

Providing an Effective Partnership between Parents and Gainesville High School

One of the most beneficial aspects of teaching is building positive relationships with parents. Gainesville High hopes to build a positive relationship with our parents in hopes of providing an environment in which teachers and students can be successful. Students who see their parents communicating with their teachers on a regular basis know their parents trust the teacher and will likely put more effort into school. During their child's high school years many parents attempt to give their child a sense of independence which often leads to less parent/teacher communication unless there is a behavioral or academic issue. At Gainesville High School we welcome parents to get involved in all aspects of the school. The following illustrates ways parents can communicate and become involved at Gainesville High School.

1. **Correct Contact Information-** If your contact information changes please make sure you update it in a timely manner. Mrs. Ko, GHS Database Specialist will be able to update your phone number and email address. Parents will need to report to the Guidance Office to update their address by bringing in identification and two proofs of residency. (Examples: mortgage, lease, GRU bill, cable bill) It is very important that we be able to reach you.
2. **Parent Portal-**Parent portal is an excellent way to stay updated on your child's academic progress in each of their classes. After logging in parents are able to see their child's updated grades and attendance for each class. Parents must come into to GHS to sign up for parent portal due to the parent having to show their identification to receive a username and password. Also parents who are having trouble signing into parent portal may have their account reset by emailing Ms. Ko, GHS Database Specialist at koj@gm.sbac.edu . When students move from middle school to high school you should be able to use the same parent portal username and password.
3. **Email-**Faculty and staff email addresses are located on the Gainesville High School website under the faculty and staff tab.
<https://docs.google.com/a/gm.sbac.edu/spreadsheets/d/1EiLNaeCrad1-YX-Md1t2gaVrDdXOp84TOhvo2NXED90/pub?output=html>
4. **Telephone-**You may call to leave a message for a faculty or staff member. Our goal is for phone calls to be returned within 48 hours.
5. **Gainesville High School Website-** The Gainesville High School website provides a wealth of information about what's currently happening on campus.
<http://gainesville.sbac.edu/pages/GHS0151>
6. **Parent/Teacher Conferences-**You may schedule a conference with your child's teacher by contacting your child's guidance counselor.

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L-Q	Ms. Butfiloski	butfiloskich@gm.sbac.edu
S-Z	Mr. Mercer	mercerkd@gm.sbac.edu

7. **Open House-** During our annual open house event you will have the opportunity to visit each of your child's teacher's class and hear information about what your child will learn during the school year and the teacher's expectations for your child.
8. **Join the Academic Boosters-** The purpose of the academic boosters is to enhance students and faculty endeavors throughout the school year. It includes parents, teachers and students who support GHS through memberships, volunteering and reinforcement of the school's overall mission. Academic Boosters Board Members: Patricia Kemp(golfdp@aol.com), Maria Samarkos, Gigi Tajalli, Tara Siler, Stephanie Kolb & Betsy Epperly. Additional information is available on school website under the community tab.
http://gainesville.sbac.edu/files/3FJsG/db240b6e6a81ff233745a49013852ec4/GHS_Newsletter_Welcome_Letter_for_2014-2015_ABC.pdf
9. **Volunteer Opportunities-** You may sign up to volunteer at GHS through
http://gainesville.sbac.edu/files/3FAEL/5b34818178287f813745a49013852ec4/web_form-SIGN_UP_GENIUS_Instructions_for_Parent_Volunteers_pdf.pdf
10. **Join the School Advisory Committee-** The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of people representing various segments of the community which consist of parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, business/ industry people and other interested community members. The purpose of a SAC is to assist in the preparation and evaluation of the results of the school improvement plan and to assist the principal with the annual school budget. Please email Mr. Shelnutt, Principal at shelnudc@gm.sbac.edu if you are interested in serving on the School Advisory Committee.
11. **Interim Reports and Report Cards-** Interim reports are issued to students midway through the nine weeks and reports cards are issued to students at the end of the nine weeks. Please contact your child's teacher if he or she has a D or F in their class. Our goal is for teachers and parents to develop strategies to help each child be successful. Interim reports and report cards will be sent home through students on the following dates during the 2015-2016 school year.

<i>Interim Reports Issued</i>	<i>End of 9 Weeks</i>	<i>Report Cards Issued to Parents</i>
September 29	October 27	November 10
December 11	January 22	February 4
March 2	April 5	April 14
May 12	June 9	*End of June