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For The Parents, Students, Staff And Community of George Jenkins High School

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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's hard to believe that this school year is going to be over within a few weeks. I have been amazed at how committed our students and staff have been in spite of the unique challenges and hurdles we've 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, Anita Puissegur, and her team for creating our testing schedule. With the magnitude of students testing and some new guidelines due to COVID, she's developed a great and safe plan for everyone.

Our spring sports seasons are winding down and preparing for playoff runs. Overall, we've had a very successful sports year with many of our teams making it deep into the FHSAA playoffs. 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 week of May 17th. I continue to encourage students to finish the year strong as how they perform will impact 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 here in a few short weeks, and I look forward to celebrating our Seniors on May 25th at the RP Funding Center! I know they have missed out on some events this year, but thankful we will be able to have a graduation ceremony where we can celebrate them together!

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.

K E E P S O A R I N G E A G L E S !

Tom Patton
Principal

Polk County Schools Mission Statement

"The mission of Polk County Public Schools is to ensure rigorous, relevant learning experiences for our students that result in high achievement."



SAT and ACT Information

The SAT and ACT are entrance exams that are designed to measure a student’s readiness for college. These test scores are required when applying to a public university as a high school senior and for the Bright Futures Scholarship program. They can also be used to meet the FSA English Language Arts and Algebra 1 End of Course exam testing requirements for graduation. It is recommended that juniors start testing in the Spring in preparation for college applications in the fall or meeting the FSA ELA graduation requirement. All juniors were able to take the School Day ACT in March and should be able to access their scores on the ACT website. Here are the remaining testing dates for this school year. The regular fall testing schedule is expected to resume in August. To register, visit www.collegeboard.org or www.actstudent.org.

SAT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
May 8, 2021	April 8, 2021	April 27, 2021
June 5, 2021	May 6, 2021	May 26, 2021

ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021	May 8-21, 2021
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021	June 19-25, 2021



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, and graphs. Use of logical reasoning and quantitative data analytical abilities is tested. 35 minutes, 53 seconds per question

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Fine Arts

The Polk County School Fine Arts Festival was held on Saturday, April 10 in Winter Haven. Many GJHS art students had their work on display, hoping prizes will be coming our way.



Artwork by Kaylee Sweet.

Dual Enrollment Opportunities

Students wishing to take dual enrollment courses at PSC 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#. Students will 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 at Polk State with no cost. Students should go to Polk State with their Polk State ID# and a photo ID to take the PERT. A PERT study guide is available on the GJHS website under 'Academics, then 'testing information'. Counselors will share more dual enrollment information in Zoom meeting in May. 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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AP Exam Schedule

All AP exams will be administered on the GJHS campus according to the College Board's Administration 1 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 on arriving 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.

2021 AP Exam Schedule		
WEEK 1: Paper, In School		
	8:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Monday, May 3	United States Government & Politics	
Tuesday, May 4	Calculus AB & BC	Human Geography
Wednesday, May 5	English Literature and Composition	Physics 1: Algebra-Based
Thursday, May 6	United States History	Art History Computer Science A
Friday, May 7	Chemistry	European History

WEEK 2: Paper, In School		
	8:00 a.m.	12:00 p.m.
Monday, May 10	World History: Modern	Macroeconomics
Tuesday, May 11	Seminar Spanish Language and Culture	Psychology
Wednesday, May 12	English Language and Composition	Music Theory
Thursday, May 13	No Exams	
Friday, May 14	Biology	Environmental Science
Monday, May 17		Statistics

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Football

EAGLE NATION FOOTBALL NEWS

As a very difficult, yet productive 2020 - 2021 school year comes to a close, we wanted to keep you updated on our hardworking Eagles football team.

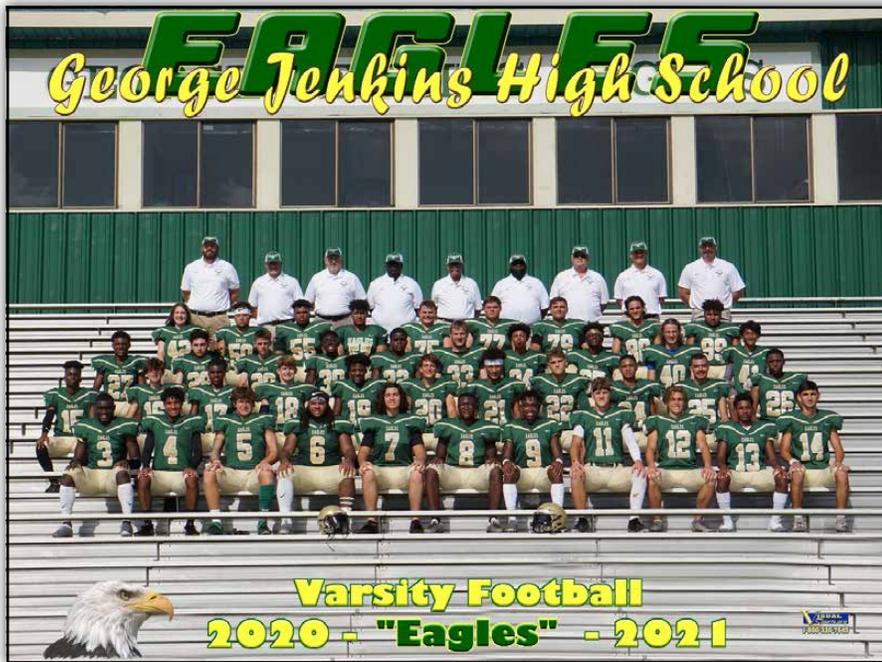
Even though the previous football season is behind us, the 2021 season is fresh in our minds. Our players are always conditioning through the offseason to ensure they are in strong, fit physical condition. In addition, many players train in various gyms on their own and participate in other GJ sports to hone their skills and sharpen their football expertise.

For parents to prepare for the upcoming Fall 2021 football season, there will be a mandatory meeting on May 4th at 6:00 PM in the GJHS food court. All attendees must wear masks and COVID protocols will be followed. Items discussed will include: summer conditioning, physicals, important paperwork, and start dates of official fall practices.

Additionally, we can support our team by attending the annual Spring game on Friday May 14th under the lights at Veterans Stadium. For additional information on summer conditioning, the official start of practice, and dates for the upcoming season, please also visit us on Facebook, Instagram and our website at: www.georgejenkinsfootball.org. Finally, we are excited to welcome our uprising Freshman Eagles into the Fall program and encourage them to soar into another successful season with us in 2021!

As we end this school year we would like to express our thanks to Coach Canning and his dedicated football coaching staff. Also to the parents, staff and administration of GJHS, the booster club organization and volunteers, thanks to your support for our student athletes during the past year. We all look forward to the games under the Friday Night Lights at Veterans Stadium in Fall 2021!

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Testing

Spring 2021 Assessment Information

In order to receive a high school diploma in Florida, 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.

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.

All students need to check their school email regularly for important test information. Students must wear a face covering while on campus and bring their own pen or pencil.

April 6 FSA ELA Writing for 9th grade students.

April 7 FSA ELA Writing for 10th grade students.

May 3 US History EOC for all students enrolled in this course and AP US History.

May 5 and 6 . . . FSA ELA Reading sections for both 9th and 10th grade. (Must have completed the Writing test in April and complete both sessions of the Reading test to receive a score).

May 11 and 12. . Algebra and Geometry EOC for all students enrolled in these courses. Must attend both days.

May 13 Biology EOC for students enrolled in Biology.

Advanced Placement (AP) exam dates have changed. Please check with your teacher and the CollegeBoard website, www.collegeboard.org We are waiting for direction from the District.

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 <http://www.FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>.

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 www.FSAssessments.org.

Per the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), no remote administrations are available for any statewide summative assessments.

Students need to **bring their own pencils or pens and a face covering.**

Practice test are available for students to become familiar with the computer-based testing platform, item types, and response formats he or she will see on the assessment(s). 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://FSAssessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/computer-based-materials/index.shtml>.

Please review the following policies with your student before testing:

- **Electronic Devices**—Students are not permitted to have any electronic devices, including, but not limited to, cell phones, smartphones, and smartwatches, at any time during testing or during breaks (e.g., restroom), **even if the devices are turned off or students do not use them.** If your student is found with an electronic device, his or her test will be invalidated.
- **Calculator Policy**—For Algebra 1, Geometry and Biology EOC assessments, **no handheld calculators will be allowed for any session.** If students have handheld calculators during Session 1, their tests will be invalidated.
- **Testing Rules Acknowledgment**—All tests include a Testing Rules Acknowledgment that reads: “I understand the testing rules that were just read to me. If I do not follow these rules, my test score may be invalidated.” Prior to testing, test administrators read the rules to students, and students

acknowledge that they understand the testing rules by clicking a checkbox beside the statement in the secure browser.

- **Discussing Test Content after Testing**—The last portion of the testing rules read to students before they affirm the Testing Rules Acknowledgment states that because the content of all statewide assessments is secure, students may not discuss or reveal details about the test content (including test items, passages, and prompts) after the test. This includes any type of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, or posting to social media sites. Please make sure your student understands this policy prior to testing and remind them that “discussing” test content includes any kind of electronic communication, such as texting, emailing, posting to social media, or sharing online. **While students may not share information about secure test content after testing, this policy is not intended to prevent students from discussing their testing experiences with their parents/families.**
- **Working Independently**—Students are responsible for doing their own work during the test and for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated. In addition, FDOE employs Caveon Test Security to analyze student test results to detect unusually similar answer patterns. Students’ tests within a school that are found to have extremely similar answer patterns will be invalidated.
- **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing a test session (e.g., for lunch, an appointment, illness), he or she will not be allowed to return to that test session. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please remember not to schedule appointments on testing days.
- **Testing Accommodations**—If your student has an Individual Education Plan (IEP), a Section 504 Plan, or is an English Language Learner (ELL) or a recently exited ELL, these accommodations will be provided for your student.

Per state statute 1008.22 “(3) *STATEWIDE, STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENT PROGRAM.*—..... *Participation in the assessment program is mandatory for all school districts and all students attending public schools,....*”. Per the Florida Department of Education, state assessments may not be administered remotely.

Assessment results assist with planning an educational path for your child and provide information regarding the appropriate courses for enrichment or remediation options in a student’s schedule. A lack of state performance data may impact your student with:

- A missed opportunity to meet the graduation requirements necessary for a high school diploma (Algebra 1 EOC and Grade 10 FSA ELA).
- A lower overall grade on an EOC course, because all EOC exams count for 30% of the overall EOC course grade (Algebra 1, Biology, Civics – middle school, Geometry, US History – high school).

When your child reports to campus for testing, he/she will follow the COVID-19 safety protocols we have in place for our campus learners, including temperature checks, the wearing of face-coverings, and hand-washing/sanitation. Additionally, he/she will need to adhere to all district policies, including but not limited to, the dress code and code of conduct.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Anita Puissegur at anita.puissegur@polk-fl.net.

For more information about the Florida Statewide Assessments program, please visit the portal at www.FSAssessments.org.

We appreciate your dedication to supporting your child’s learning during this unusual year and encouraging him or her to do his or her best during this test administration.



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Requirements:

- 3.0+ English GPA
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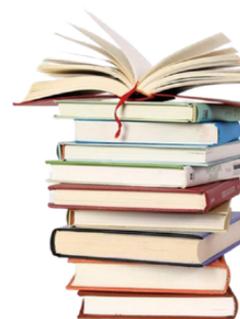
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2021 New Members' and Officers' Induction & Senior Recognition Ceremony
Friday, April 30 at 5:30 pm
In the GJHS Auditorium

Student Services

News from Student Services

We are in the final stretch of the 2020-2021 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 FSA ELA, 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.

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