



## **Annual Notification of Advanced Coursework**

Dear GCCHS Parents and Caregivers,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the benefits and opportunities for your child to participate in advanced coursework.

While advanced coursework provides an opportunity for your child to gain skills and demonstrate competencies at a higher level, advanced coursework provides other benefits as well. Other benefits of participation in advanced coursework may include:

- Improving a student's self-confidence and image of self.
- Demonstrating a student's preparedness for college-level coursework.
- Earning college credit(s) prior to graduation.
- Reducing future costs for higher education.
- Reducing the amount of time that the student must spend in secondary and/or post-secondary school.

The advanced courses offered in the 2024-2025 school year at GCCHS include:

- Hilbert College
  - College Writing
  - Advanced Placement (AP) Precalculus
- SUNY Erie Community College
  - Introduction to Pantry and Garde Manger (*Culinary Arts 1 & 2*)
- Villa Maria College
  - Introduction to Digital Media and Communications (*Media Communications*)
  - Fundamentals of Graphic Design (*Graphic Design*)
  - Introduction to Photography (*Photography*)
  - Music Fundamentals (*Music Theory and Composition*)
  - Two-Dimensional Design (*Studio Art 1 & 2*)
- Advanced Placement (AP) United States History
- Advanced Placement (AP) United States Government and Politics
- Advanced Art & Portfolio
- Project Lead the Way - Human Body Systems

Preparing your child for advanced courses lays a strong foundation for their future academic success. Here are some strategies to consider:

- Develop Strong Attendance Habits
- Encourage Curiosity and Exploration
- Develop Strong Study Habits
- Support Critical Thinking Skills
- Promote Reading and Writing Skills

- Expose Them to Enrichment Activities
- Provide Advanced Learning Resources
- Communicate with Teachers
- Cultivate a Growth Mindset
- Set High Expectations
- Foster Independence and Responsibility

The following Academic and Non-academic supports are provided by your child's school to help students succeed in advanced courses:

- Extra help via teachers and peers
- Extracurricular clubs
- Access to a wide variety of online resources and programs to help strengthen skills
- Regents review opportunities
- Access to student support staff who can provide school-based counseling services

Students enrolled in college-level courses may be able to access free or reduced tuition based on their family's income. We encourage all students to complete the Application for Free and Reduced Lunch as this is also used to determine eligibility for tuition assistance. GCCHS pays the cost of Advanced Placement (AP) Exams for all students who successfully complete an AP Course.

This information can also be found on our website at [globalccs.org](http://globalccs.org). Questions related to your child's participation in advanced coursework may be referred to the GCCHS Guidance Department.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Christina Evans,  
Interim Principal