

Good morning, Bulldogs!

Monday marked the start of SII. To ensure the academic success of our students throughout the remainder of the year, we want to highlight our character education program along with the positive behavioral interventions and supports GHS has to offer. To best support our students, we have adopted a solutions-based approach that is student-centered.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

Glassboro Public Schools has partnered with a consultant firm, CITRS (Character-Integrity-Trust-Relationships-Success), to promote character education. Along with our continuing emphasis on academic growth, we will be paying special attention to increasing the character of our young people. It is the district's firm belief that this will not only improve our schools but have a life-long benefit for each and every one of our students. Each month, we will discuss a character "virtue" that will be integrated into our teacher-to-student language, morning meetings, character-ed lessons, etc.

"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monthly Virtues

September – Wisdom

October - Integrity

November – Self-Control

December – Justice

January – Fortitude

February – Positive Attitude

March – Humility

April – Respect

May – Love

June – Charity

"True education does not consist merely in the acquiring of a few facts of science, history, literature, or art, but in the development of character."

– David O. McKay

PROBLEM	SOLUTION
ATTENDANCE	CREDIT RECOVERY
GRADES	REASSESSMENT POLICY
DISCIPLINE	RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WORKSHOPS

ATTENDANCE

Glassboro High School's Attendance Policy allows for no more than ten unexcused absences per year. Students exceeding this total risk losing credit for the school year and placement in an alternative setting. **Seniors with ten unexcused absences are not eligible for graduation.** However, students may attend Credit Recovery (CR) in an effort to earn credit for unexcused absences. A total of five (5) school days can be recovered. For each unexcused absence, a student must attend two (2) three-hour credit recovery sessions. Please note that Credit Recovery is only held a few days each month. Therefore, the administration strongly encourages students to schedule and attend CR immediately upon reaching the tenth day.

GRADES

Glassboro Public School District prioritizes learning, not grades. Therefore, we offer students a second chance on summative assessments if they earn below an 80 (the district's threshold for demonstrating proficiency). This practice shifts the focus to learning and growth and invites students to reflect on the feedback they receive, which keeps students focused on learning and encourages them to grow as intellectuals.

Students wishing to take advantage of this opportunity must reach out to their teacher of record within two (2) days of receipt of their grade. The teacher will then provide additional opportunities for the student to further their understanding of the deficit skill. These opportunities are referred to as learning demonstration activities (LDAs) and are designed by the teacher and unique to each course. LDAs must be completed prior to reassessment. Note -Time is of the essence. Therefore, students have seven days to a) schedule a reassessment, b) complete their assigned LDAs, and c) reassess.

DISCIPLINE

Students seeking to reduce their discipline points in order to be eligible for sports and extracurricular activities can attend our Restorative Justice Workshops. Workshops provide students with opportunities to reflect on their behavior and the effects their behaviors have on the larger community. In addition, students learn self-worth and coping techniques, thus creating a caring and supportive school environment. Workshops are only offered twice a month and are limited. Therefore, students must sign up in advance by contacting their assistant principal.

“Vincit qui se vincit “

“He conquers who conquers himself.”

- Publilius Syrus

MENTAL HEALTH

Glassboro Public Schools partnered with [Care Solace](https://www.caresolace.com) to support the well-being of students, staff, and their family members. Care Solace is a complimentary and confidential care coordination service that can help you quickly find mental health or substance use treatment options matched to your needs, regardless of circumstance. If you would like to use Care Solace to help you find a provider:

- Call 888-515-0595, available 24/7/365 in any language.
- Visit www.caresolace.com/gpsd and either search on your own OR click “Book Appointment” for assistance by video chat, email, or phone.

SAFETY & SECURITY REMINDERS

- Cell phones, earbuds, and headphones are not to be used during school hours.
- Headphones must be removed from students' heads while in class and in the halls. Earbuds are also to be removed. This will allow students to hear their teachers and the day's lesson properly.
- Students found filming or Facetiming within the school will be disciplined according to the code of conduct, as this puts our entire building at risk.
- Food and drink are not permitted in the classroom.
- At the end of the day, students must exit the building immediately or report directly to their coach/advisor.
- GHS does not permit the wearing of hats and hoods.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- PAC Meeting – February 29th @ 6 PM. Please email Ms. Hunter (JHunter@gpsd.us) if you are interested in attending
- Black History Month Assembly – 2/23
- Spring Musical - The Wizard of Oz - February 29th – March 2nd.
- Avid Family Night – March 7th

Thank you,
The Admin Team

