

GREATER JOHNSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

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2009-2010 Greater Johnstown High School SCHOOL PROFILE

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Community

The Greater Johnstown School District serves the educational needs of the City of Johnstown, three surrounding townships (i.e., West Taylor, Stony Creek, and Lower Yoder) and parts of Geistown Borough. The District is a combination of rural and small town areas and encompasses approximately 23 square miles of approximately 3.3% of the area of Cambria County. Pa Routes 219 and 56 provide access to the area.

Currently the district consists of one high school, one middle school and two elementary schools. Total district enrollment is 3205 students. The student body is culturally diverse with a population that is 62% white, 30% African American and 18% Hispanic, Asian Pacific Islander, American Indian and /or Multi Racial.

School

Greater Johnstown High School is a comprehensive four year public high school enrolling approximately 987 students, in grades 9 through 12. The new high school complex opened in the Fall of 2004 and consists of 5 separate academies. The 9th grade success academy, considered a school within a school, is designed to help students grow academically and socially, so they may succeed in their chosen pathways. Grades 10-12 consists of four academies; Arts and Communications, Business Enterprise, Engineering & Manufacturing Technology and Health and Human Services. There are 17 Vocational programs and 2 Tech Prep programs.

Curriculum

The academic program is organized using an 8 period per day schedule. Classes are 42 minutes long. Honors Gifted, Advance Placement, and Special Education courses are offered in addition to regular class subjects. 9th grade students earn two English and two Math credits. Each of these classes is a semester class that is two periods long (84 minutes). Vocational and Tech Prep courses range from one to four periods. Credits for these courses are awarded accordingly.

Honors Gifted Classes are offered in:

<u>English</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Social Studies</u>	<u>Foreign Language</u>
English 9	Algebra IB	Active Science	World Cultures	Spanish III
English 10	Geometry	Chemistry	American History	French III
English 11	Algebra II	Biology	American Government	French IV
English 12	Trigonometry	Physics		

Advanced Placement Program courses are offered in:

<u>English</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Social Studies</u>	<u>Foreign Language</u>
English Lang & Comp	Calculus	Biology	US History 1	Spanish IV
English Lit & Comp	Statistics	Chemistry	US History 2	Spanish V

Vocational / Dual Enrollment / Tech Prep Programming:

Our Vocational and Tech Prep programs courses which are divided into academies enable our students to obtain advanced placement at trade and technical schools.

Our Dual Enrollment College Program enables juniors and/or seniors to enroll in freshman courses and earn college credits at local institutions of higher education.

Vocational / Tech Prep Programming:

Arts and Communications

Graphic Design / Commercial Art / Illustration

Communications Technology (Tech Prep)

a. Video Technology

b. Web Page Design

c. Communications Technology

Business

Accounting Technician

Administrative Assistant

General Office / Typing Web Page Design

Sales/ Distribution/ Marketing General

Engineering and Manufacturing

Automotive Body Repairer

Automotive Mechanic

Building Property Maintenance/Manager

Production Industrial Technology (Tech Prep)

a. Drafting and Design

b. Manufacturing Technology

c. Power Technology

Health and Human Services

Child Care / Support SRV MGT

Cosmetology General

Computer Technology

Health and Medical Assistant / Other

Health Professional / Related Sciences / Other

Institutional Food Worker

Dual Enrollment

Greater Johnstown School District is partners with Post-Secondary institutions to provide its students with the ability to achieve college credits, while attending high school through its participation in Dual Enrollment programs. Students who participate in dual enrollment are responsible for the submission of applications, transcripts, and any other required documentation to have credit awarded.

Students who participate in off-campus dual enrollment programs must complete an independent study application and provide it to the Principal for approval and submission to the Greater Johnstown School Board of Directors. Students who have been approved for off-campus dual enrollment may receive additional weighting toward class rank and grade point average consistent with their approved independent study application. Weighting for these courses will not exceed the amount provided to a student who participates in an Honors/Gifted or Advanced Placement course offered at Greater Johnstown High School.

The following are current dual enrollment courses offered at Penn Highlands Community College:

AST100- Intro to Astronomy	ENG205-Research Writing (Prerequisite is ENG110)
BIO105- General Biology and lab	GOV100- Intro to American National Government
BIO260-Human Anatomy and Physiology (Prerequisite General Biology)	HIS100- US History 1
CHM105-General Chemistry and lab (Prerequisite is Algebra)	HIS110- US History all
CIT100-Microcomputer Applications	MAT145-College Algebra (Must test into it)
COM101-Public Speaking (Prerequisite is English 110)	PHY100-PHY101- Physics and lab-(Prerequisite Algebra)
ENG110-English Composition 1(Must test into it)	SOC100- Intro to Sociology

The following courses can be taken at Greater Johnstown High School and students may receive college credits through Penn Highlands Community College after completing the application and paying the fee which is currently \$30.00 per college credit.

Anatomy and Physiology	French II
Biology AP	Spanish I
Calculus AP	Spanish II
Chemistry AP	Spanish III
College Algebra	US history I AP
English Literature and Composition AP	US History II AP
French I	

Honors

The graduating class of 2009 had 264 seniors.

- 37% were High Honors (93% or higher GPA)
- 26% were Honors (82% to 92% GPA)

Advanced Placement Results

In May 2009, 11 students participated in the AP examinations.

A total of 17 exams were taken in seven subject areas.

59% of the AP exams received scores of 3 or higher

Post High School Placement

50% of the 264 graduates planned to attend Post Secondary Institutions.

26% were to attend 2 year institutions.

24% were to attend 4 year institutions.

11 students planned to join the military.

Grading Scale

A	93 – 100
B	82 – 92
C	70 – 81
D	60 – 69
F	59 or below

GPA Calculation & Class Rank

- GPA calculation will be based on final grade percentages for classes taken in grades 9-12 for which academic credit was awarded.
- For Honors/Gifted and Advanced Placement courses an extra 25% points will be added to the final course grade percentage.
(Ex. Final grade 92% plus 25% = 117% for GPA calculation purposes)
- Only courses listed within the Course of Study will be eligible to receive Honors/Gifted or Advanced Placement weighting.
- No extra credit will be awarded for taking AP tests.
- All independent study courses must adhere to GJSD board policy and may receive added weighting as per the approved independent study application.
- Final grade percentage cannot exceed 100% in accordance with Greater Johnstown High School approved grading scale. All additional weighting of the percentage will be awarded after the grade has been finalized.

Graduating Class of 2010

Subject/Course	Units	Course Information
Math	4 units	Algebra IA, Algebra IB, Geometry, Algebra II 3 units if transferring after 9 th grade (Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II) or Honors Gifted Students- Algebra 1B, Geometry, Algebra II, and Trigonometry
English	4 units	English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12 or English 9 (H/G), English 10 (H/G), English 11 (H/G) or English Language and Composition (AP), English 12 (H/G), or English Literature and Composition (AP)
Science	3 units	Active Science, Chemistry, Biology or Active Science, Principles of Technology I, Earth and Environmental Science or Biology
Social Studies	3 units	World Cultures, American History, American Government ***US History I (AP) may be substituted for American History***
Health & Wellness	1 unit	Failures in Health or Wellness must be made up in a full unit of the Health & Wellness course.
Freshman Seminar	1 unit	
Strategic Reading	1 unit	French or Spanish may be substituted for Strategic Reading while enrolled in English 9 (H/G)
Academy Electives	8 units	
TOTAL	25 UNITS	

Additional Requirements for Graduation

In order to be eligible for graduation from Greater Johnstown High School, a student must demonstrate proficiency in Math and Reading by scoring a 'Proficient' or 'Advanced' score on the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) or an equivalent assessment approved by the Board of Directors.

Students who do not score 'Proficient' or 'Advanced' on the Math and Reading PSSA Assessment will not be eligible for Cooperative Education, Dual Enrollment Classes, and/or early graduation during their senior year.

Alternate Eligibility

To be eligible for Co-Op, Dual Enrollment, and/or early graduation in their senior year, students must score proficient on a district approved PSSA equivalent assessment, have a minimum score of 400 in each Math and Verbal sections of the SAT, or complete the requirements of the school district after school tutoring program.

The Pennsylvania Department of Education requires that all high school graduates have completed a culminating project during their senior year of high school.

During their senior year, students must pass all courses taken with a final percentage of not less than 60%. Students scoring less than 60% on any course during their senior year will not be eligible for participation in the commencement ceremony unless a waiver is granted by the Principal or Superintendent of Schools.

Students must complete four years of full time membership in a secondary school in order to be eligible for graduation. Students who achieve a score of proficient or better on PSSA Math and Reading assessments during their 11th grade test administration are exempt from this requirement providing all other requirements are met.

Promotion Requirements

Promotion will be governed by the following credit requirements:

10th grade – 6.0 credits

2 Math

1 English and 1 Strategic Reading or 1 English and 1 Foreign Language

1 Science

1 Social Studies

* 11th grade – 12 credits

3 Math

2 English and 1 Strategic Reading or 2 English and 1 Foreign Language

2 Science

2 Social Studies

2 Electives

(1 credit may be Health & Wellness)

12th grade

12th grade status will be granted to those students whose course schedule for the year contains all courses required to complete the graduation requirements as set forth by the Greater Johnstown School District Board of Directors.

* Within the 12 credits required for 11th grade status, students may not be deficient in any core academic subject area (English, Social Studies, Math, and Science).

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Awards and Distinctions 2008-09

The class of 2009 received over \$85,000 in Scholarships and Awards.

Colleges attended by Greater Johnstown High School graduates over the last four years

Akron University	Penn State University
Allegheny County Community College	Penn State Altoona
Art institute	Penn State Erie
Bethany College	Point Park College
Bradford School	Robert Morris University
Carlo College	Saint Francis University
Central Florida University	Saint Vincent College
Clarion University	Slippery Rock University
Community College of Allegheny County	Temple University
Concordia College	Triangle Tech
Conemaugh School of Nursing	Tri State Business College
Duquesne University	University Of Maryland
Estrella Community College	University of Pittsburgh
Florida University	University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg
Gannon College	University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
Gettysburg College	University of Phoenix
Greater Johnstown Career & Technology Center	Washington and Jefferson University
Juniata College	Waynesburg College
Medgar Evers College	Word of Life College
Mount Aloysius College	WYO Tech
Ohio Technical Institute	
Pa Academy of Cosmetology	
Penn Highlands Community College	
Penn Tech	

GREATER JOHNSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Chick	Deater
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ PSAT○ NOCTI – PA Skills Test○ Advanced Placement Coordinator○ ASVAB○ Student Assistance Program○ Health & Human Services Academy○ 9th Grade (T-Z)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ SAT/ACT/PSAT Disabilities Coordinator○ ACT/SAT Score Reports & Labels○ NCAA Initial Eligibility Center○ Master Scheduling○ Arts & Communications Academy○ Business Enterprise Academy○ 9th Grade (A-L)

Mulvehill

- 4 Sight
- PSSA/PASA
- Web Calendar
- Testing Calendar
- Engineering & Manufacturing Technology Academy
- 9th Grade (M-S)

Shared – By Academy unless noted

- SAT/ACT Registrations & Waivers
- Entering SAT/ACT scores into Powerschool
- Course of Study Development
- Dual Enrollment – (Chick & Deater)

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