

GHC | GRANADA HILLS
CHARTER
HIGH SCHOOL



SCHOOL PROFILE

2016-2017

An Independent Public School Since 2003

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GRANADA AT A GLANCE

2016 - 2017

- ◆ Fall enrollment: 4,650 (with approx. 3,000 additional students on a waitlist)
- ◆ English language learners: 154, Students with disabilities through IEPs/504s: 513
- ◆ Socioeconomically disadvantaged students: approx. 2,400 (52%)
- ◆ Student body demographics: 39% Hispanic, 28% Asian, 26% White, 4% African American, <1% American Indian or Alaska Native, <1% Pacific Islander, <1% declined to state (2015-2016)
- ◆ Revenue per student (2015-2016): \$11,650 (approx.)
- ◆ In-seat attendance: 97%
- ◆ 2016 SBAC testing: 80% proficient or above in English Language Arts; 59% math.
- ◆ 2016 AP exams administered: 2,814 (76.5% scored three or higher)
- ◆ International Baccalaureate Diplomas awarded in 2016: 46
- ◆ AP courses offered: 28 with 118 sections, AP Capstone courses: 2 with 4 sections, International Baccalaureate courses offered: 42 with 74 sections, Honors courses offered: 9 with 142 sections.
- ◆ Class of 2016 SAT average scores: Critical reading: 525, Math: 548, Writing: 526
- ◆ 2016 ACT Exam scores indicated 92% college ready in English Language Arts, 81% college ready in mathematics
- ◆ 2016 graduating class: 1,018-153 Valedictorians, 146 High Honors, 261 Honors, 32 Commended Merit Scholars, 5 Merit finalists, 7 Milliken nominated Scholars, 12 Quest Bridge Finalists, and 8 Posse finalists
- ◆ Dropout Rate: Less than 2%
- ◆ Class of 2016 post-secondary acceptance: 63% accepted at four-year universities/colleges, 34% accepted at community college, 1% enlisted or accepted at military academies, 1% accepted at trade schools.
- ◆ Post-Secondary Success reported as enrolled in college first year after high school: Class of 2010-87.9%, Class of 2011-86.6%, Class of 2012-86.9%, Class of 2013-87.6%, Class of 2014-88.4%, Class of 2015 87.5% Persistence rate after second year of college is 81%, after third year is 75%, after fourth year is 74%. (*National Student Clearing House*).

GRANADA HONORS

- Top-ranked independent charter high school
- California Distinguished School designation
- Fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools & Colleges

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Opportunities for student involvement at a group level on campus are varied and many. To foster camaraderie and community, new student clubs and teams are created every year based on student interest. Some of these clubs include, but are not limited to, the following:

<p style="text-align: center;">RELIGION</p> <p>180 Christian Club Jewish Student Union Muslim Student Association</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ARTS & MEDIA</p> <p>Anime & Manga Club Book Club Choir Club Create Now Game Development Guild GHCHS Highlander Band Global Communications Highlander Jazz Club Highlander Strings Association International Thespian Society Spirit Fingers Urban Arts Club</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SERVICE</p> <p>GHCHS Leo Club Go M.A.D. Helping Hands HEROES Key Club Kraft for Kids Make it Happen Operation Smile Pets and Wildlife Society Water Project World Vision Supporters Club</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">CULTURE & LANGUAGE</p> <p>Armenian Club Chinese Culture Club Deaf Culture Club DESI Club Filipino Culture Club Latinos United by Culture and Education Japanese Culture Club Middle Eastern Student Association</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SPECIAL INTEREST</p> <p>Female Empowerment Movement Lacrosse Club Oh Snap! Photography National History Bowl Philosophical Society Political Studies of America Social responsibility Party Table Tennis Society</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HEALTH</p> <p>Active Living Club American Cancer Society American Red Cross Medical Club Snack Strategy</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Eco Club Heal L.A. STARS STEM Club</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BUSINESS & EDUCATION</p> <p>Granada International Baccalaureate (IB) Club Investing for a Change Model United Nations Club We're First</p>	

ATHLETIC TEAMS

Our Athletics Department offers 14 sports, collectively involving 45 teams and over 800 student athletes.

B: Boys Team G: Girls Team C: Coed Team BG: Boys & Girls Team		
Baseball (B: FS, JV, V)	Golf (BG: V)	Track & Field (BG: FS, JV, V)
Basketball (BG: FS, JV, V)	Soccer (BG: JV, V)	Volleyball (BG: FS, JV, V)
Cross Country (BG: FS, V)	Softball (G: JV, V)	Water Polo (BG: JV, V)
Equestrian (BG: FS, JV, V)	Swim/Dive (BG: FS, V)	Wrestling (C: JV, V)
Football (C: JV, V)	Tennis (BG: V)	

SCHOOL SERVICES

ADMINISTRATIVE AND CERTIFICATED SUPPORT STAFF

- ◆ Executive Director
- ◆ Chief Academic Officer
- ◆ Chief Business Officer
- ◆ Chief Operating Officer
- ◆ Administrative Directors (5)
- ◆ Activities/Athletics Coordinator
- ◆ IB and Intervention Coordinator
- ◆ Special Ed. Administrators(2)
- ◆ EL Coordinator
- ◆ Testing Coordinator
- ◆ Academic Counselors (9)
- ◆ College/Career Counselors (3)
- ◆ DIS/Transition Counselor
- ◆ 504 Coordinator
- ◆ Social Worker
- ◆ Psychologist (2)
- ◆ Nurses (2)
- ◆ Attendance Deans (2)
- ◆ Discipline Dean (3)
- ◆ Athletic Director

INTERVENTION AND ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

GHCHS offers a full continuum of classes, services, and supports for all students, including student with disabilities. Credit recovery courses are offered during the school year. Subject-specific tutoring as well as peer/group tutoring is offered Monday-Thursday from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and during zero period for all Granada students. A large selection of enrichment courses are also available to students after school.

LIBRARY SERVICES

In addition to its collection of 28,000 books and access to thousands of e-books, the library has classroom computer management and networked printer systems, and connections for multi-media presentations. The Library and Media Center website contains the library's online catalogue, and an "academic cybrary" with links to over 200 online databases, tutorial sites, academic journals, research pathfinders, and art imagery sites. Users will also find a parent resource page, links to local libraries, and an "Ask the Librarian" feature linked to the school's email system. Library hours of operation before and after school provide extended student access.

SPECIAL CURRICULAR FEATURES

The mission of Granada Hills Charter High School is to prepare students for college and career readiness. The programs outlined below satisfy meet the University of California's A-G requirements.

Advanced Placement and Honors Classes

Granada Hills Charter High School students have a choice of 22 different AP courses (63 sections) offered in a variety of disciplines. In addition to comprehensive honors and college prep programs, college courses are also offered after school on campus.

AP Capstone Program

AP Capstone is a flexible, rigorous two-year program for juniors and seniors designed to help students develop the research, critical thinking and communication skills they'll need in order to be successful in college and in other professional environments. The program is composed of two separate components, the Seminar Course and the Research Course. An array of instructional methods such as lecture, class discussion/debate, research assessment and student-centered assignments are used to prepare students. Students work independently and in groups to develop critical thinking and foster creativity.

Global Business and Finance (GBF) Program

GBF is an interdisciplinary Career Technical Education (CTE) and college prep program for grades 10-12. The program integrates business and finance concepts with core coursework for English, social studies and math. Business career prep courses and access to internships and job shadowing are some of the program's highlights.

Global History of Ideas (GHI) Program

The GHI program presents a unique curricular approach to English and social studies in grades 9-11. Collaborative teaching integrates the foundations of classical Western and Eastern philosophy with core literature. English courses examine the philosophical, literary, artistic and historical approaches that shape our world, while science and history courses complement the English coursework.

Granada Guaranteed Curriculum

As a part of a rigorous college prep education, GHCHS students are required to take classes that meet the University of California A-G requirements. To help students meet the foreign language requirement, Granada's World Languages and Cultures department offers courses in 10 languages.

iGranada Zelzah (iGz)

iGz is a blended program that incorporates both online virtual learning and direct instruction allowing for full flexibility of student programs and student support. The program, designed for students in need of a unique and flexible collegiate-like schedule, allows students access to the full high school experience through participation in sports, clubs and many more activities. Students experience a variety of instructional strategies for success; project-based learning, collaboration, seminar instruction and peer interaction.

iGranada Devonshire (iGD)

iGD is a new blended learning program that incorporates both online and direct instruction that is designed for students interested in careers in digital arts and media. Course sequences include coding, app building, website design, video editing and project management. Students have access to the same tools as multi-media professionals in a collaborative working environment and can earn certification in HTML, Adobe and Java. All iGranada coursework (iGz or iGD) meets the UC/CSU eligibility requirements and is approved by the NCAA.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Program

The IB Diploma Program is a rigorous pre-university course of study for students in grades 11-12 and leads to externally assessed examinations, an independently designed research project, and substantial community service. In addition to course requirements, students take a two-year Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course which examines the connections between all content areas. IB Diploma students are required to work on extended essay (EE) and creative, action, service (CAS).

Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Program

The STEM program is a rigorous four-year math and science curriculum designed for students interested in post-secondary courses and careers in math, science, engineering and technology. The STEM program develops 21st century skills in order to understand real-world applications to math and science.

Summer Transition Academy

Matriculating new students, including high school transfer students, attend a summer academy designed to provide a successful transition to Granada Hills Charter High School. The academy provides extensive math and language arts support and enrichment while assessing current learning and preparing students for the rigors of the school year. Attending and passing the academy is a requirement for graduation.

TECHNOLOGY ON CAMPUS

Granada Hills Charter High School recognizes the importance of technology in providing a quality education for the 21st century and is dedicated to giving students the most possible access to technology. All classrooms are equipped with the necessary instructional technology, including digital projection, audio, and touchscreens. The campus has full high speed wireless coverage in 100% of classrooms, buildings, and nearly all outdoor areas. Students have access to wireless internet at home through subsidized T-Mobile Hotspots.

Each student is issued a Google Chromebook for use at school and at home. Students and teachers use a wide array of Google Applications, including Google Classroom, Docs, Drive, Gmail, and subject specific applications. Student Google accounts have access to email and unlimited cloud storage in Google Drive. All students use technology for class assignments, research, and communication, and are expected to be proficient in Microsoft Office and Google applications prior to graduation.

Home Access Center (HAC) and Student Access Center

Once registered, parents and guardians can view their student's attendance, assignments and grades through HAC. Email notifications are sent through HAC if students miss assignments or receive failing grades. Parents can register for Home Access Center in the Counseling Office. Students can access the Student Access Center using their Google login and password.

Communication with the Community

Each weekend, the Blackboard Connect home phone call system informs parents of upcoming activities and events. Staff may also use this system to keep parents and guardians informed of their child's performance and for other announcements. The GHCHS website is updated in real-time and is connected to the electronic calendar system that displays school event information. Daily and weekly bulletins, as well as other announcements, are emailed to parents and students.

MISSION

Granada Hills Charter High School will provide a positive student-centered environment in which all students will develop academic skills, practical skills, and attitudes to enable them to be successful lifelong learners and productive, responsible citizens in a diverse, global society.

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