



GOLDENDALE HIGH SCHOOL

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"Students and Staff Improving Every day"

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GHS PRINCIPAL COMMENTS/REPORT

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□ For our first data-driven inquiry cycle, key instructional practices include:

○ **Literacy Goal:**

- Students have completed STAR (reading) beginning of the year assessments. This provides our staff with a baseline for the year, as well as longitudinal data for students who also attended our middle school.
- Because literacy is embedded across all content areas, our PLCs have identified specific ways they are using learning design to support our literacy goal.
 - CTE: teaching power paragraphs across their courses
 - ELA: developed and teaching to a rubric for Common Conventions they will use across the humanities classes
 - Math/Science: requiring students to respond in writing or orally by using complete sentences.

○ **Math Goal:**

- 9th and 10th grade students have completed iReady assessments. Like STAR, our staff use this beginning of the year data as a baseline and to measure expected growth over time.
- The Math/Science PLC is embedding Rich Routines into their instructional practices. The Learner First staff worked with math teachers on Oct. 7th to introduce engaging activities/math games for learning.

○ **Sense of Belonging/SEL Goal:**

- Attendance is now one of the indicators for our sense of belonging/SEL goal. Compared to last year around this time, our rates are up by more than a percentage point. Seven students have perfect attendance.
- At the end of 1st quarter we looked at our attendance rates by grade level:
 - 9th grade - 97.5%
 - 11th grade - 97.49%
 - 10th grade - 97.12%
 - 12th grade - 95.89%
- We work to increase students' sense of belonging through clubs. Students are required to join at least one club. We have two new clubs which were student-initiated clubs Rise of the Warriors and Origami. We offer 22 clubs. Clubs alternate between 2 Fridays/ month, except November & December.
- For our students whose primary language is Spanish, we now have two full-time staff members who are working to increase students' sense of belonging at GHS. Both stay very busy in their roles.
 - Jose Arguelles is our Student and Family Engagement Coordinator. He is working with all of our families and is helping across the three schools to translate information into Spanish for some of our families.
 - Christina Torres is in classrooms to support our ML students. Having Christina's support with academics and classroom behaviors, has been a tremendous help for our teachers and families.
- The district is adding a Translate Extension to our district Google Learning Management System, which will allow our students and teachers to translate more than 10 Google Slides

from English to Spanish or other primary languages and vice versa.

- We connected with families through conferencing days, October 21,22, 23. After the first 2 days, the attendance rate is around 96% of our families attending their pre-scheduled conference. In early November, Jose, Christina, and Ana from our middle school, along with our school counselor, Mary Lee, our Asst. Principal, Niki Swanson, and Principal, will go to Roosevelt to meet with families whose work schedules don't offer an opportunity to attend regularly scheduled conferences.
- Through Navigation in October, students are working on their Community Service & Activity records; participating in College and Career Day; and a Common Sense AI Lesson.
- Students are recognized each month by our staff when they demonstrate, through their actions, that they give a HEK (Hope, Empathy, and/or Kindness).
- We are extending the HEK awards to include teachers recognizing their peers.

➤ With the data we will collect using AMMA during the year, we will be able to measure the expected growth our students will demonstrate in math, literacy, and SEL.

Other updates:

- On October 13th, we welcomed Patty Johnson as our new LAP Paraeducator. For the first time since I started at GHS, we are fully staffed.
- Our FFA Nationals team is competing this week. We will be excited to hear how they did when they return next week.
- We Scare Hunger Food Drive is on Halloween night at the high school. Open from 5:30-6:30 or sooner if candy runs out.

- Fall athletics are wrapping up. We anticipate our cross country team to finish their season very well. Our Volleyball is also looking at a strong finish to their season. All of our fall sports - volleyball, soccer, cheer, football, and soccer - have first year coaches.
- The Timberwolves Advisory Council of Students (TACoS) includes 8-9 students. We have met two times. The students have asked questions and raised concerns. Some concerns and questions have been addressed - how and why some things work the way they do. However, the group has found that our lunch time together is so short that meeting more than once a month may be necessary to address their concerns in a more timely manner.



2025-2026	Goldendale High School		
Club	Advisor(s)	Purple or Gold	Meeting Location
Art Club	Mr. Gray	Purple	318
Chess Club	Mrs. Piper	Purple	227
Dungeons & Dragons (D&D)	Mr. Chronister	Purple	224
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)	Mr. Miles	Purple AND Gold	123
Future Farmers of America (FFA)*	Mr. Krieg Mrs. Krieg	Purple AND Gold	101
Journalism Club	Ms. Reddinger	Purple	230
Reading & Hiking Adventure Club	Mrs. Thayer	Purple	220
Native Activities Club (NAC)	Mrs. Lee	Purple	Library
SkillsUSA	Mr. Lesko	Purple	312
Origami Club	Ms. Hills	Purple	223
Club	Advisor(s)	Purple or Gold	Meeting Location
Family, Career & Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)	Ms. Tallman	Gold	311
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)	Mr. Miles	Gold AND Purple	123
Future Farmers of America (FFA)*	Mr. Krieg Mrs. Krieg	Gold AND Purple	101
Math Team	Ms. Hills	Gold	223
National Honor Society*	Mrs. Thayer	Gold	220
Yearbook Club	Mrs. Piper	Gold	227
Howl for Hope Prevention Club	Mrs. Kruger	Gold	318
Rise of the Warriors Club	Mrs. Pearce	Gold	319
Science Fiction Club	Mr. Rushton	Gold	217

Other "clubs" NOT meeting	on the Purple/Gold Rotation		
Link Crew*	Rushton, Tallman, Pearce, Lee	NAV class	
Table Tennis	Mrs. Piper	Lunch time only	227
Purple & Gold Club*	Mrs. Williams	As needed	Cafe