

GATES CHILI HIGH SCHOOL

INFORMATION BOOKLET

We thank you for taking time to review the contents of this information with your teenager and we look forward to a productive and exciting year.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE

To give you some insight into the High School's schedule, the following should be noted:

- Our doors open at 7:00 a.m. If you are dropping off your child, please do not arrive before 7:00 a.m. Student drop off is at door 8 in the west lot.
- Classes begin at 7:20 a.m. and dismissal is at 2:12 p.m. Buses depart the high school at 2:18 pm. The high school offers an additional period each day for instructional support. Ninth period is held from 2:20 p.m. to 2:55 p.m. for academic support only. Students who remain in the building after 2:12 p.m. are expected to be with a teacher.
- Our schedule is four-day rotational schedule- A-D. Each period will meet for 43 minutes with a four-minute passing time. Our schedule allows for a 30-minute daily lunch period for all students.

HS Time Schedule 2023-2024		
1	7:20 AM	8:04 AM
2	8:08 AM	8:51 AM
3	8:55 AM	9:38 AM
4	9:42 AM	10:25 AM
*5	10:29 AM	11:51 AM
6	11:55 AM	12:38 PM
7	12:42 PM	1:25 PM
8	1:29 PM	2:12 PM
9	2:16 PM	2:55 PM
* Includes a 30-minute lunch from 10:29 AM - 11:04 AM or 11:16 AM - 11:51 AM		

- Please bookmark the Gates Chili website (www.gateschili.org) to keep up to date with Spartan news and daily announcements.

SPECIAL NOTE - All students are expected to remain in school for the entire length of the school day.

Teachers are not available for academic support after school on Tuesdays due to meetings and professional development. Special activities and detentions are the only reasons that students should stay after school on Tuesday.

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Counseling Assignments for 2023-2024 are as follows:

For graduating classes 2026 & 2027 (Grades 9 & 10)

Last names beginning with:	School Counselor:	Phone Extension:
A-Co	Anna Howard	21521
Cp-H	Mike Fici	21512
I-M	Janel Kieffer	21511
N-R	Tracy Vander	21531
S-Z	Jim Miller	21532

For graduating classes 2024 & 2025 (Grades 11 & 12)

Last names beginning with:	School Counselor:	Phone Extension:
A-C	Anna Howard	21521
D-Jn	Mike Fici	21512
Jo-O	Janel Kieffer	21511
P-R	Tracy Vander	21531
S-Z	Jim Miller	21532

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is crucial to the academic success of our students. For your student(s) to maximize their learning potential; they need to be in school, on time, and ready to learn. We monitor attendance on a daily basis and identify the students who are missing full days of school or individual classes throughout the day. If patterns of absenteeism develop, formal letters will be sent home to document the number of days missed and engage the family in rectifying the situation. Our hope is that all Gates Chili students will be present to take advantage of the direct instruction and support services we provide. We believe that through strong attendance, open communication between home and school and timely interventions we can continue providing your student(s) with a well-rounded educational experience that will help prepare them to compete in an ever-changing world.

Attendance to school and class is, by State law, mandatory and necessary for your students' success. If it becomes necessary for your child to be absent from school, please call the High School Attendance Office at (585) 247-5050 extension 21101 or 21102. Students are also required to bring a written excuse to school on the day they return to school. The High School does not allow students to leave the campus during the school day without express, written permission from their parent/guardian and school administrator. All written parental requests must be turned in and processed in the Attendance Office prior to the beginning of first period.

DEVICES

All HS students will be given the opportunity to have a 1:1 device. Misuse of any electronic device may result in the loss of privileges and/or additional consequences. Additional information will be posted on the HS website, clicking on the 'Parents' tab then selecting 'Student Laptop Information'.

DRESS CODE

All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Individuality in dress is a matter of personal choice, but it will not be permitted to interfere with, disrupt, or distract from the activities of school. Students and their parents have the primary responsibility for acceptable student dress and appearance. A student's dress, grooming, and appearance shall be safe, appropriate, and not disrupt or interfere with the educational process or infringe on the rights of others.

DRIVING

Student parking spaces are limited and available to approved seniors only. Applications for student parking spaces are available online under the parent and student tab of the high school website. Students driving to school must park in the designated area and follow all parking policy rules and regulations. Students who do not have a Gates Chili High School parking permit may not park on school property. Failure to follow expectations may result in disciplinary action and/or revocation of parking privileges. If you have any questions, please contact security.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

It is very important that our pupil records are accurate. Please review the information in Parent Portal closely and update phone numbers and contacts as necessary. For more information, please visit <https://www.gateschili.org/Page/165>. If you need to set up a Parent Portal account, please email support@gateschili.org.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND SCHOOL PICTURES

On September 7 and 8, 2023, all students will have their school pictures taken during their Physical Education class. These pictures will be used to issue student photo identification cards and for the yearbook; therefore, everyone must have a picture taken even if you are not ordering pictures. **All seniors are reminded that the deadline to submit senior pictures is Friday, October 27th.** More specific information regarding senior pictures can be found on our website under the quick links tab on the home page.

LOCKERS

A locker has been assigned to each student that is noted on their schedule with that locker's combination. One student per locker. Locker sharing is not permitted. Ninth grade students will be permitted to access their assigned lockers on August 30, during Freshmen Orientation. If students encounter any problems with their assigned locker, those problems should be immediately reported to their grade level office.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be mailed on or about November 17, 2023, February 2, 2024, April 21, 2024, and July 9, 2024. Please note that these are the mailing dates for report cards and that the marking periods will end approximately one week earlier than distribution. Please take this opportunity to discuss your student's achievement with him or her. You are reminded to sign up for access to your student's class schedule, grades, assignments, attendance and discipline history through the Parent Portal. Sign-up is available by emailing your request to support@gateschili.org. Please include your name as well as your child's name and grade level.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We are delighted to share that Gates Chili Central School District has been approved for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which means every Gates Chili student can receive a free breakfast and lunch at school every day in the 2023-24 school year.

In Gates Chili, our equity journey takes many forms and the availability of free meals for all students is an embodiment of that pledge that extends beyond the classroom. This is certainly a proud moment for our school district and reflects our commitment to equity, inclusivity, and the well-being of our entire school community.

Also, worth emphasizing is that although families do not have to complete any forms for their student(s) to receive free meals at school, it is imperative that they still complete an Income Eligibility Form, formerly known as the Free and Reduced Meal Application. This application is tied to other important benefits for students such as fee waivers for advanced placement exams, dual-credit tuition assistance, state funding and more. State funding helps offset costs that keep local taxes reasonable while providing great programs and services for our students. The school nutrition department will still oversee this process.

VISITORS

The Gates Chili Central School District is committed to the safety and security of all students, staff and visitors to our schools. That is why, as part of our greater plan to improve school safety, we have implemented a visitor management system.

This Visitor Management System will help us accomplish the following:

- Electronically log/track visitors upon check-in
- Print visitor identification badges
- Screen all visitors against a national sex offender database
- Provide real-time sex offender alerts

Visitor Procedure:

Here's what to expect when you visit any school building during regular school hours:

- For first-time access your **driver's license or other form of valid government issued photo ID** will need to be scanned. You may be required to show your ID on subsequent visits, but it will not need to be scanned again.
- After approval, an ID badge will be printed, which must be worn for the duration of your visit.
- After your business in the school is concluded, you will return to Security to check out.

We believe this process improves the safety of those in our buildings. As invested members of our school community, thank you for participating in these efforts to make our district a safer, more welcoming environment for everyone.

Thank you for your continued cooperation. The High School welcomes the opportunity to provide a quality education for your child. If you or your child have any questions, please feel free to contact the appropriate Assistant Principal at 247-5050:

Ms. Jennifer Kern	Grade 9	Extension 21301
Mr. Kevin Whitmore	Grade 10	Extension 21304
Mrs. Laura Braid	Grade 11	Extension 21303
Mrs. Garonia Parchment	Grade 12	Extension 21302

We look forward to working with you throughout the upcoming school year.