have one, as classes change during the day. The responsibility is on us all, to help the student develop good habits, taking care of the device.

With carrying the device to classes and back and forth from school to home each day, things happen. There will be accidents; damage comes along with all the moving around. Just have the student bring the device to the Media Center so we can check it out, and see what we can do, never toss out a device because it has been damaged. The repair costs are much lower than the cost of replacing the device, and in most cases, we can repair the damage. Help us; help you, while we take this path together. Our goal is, giving the students all the tools to help them prepare and advance to the next phase in life, Adulthood.




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Youth in Government

Last month, 21 George Jenkins High School students attended the 66th annual Youth in Government State Assembly in Tallahassee. Throughout this school year, these students researched problems in the Florida Statutes and drafted legislation that would benefit Florida. While at the Capital, they presented their bills in committees and debated legislation with students from around Florida. All of our students presented exemplary legislation and displayed their parliamentary procedure skills in chambers; however, several students were individually recognized for their work. Justyce Young served as Commissioner of Agriculture in the Cabinet this year, and she was elected Senate President for next school year. Abby Bourque won Best Bill in Senate, and she was the only delegate in the state to receive the 7-year award. Desirae McCalla presented her legislation to the Cabinet.

Youth in Government is open to all students in all grades. If you are interested in joining the legacy of this incredible program, see Mrs. Bourque in room 19-213. Next year, you could be in this picture!



The 2022-2023 GJHS Youth in Government delegation at the Florida Capital.



Community Service

All community service hours are due by April 15th. Please have "Service Hours Log" and paragraph turned into Student Services on or before this day. If you need a service hour log, please come to Student Services. Questions regarding community service please contact, Emily Higgins at emily.higgins@polk-fl.net.

Dual Enrollment Opportunities

Students wishing to take dual enrollment courses at Polk State in the fall must apply online at www.polk.edu as a dual enrollment student. Once the application is complete, students will receive an email containing their Polk State ID# and information on how to complete the online orientation. Students will also need 'college ready' test scores which can be achieved through SAT, ACT or the PERT. SAT and ACT scores must be sent directly to Polk State through College Board or ACT. The PERT can be taken through Polk State. The application email will have information on how to request to take the PERT online from home or how to schedule to take the PERT at Polk State. A PERT study guide is available on the GJHS website under 'Academics, then 'testing information'. Counselors will share more dual enrollment information in a dual enrollment meeting in the Auditorium in April. Students should check their school email for meeting details. For more information about dual enrollment including minimum GPA, test score requirements and the steps for registration, please see our website at www.georgejenkinshs.com under the 'Student Services'.

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News from Student Services

We are in the final stretch of the 2022-2023 school year! Students should be diligent in maintaining grades for their final quarter. Only semester grades, the average of quarter 3 and quarter 4, are recorded on a student's academic record and included in their cumulative GPA. The month of May will include many tests including ELA FAST, End of Course exams, and AP exams. End of course exams will be given in US History, Geometry, Biology, and Algebra 1. These EOC grades will also be calculated as 30% of the final course grade. Be sure to pay close attention to the testing schedule and be in attendance, ready to test on the assigned day.

Seniors: It's your final quarter of high school! Enjoy your last few weeks by attending all your classes and keeping all grades up. FLVS courses must be completed by May 10th to count for graduation and be included on the high school transcript. Commitment Day will be celebrated on April 20th. Look and listen for more information in April.

Senior class information, graduation, elementary school Senior Walks: stay up to date on the information by visiting our GJ webpage at www.georgejenkinshs.com under 'announcements' on the front page and 'Class of 2023 Senior Information'.

Senior Awards Ceremony: May 11th 6:30pm GJHS Auditorium (Invite only)

Graduation: Monday May 22nd 7:00 pm

AP Exam Schedule

All AP exams will be administered on the GJHS campus according to the College Board's Administration schedule. Students are required to take their exam on the assigned day. Check in will begin 30 minutes prior to the testing time. Please plan to arrive at the testing location by 7:30 for morning exams and 11:30 for afternoon exams. Students will be excused from all periods of their regular classes on their AP exam day.

2023 AP Exam Schedule

WEEK 1: at GJHS

	8:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Monday, May 1	United States Government & Politics	Chemistry
Tuesday, May 2	Environmental Science	Psychology
Wednesday, May 3	English Literature and Composition	Computer Science A
Thursday, May 4	Human Geography	Seminar
Friday, May 5	United States History	Art History
	European History	Microeconomics

WEEK 2: GJHS

	8:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Monday, May 8	Calculus AB & BC	Macroeconomics
Tuesday, May 9	English Language and Composition	Physics C
Wednesday, May 10	Spanish Language and Culture	Biology Macroeconomics
Thursday May 11	World History: Modern	Physics 1: Algebra-Based
Friday, May 12		

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Spring 2023 Assessment Information

In order to receive a high school diploma in Florida, Senior & Junior students must meet certain academic requirements, which include passing state assessments, specifically the FSA English Language Arts (ELA) and FSA Algebra End of Course (EOC) exams. The FSA ELA has a one-day Writing section and a Reading section, which is divided over two days. The Algebra EOC is also divided over two days. Ninth & Tenth grade students must meet a passing score on the FAST ELA and the B.E.S.T. Algebra 1. (Both new assessments this school year).

In addition to these assessments, students are required to participate in the End of Course exam when enrolled in the following courses; Geometry, Biology, and US History. The EOC will count 30% of the entire course grade – which could affect the first semester grade.

Below are the dates for Spring testing. Please make note of these test dates as make up dates are never guaranteed.

Retakes for FSA Alg 1 (Sr. only) and FSA ELA (11th & 12th grade) for those needing to meet graduation requirement took place from Feb. 21 – March 8th. Multiple opportunities were scheduled throughout the testing window.

March 28: ACT School Day (non-college reportable/triple time) **English section** for seniors who have not met the FSA ELA graduation requirement.

March 29: ACT School Day (non-college reportable/triple time) **Math section** for seniors who have not met the FSA ELA and Algebra EOC graduation requirements.

March 30: ACT School Day (non-college reportable/triple time) **Reading section** for seniors who have not met the FSA ELA graduation requirement.

ACT School Day (non-college reportable/triple time) **MUST BE COMPLETED IN ORDER.** The Students scheduled for each section **must in attendance on time the day the subject is scheduled.**

April 6: BEST Writing Field Test for 10th grade students.

April 18: ACT JR. School Day (college reportable – standard time) Students will complete all sections of the test on this day. This test is being offered to all juniors that bring their school issued devices charged and ready to test, they cannot test on a personal device; this is an online version of the ACT.

May 1: FAST ELA for all 9th graders

May 2: FAST ELA for all 10th graders

May 3: B.E.S.T. Geometry EOC for all students enrolled in this course. (30% of final grade)

May 4: B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 EOC for all students enrolled in this course. (30% of final grade – Level 3 or above for Graduation requirement.

May 9: Biology EOC for students enrolled in Biology.

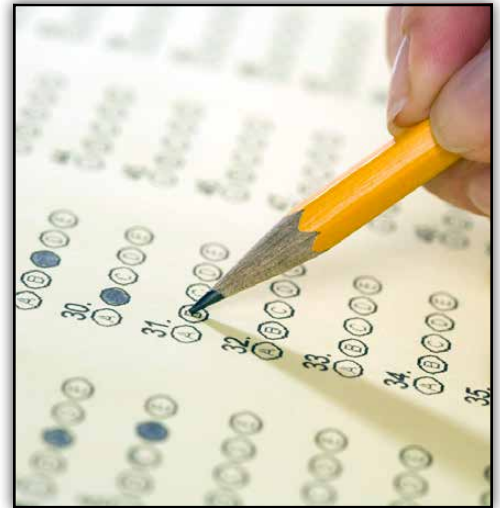
May 10: FCLE – For all students enrolled in Gov.

May 11: US History EOC for all students enrolled in this course *and* AP US History.

Advanced Placement (AP) exam dates please check with your teacher and/or the CollegeBoard website, www.collegeboard.org.

If you or your student would like to review the computer-based practice test at home, the practice tests and answer keys are available at <https://ffast.org/families.html>.

Students taking the Algebra or Geometry EOCs should practice using the online calculator and the equation editor. Handheld calculators will not be allowed for these EOCs. This information can be found in the FSA Portal (link below) under Testing Resources. Information about the FSA program can be found at <https://ffast.org/fast.html>.



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SAT Test Dates		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	April 26, 2022
*June 4, 2022	May 5, 2022	May 25, 2022

ACT Test Dates		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
*June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022
July 16, 2020	June 17, 2022	June 24, 2022

*Current 2022 graduates have through the June test dates to meet Bright Futures scholarships minimum test score requirements.

SAT or ACT - Which Test is Right for You?

	SAT	ACT
Scoring	total score out of 1600 English and math out of 800 optional essay – no longer offered	total scored out of 36 English, Math, Reading and science out of 36 all parts totaled and divided by 4 for composite optional essay out of 36 (add 40 minutes)
Time	3 hours	2 hours 55 minutes
Question types	require analysis and critical thinking	slightly more literal and straightforward
Guessing penalty	none	none
English	Passage style questions, tests both grammar and rhetoric/style, includes charts and graphs 35 minutes, 48 seconds per question	Passage style questions, tests both grammar and rhetoric/style, no charts nor graphs 45 minutes, 36 seconds per question
Math	Up to pre-calculus, narrow, deep focus - emphasis on problem-solving and application of knowledge, calculator and no-calculator sections No calculator- 20 min, 75 secs per question Calculator – 55 min, 87 secs per question	Up to trigonometry, broader focus, emphasis on straightforward application of knowledge. Calculator permitted on all sections. 60 minutes, 60 seconds per questions
Reading	College-level passages from literature, history, science and social studies, including founding US documents. Emphasis on comprehension, analysis, and use of evidence. Vocabulary is tested within context of passages. 65 minutes, 75 seconds per question.	College level passages or pairs of passages in the following categories: Prose, Fiction, Humanities, Social Science and Natural Science. Emphasis on comprehension with some analysis. Vocabulary is tested within context of passages. 35 minutes, 53 seconds per question
Science	None	Includes reading passages, charts, graphs. Use of logical reasoning and quantitative data analytical abilities is tested. 35 minutes, 53 seconds per question

An Associate's Degree May Be Your Path to Success

Former First Lady Michelle Obama's Reach Higher Initiative is meant to inspire high school students to pursue education after high school whether its technical education, a community college, or a four-year college degree. Our Florida College System offers students the opportunity to earn an Associate of Arts (AA) Degree prior to pursuing a bachelor's degree. This path is called the 2+2 system.



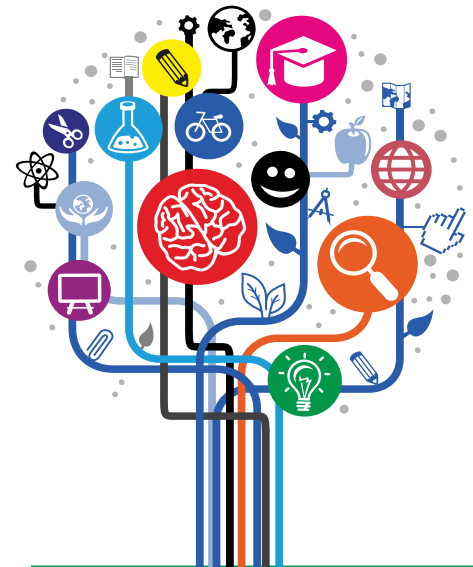
In Florida, any student who completes an AA degree at a Florida college is guaranteed the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree at a Florida college or university.

The Florida College System includes 28 public state colleges and community colleges at 178 sites across the state. An "open-door" admissions policy allows any student with a high school diploma the opportunity to pursue an Associate's Degree. Students are then required to take the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT) or submit scores on the ACT or SAT to determine appropriate course placement. College developmental courses may be needed to learn additional college ready skills. The Florida Department of Education defines college ready as a student who

has the knowledge, skills, and academic preparation needed to enroll and succeed in introductory college level courses. College ready scores are as follows:

Subject	PERT	ACT	NEW SAT
Reading/Critical Reading	106	19	24
Writing	103	17	25
Elementary Algebra/ Mathematics	114	19	24

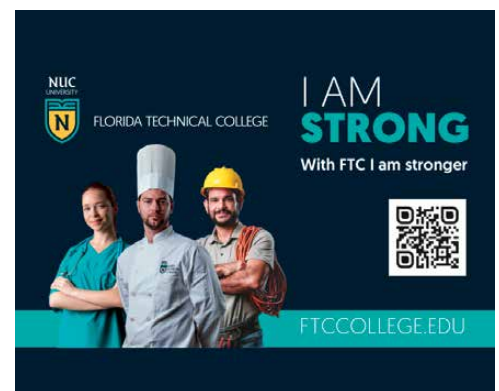
A Bachelor's Degree is not needed in every career field to achieve a well-paying job. According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics, many high demand fields like health care, information technology, and logistics have median salaries over \$55,000 per year for graduates with an Associate's Degree. Many other high demand jobs only require specialized or technical degrees. These programs can offer big salaries without spending big on a 4-year college degree.



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