

School Profile

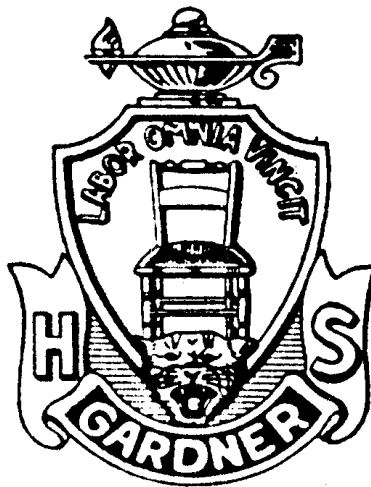
Gardner High School

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2018-2019

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Total GPS enrollment approximately 2,298 students P-12

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Community:

Gardner is a residential town, 60 miles west of Boston off Route 2 with a population of approximately 20,000. With 72% of our students qualifying for free and reduced lunch, the city is comprised mostly of economically mid to low income families.

Gardner boasts it has the largest of the surviving big chairs in New England, which is approximately 20 feet tall, as well as Mount Wachusett Community College, Heywood Hospital, Standard Chair, and beautiful Dunn Park.

School:

Gardner High School , which serves Grades 8-12 offers a comprehensive program of elective and core courses to prepare students to meet the requirements of two-year, four-year, or technical educational institutions; to prepare students for entry-level jobs in the business community; and to prepare students to be contributing members of society.

We are accredited by NEASC and Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

GHS Mission Statement:

Gardner High School provides an enriched academic environment fostered through relevance, rigor, and relationships and ensures that each student learns at a high level.

GHS Enrollment: 653 (As of Oct. 01, 2018)

Grade 8	(2023)	150
Freshman	(2022)	137
Sophomores	(2021)	142
Juniors	(2020)	122
Seniors	(2019)	102

Future Plans: Class of 2017

Post –Secondary College (4 year)	47.3%
College (2 year)	41.9%
Military	1.78%
Employment	9.0%

Faculty:

100% of Gardner High School Teachers are Highly Qualified under NCLB Regulations and 66% of Teaching Staff hold Master’s degrees or higher.

Advanced Placement Courses:

(All Advance Placement Courses are open enrollment.)

- AP English Language & Composition
- AP English Literature & Composition
- AP Calculus
- AP Statistics
- AP Biology
- *AP Chemistry
- AP Physics I
- AP Physics II
- AP Environmental Sciences
- AP World History
- AP US History
- AP Government & Politics
- AP Human Geography
- AP Music
- AP Art

*This AP Course is offered every other year.

During the 2016/2017 school year, 43% scored 3 or higher on AP Exams.

Honors Courses:

(All Honors Courses are open enrollment)

- Honors English
- Honors Math
- Honors Social Studies
- Honors Science
- Honors Foreign Language

We offer 26 different Honors courses



**For course offerings and information including specific graduation re-*

LANGUAGE ARTS

AP English Language and Composition 11
AP English Literature and Composition 12
H English 9,10,11,12
CP English 9,10,11,12
CP The Short Story
CP Young Adult Literature
CP Creative Writing

MATHEMATICS

AP Statistics
AP Calculus
H Algebra II
H Geometry
H Precalculus
CP Algebra I
CP Algebra II
CP Geometry
CP Advanced Algebra & Trigonometry
CP Introduction to Probability & Statistics
CP Math Modeling

SCIENCE

AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Environmental Science
AP Physics C-Mechanics
AP Physics C-Electricity and Magnetism
AP Physics
H Anatomy and Physiology
H Biology
H Chemistry
H Technology and Engineering
CP Biology
CP Chemistry
CP Environmental Science
CP Physics
CP Engineering and Physics I & II
CP Power and Energy
CP Technology and Engineering
CP Forensics Science
CP Botany

SOCIAL STUDIES

AP US History
AP World History
AP US Government and Politics
AP Human Geography
H Modern World History II
H United States History II
H United States History I
CP Modern World History II
CP United States History I
CP United States History II
CP History of Rock and Roll
CP Military History
CP Civics
CP Topics in Psychology
CP Topics in Sociology
CP Criminal Psychology

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

H French II, III, IV, V
CP French I, II
H Latin II, III, IV
CP Latin I
H Spanish II, III, IV
CP Spanish I, II
CP Classical Mythology

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

H Technology & Engineering
CP Advanced Video Production Internship
CP Advanced Video Production
CP Automotive Technology/Transportation
CP Digital Photography
CP Robotics I, II
CP Video Production Internship
CP Wood I / Intro
CP Wood II / Advance
CP Construction Careers Exploration

HEALTH & WELLNESS

CP Wellness I and II
CP Fitness
CP Fitness and Nutrition
CP Centered Self
Recreational Physical Education

ART

AP Studio Art
CP Art I, II, III, IV
Digital Photography
Advanced Digital Photography
CP Ceramics
CP Ceramics II
CP Drawing
CP Painting II

PERFORMING ARTS

AP Music
CP Band
CP Chorus
CP Drama
CP Music Technology
CP Instrumental Music
CP Beginning Piano
CP Color guard
CP Beginning Guitar

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

RISE Math
RISE Pre Vocational Experiences
RISE Biology
RISE English
RISE Social Studies
ESL English A. B. C
Independent Study English as a Second Language
Advisory
Math Enrichment
Strategies for Success
Academic Support

OTHER

Internships—School to Career
In School Internship
Community Service
Women in Technology
Best Buddies
Yearbook

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GHS: Guidance Department



SPECIAL PROGRAMS:

Link Crew: Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. During the High School Orientation, Link Leaders and freshmen start building the mentor relationship and freshmen receive information about how to be successful in high school. As positive role models, Link Crew Leaders are mentors and student leaders who guide the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school and help facilitate freshman success throughout the school year.

Advanced Placement Academy: The Gardner High School Advanced Placement Academy (APA) is a highly rigorous four-year honors program for students who are willing to diligently and earnestly put forth their absolute best efforts in their studies. Students must take 5 or more AP classes to graduate with the distinction of participating in The AP Academy.

In-School Assistant: The purpose of this semester and/or full-year elective course for juniors or seniors is to assist teachers in the preparation and delivery of their lessons and gain insight into current educational practices. Students interested in this offering should be prepared to devote a great deal of time to the work of the course, and to active classroom participation. Self-motivation is essential.

School-to-Career: Work-Based-Learning/Internship Program: The Gardner High School Work-Based Learning Program is designed to allow selected students the opportunity to participate in an alternative educational program that focuses on the Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education Work-Based Learning Plan. Students approved for the program spend their morning in academic classes at Gardner High School and their afternoons learning workplace and career skills at an approved work site.

SCHEDULE:

School Year—180 days
 Rotating Modified Block—7 periods
 Students can take up to 7 courses a semester. Academic courses are year long.

ATTENDANCE & DISCIPLINE POLICY:

Information on attendance and discipline is not provided to colleges by the Guidance Department per school policy.

GRADING:

A = 90-100
 B = 80-89
 C = 70-79
 D = 60-69
 F = 59 and below



GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

English	20 Credits
Mathematics	20 Credits
Social Studies	15 Credits
Science	15 Credits
Physical Education	5 Credits
Health	2.5 Credits
Unified Arts	5 Credits
Electives	32.5 Credits
Community Service	25 Hours

Credit Value: 5 Full Year; 2.5 Semester.

Successful completion of the following credits are required as part of the 115 credit graduation requirement.

Unified Arts include: Business Technology, Technology Education, Music, Art, & Foreign Language.

Students must pass World History, US History I and US History II.

All students must meet the competency determination for the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System.

(MCAS) in Mathematics, English Language Arts, and Science.

Class Ranks:

Class ranks are exact and weighted with the courses earning the described weights.

Class rank is cumulative and based on final year averages and weighted accordingly.

Unweighted classes are not used in the calculation of class rank.

Grade Point Average (GPA) based on a 100 scale.

Course Weighting Procedure:

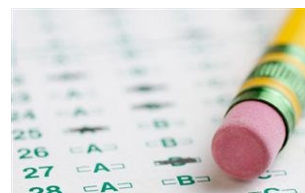
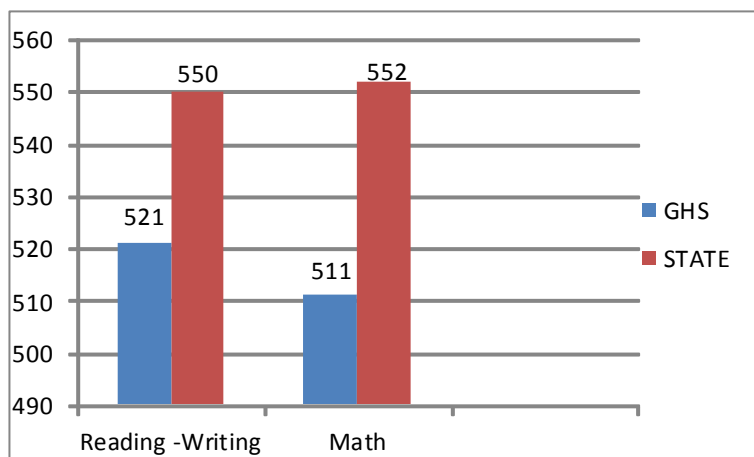
CP classes are College Preparatory classes and are weighted 1.

Honors (H) classes are weighted 1.15.

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses are assigned a weight of 1.3.

UE is an unweighted elective course.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) 2018 All GHS Seniors take the SAT's in October as the district offers the school day test for free.



Massachusetts Curriculum Assessment System (MCAS) Grade 10

