

# GRANADA HILLS

## CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL



# SCHOOL PROFILE

## 2014-2015



# GRANADA AT A GLANCE

## 2014 - 2015

- ⊕ Fall enrollment: 4,300 (with approx. 3,000 additional students on a waitlist)
- ⊕ English language learners: 146
- ⊕ Special education services to students (IEPs and 504s): 301
- ⊕ Socioeconomically disadvantaged students: 2,222 (52%)
- ⊕ Student body demographics: 38.6% Hispanic, 28% Asian, 27.4% White, 4.7% African American, <1% American Indian or Alaska Native(N), <1% Pacific Islander, <1% declined to state (2013-2014)
- ⊕ Revenue per student (2013-2014): \$9,632
- ⊕ In-seat attendance: 97%
- ⊕ API: 885 (124-point increase since charter conversion in 2003)
- ⊕ 2013 STAR testing: 81.3% of Granada students proficient or above in English Language Arts; 80.4% proficient or above in life science
- ⊕ 2014 CAHSEE: 96% of students passed English language arts; 97% passed math; (80% of students are proficient or above)
- ⊕ AP exams administered: 2,171 (82.6% scored three or higher)
- ⊕ International Baccalaureate classes offered: 31, AP courses offered: 22, Honors courses offered: 10
- ⊕ Class of 2014 SAT average scores:
  - ⊕ Critical reading: 540
  - ⊕ Math: 561
  - ⊕ Writing: 543
- ⊕ 2014 ACT Exam scores indicated 91% of students were college ready in English Language Arts and 78% were college ready in mathematics
- ⊕ 2014 graduating class: 980
- ⊕ Dropout Rate: Less than 2%
- ⊕ Graduates attending post-secondary schooling: 97% (58% four-year university, 39% community college)
- ⊕ International Baccalaureate Diplomas awarded in 2014: 47
- ⊕ (2014-2015) National Merit Scholarship Program: 38 students recognized
- ⊕ Golden State Merit Diploma: 404 graduates, California Seal of Biliteracy: 34 graduates

### GRANADA HONORS

- Top-ranked independent charter high school
- California Distinguished School designation
- Fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools & Colleges
- International Baccalaureate World School

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Opportunities for student involvement at a group level on campus are varied and many. To foster camaraderie and community, new student clubs and teams are created every year based on student interest. Some of these clubs include, but are not limited to, the following:

## RELIGION

Christian Club  
Jewish Student Union  
Muslim Student Association

## CULTURE & LANGUAGE

Armenian Club  
Asian Pop Culture  
Chinese Culture Club  
Deaf Culture Club  
DESI Club  
Italian Club  
Japanese Culture Club  
Korean Club  
Middle Eastern Student Association

## SCIENCE & ENVIRONMENT

Heal L.A.  
Leaders of Environmental Awareness and Protection  
STEM Club

## ARTS & MEDIA

Advanced Computer Mechanics  
Anime & Manga Club  
Behind the Scenes  
Book Club  
Chess Club  
Choir Club  
Create Now  
Game Development Guild  
GHCHS Film Club  
GHCHS Highlander Band  
Highlander Jazz Club  
Highlander Strings Association  
International Thespian Society  
The Pen Also Rises  
Urban Arts Club

## SPECIAL INTEREST

Bucket List Club  
The Fashion Club  
Female Empowerment Movement  
Free Thinkers Club  
Gay-Straight Alliance  
Lego Club  
Project Bridge  
Tartan Yearbook Club  
Teen Tech Team

## SERVICE

GHCHS Leo Club  
Forever Young  
Helping Hands  
Key Club  
Kraft for Kids  
Operation Smile  
Pets Are Worth Saving  
Rachel's Challenge  
Wheels for Humanity  
With Eyes Wide Open  
World Vision Supporters Club  
Youth for Truth

## HEALTH

American Cancer Society  
American Red Cross  
MedTalk

## BUSINESS & EDUCATION

Got College Club  
Model United Nations Club

## ATHLETIC TEAMS

Our Athletics Department offers 14 sports, collectively involving 45 teams and over 800 student athletes.

**B: Boys Team | G: Girls Team | C: Coed Team | BG: Boys & Girls Teams**  
**FS: Frosh/Soph Team | JV: Junior Varsity Team | V: Varsity Team**

Baseball (B: FS, JV, V)  
Basketball (BG: FS, JV, V)  
Cross Country (BG: FS, V)  
Equestrian (BG: FS, JV, V)  
Football (C: JV, V)

Golf (BG: V)  
Soccer (BG: JV, V)  
Softball (G: JV, V)  
Swim/Dive (BG:, FS, V)  
Tennis (BG: V)

Track & Field (BG: FS, JV, V)  
Volleyball (BG: FS, JV, V)  
Water Polo (BG: JV, V)  
Wrestling (C: JV, V)

# SCHOOL SERVICES

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND CERTIFICATED SUPPORT STAFF

⊕ Executive Director	⊕ Guidance Counselors (9)
⊕ Chief Academic Officer	⊕ College/Career Counselors (3)
⊕ Chief Business Officer	⊕ DIS/Transition Counselor
⊕ Chief Operating Officer	⊕ 504 Coordinator
⊕ Administrative Directors (5)	⊕ Social Worker
⊕ Activities/Athletics Coordinator	⊕ Psychologist
⊕ IB and Intervention Coordinator	⊕ Nurses (2)
⊕ Special Education Coordinator	⊕ Attendance Deans (2)
⊕ EL Coordinator	⊕ Discipline Deans (3)
⊕ Testing Coordinator	⊕ Assistant Athletic Directors (2)

## INTERVENTION AND ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

GHCHS offers a full continuum of classes, services, and supports for all students, including students with disabilities. Credit recovery courses are offered during the school year. Subject-specific tutoring as well as peer/group tutoring is offered Monday - Thursday from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and during zero period for all Granada students. A large selection of enrichment courses are also available to students after school.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

In addition to its collection of 28,000 books and access to thousands of e-books, the library now has over 60 new computers, classroom computer management and networked printer systems, and hookups for multi-media presentations. The Library and Media Center website contains the library's online catalogue, and an "academic cybrary" with links to over 200 online databases, tutorial sites, academic journals, research pathfinders, and art imagery sites. Users will also find a parent resource page, links to local libraries, and an "Ask the Librarian" feature linked to the school's Gaggie email system. Library hours of operation before and after school provide extended student access.

# SPECIAL CURRICULAR FEATURES

The mission of Granada Hills Charter High School is to prepare students for college and career readiness. The programs outlined below satisfy college and career readiness requirements.

## **A-G (Granada Guaranteed Curriculum) Classes**

As a part of a rigorous college prep education, GHCHS students are required to take classes that meet the University of California A-G requirements. To help students meet the foreign language requirement, Granada's World Languages and Cultures department offers courses in 10 languages.

## **Advanced Placement and Honors Program**

Granada Hills Charter High School students have a choice of 22 different AP courses (63 sections) offered in a variety of disciplines. In addition to comprehensive honors and college prep programs, college courses are also offered after school on campus.

## **Global Business and Finance (GBF) Program**

GBF is an interdisciplinary Career Technical Education (CTE) and college prep program for grades 10-12. The program integrates business and finance concepts with core coursework for English, social studies and math. Business career prep courses and access to internships and job shadowing are some of the program's highlights.

## **Global History of Ideas (GHI) Program**

The GHI program presents a unique curricular approach to English and social studies in grades 9-11. Collaborative teaching integrates the foundations of classical Western and Eastern philosophy with core literature. English courses examine the philosophical, literary, artistic and historical approaches that shape our world, while science and history courses complement the English coursework.

## **Humanitas/New Media (HU/NM) Program**

The Humanitas program is designed for students in grades 9-12 who enjoy challenging work and desire to collaborate in investigative research teams. This program offers a challenging college-prep curriculum through a project-based, interdisciplinary, team-taught approach to learning in the core classes for English, social studies and science, as well as select academic electives such as Digital Imaging, New Media, and American Images.

## **International Baccalaureate (IB) Program**

The IB Diploma Program is a rigorous pre-university course of study for students in grades 11-12 and leads to externally assessed examinations, an independently designed research project, and substantial community service. In addition to course requirements, students take a two-year Theory of Knowledge (TOK) course which examines the connections between all content areas. IB Diploma students are required to work on extended essay (EE) and creative, action, service (CAS).

## **Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Program**

The STEM program is a rigorous four-year math and science curriculum designed for students interested in post-secondary courses and careers in math, science, engineering and technology. The STEM program develops 21st century skills in order to understand real-world applications to math and science.

## **Summer Transition Academy**

Matriculating new students, including high school transfer students, attend a summer academy designed to provide a successful transition to Granada Hills Charter High School. The academy provides extensive math and language arts support and enrichment while assessing current learning and preparing students for the rigors of the school year. Attending and passing the academy is a requirement for graduation.

## **Virtual Program**

The Granada Hills Charter High School Virtual Program offers a full range of educational courses tailored to meet individual student needs in a blended model of instruction. This program uses technology and instructional design to provide support for web learning with on-site workshops and one-on-one tutoring. All virtual program courses are certified by the NCAA.

# TECHNOLOGY ON CAMPUS

Granada Hills Charter High School recognizes the importance of technology in providing a quality education for the 21st century and is dedicated to giving students the most possible access to technology.

Each student has a student email account for on-campus and home computer access. Internet safety training is also administered through the *Granada Hills Charter High School Acceptable Use Policy for the Internet*, i-SAFE assemblies, and library orientation. All students are expected to use technology for class assignments, research, and communication, and are expected to be proficient in Microsoft Office applications prior to graduation.

## Home Access Center (HAC) and Student Access Center

Once registered, parents and guardians can view their student's attendance, assignments and grades through HAC. Email notifications are sent through HAC

if students miss assignments or receive failing grades. Parents can register for Home Access Center in the Counseling Office. Students can access the Student Access Center using their Gaggie login and password.

### TECHNOLOGY STATS

- Approximately 2000 computers on campus
- Over 100 interactive boards throughout the campus for instruction
- Eight full computer labs available for student use

## Connect 5 Home Phone Calls

Each weekend, the Connect 5 home phone call system informs parents of upcoming activities and events. Staff may also use Connect 5 to

keep parents and guardians informed of their child's attendance, and to record discipline comments, class memos, and testing date reminders, in addition to other announcements.

## Web Page and Email Announcements

The Granada Hills Charter High School website is updated in real-time and is connected to the electronic calendar system that displays "live" school event information. Daily and weekly bulletins, as well as other announcements, are emailed to parents and students.

## MISSION

Granada Hills Charter High School will provide a positive student-centered environment in which all students will develop academic skills, practical skills, and attitudes to enable them to be successful lifelong learners and productive, responsible citizens in a diverse, global society.

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