

GCHS Curriculum Committee Meeting 5-1-2020

The High School has successfully transitioned to online learning. Things look different but learning is occurring. Attendance is evaluated through submitted assignments. Some lectures are taped in advance so students can access them at any time. Although there have been conflicts for some live classes, a spreadsheet has been set up for the teachers (broken down by class year), we are hopeful that this system corrects it. Most of these live classes are check-ins and extra help. Attendance is not mandatory. Teachers and guidance counselors are monitoring students' progress and students who seem to be either not submitting work or work quality has changed dramatically are being individually monitored.

Grading for the 4th Quarter is P/F with the intention of doing no harm to students. Quantity of assignments (effort), not quality is being assessed. As of now all current college level courses are on track. Follow up needed to determine that all credits will still be issued to participating students (Mr. Steingruebner will update us). Weighting for the 2019-2020 school year average (broken out by quarters) is still being determined however the overall weight of the 2019-2020 academic year will be consistent with the other completed years.

Guidance counselors are continuing with the grade meetings. Most sophomore meetings are complete and the freshman meetings are in progress. Counselors are also finishing up IEP meetings and beginning to prepare for review of all 504 plans. Counselors are also trying to reach out to seniors to honor their accomplishments and celebrate college decisions. AP's are set to go for May. Information was shared with students regarding procedure. Option to take again in June if there are technological difficulties during the test. Need to submit a form within 48 hours regarding technical difficulties and can retake in June.

Difficult to make any decisions regarding next year at this point. Scheduling is in the beginning phases. Honors placement for next year is based on grades for the first three quarters (as per usual) and Curriculum coordinators and teachers will evaluate placement. Honors appeals and review of 2020-2021 schedules is expected to be via School Tool with the ability to request changes using a Google form. As of now, all courses offered this year will continue to be offered next year. Microeconomics may be difficult to add as an elective because of the AP US Government and Politics course (similar material covered). Macroeconomics is already an elective. There are 7 AP's in Social Studies and may be difficult to add additional electives at this point. Physics is a prerequisite/corequisite for AP Chemistry. Working on getting healthy numbers for AP Music Theory for next year, would really like to run it. Test makeups afterschool should be able to be arranged with the teachers.