



# GRIMSLEY WHIRLIES

## Grimsley Senior High School

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All visitors must check in at the Main Office

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**Grimsley Senior High School**  
**School Colors — Navy Blue & White**  
**Mascot — The Whirlie**



## **Alma Mater**

All hail to thee,  
Our Alma Mater strong.  
We'll sing thy praise  
Through all our days  
With this triumphant song.

All hail to thee,  
And as the days go by,  
We'll pledge our faith  
And love and loyalty,  
Greensboro Grimsley High.

Composed in 1949 by Herbert Hazelman,  
GHS Band Director 1936-42 & 1944-78

## **Grimsley Senior High School Honor Challenge**

Recognizing the importance of each student as an individual, I will accept as my responsibility to demonstrate the components of both academic and personal integrity including respect, honesty, kindness, work ethic and civility.

Accepting my position as a significant member of this student body, I will conduct myself in a manner that exemplifies pride in myself and in my school.

Seeing the necessity to lead as well as to follow, I will challenge my peers to create an environment that is conducive to learning, accepts everyone, and allows them to reach their full potential.

GHS Student Councils  
1969 and 2009

## Academics

Grimsley offers a variety of levels of academic courses.

**Honors** courses are offered to students who seek a challenge beyond standard level classes.

**Advanced Placement (AP)** courses are available for students seeking depth and/or college credit. Students must take the AP examinations for each course registered for at Grimsley. Most colleges and universities give college credit to students who earn a three (3) or better on AP exams.

**International Baccalaureate (IB)** courses are available for student to take individually and as an opportunity for students to meet requirements for an IB Diploma. Students must take the IB examinations for each course registered. Most colleges and universities give college credit to students who earn a four (4) or better on Higher Level (HL) IB exams and diploma candidates can earn a secondary school credential, in addition to their NC diploma, which is recognized internationally.

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### Classification of Students

Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Promoted from 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Minimum of 5 credits	Minimum of 10 credits	Minimum of 16 credits

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### Graduation Credit Requirements

Courses	9th graders entering in:	
	2012-2013 or later	2009-10, 2010-11, or 2011-12
English .....	4	4
Mathematics .....	4	4
Social Studies (Civics/Economics, American History, World History).....	4	3
Science (Biology, one physical science, Earth/Environmental).....	3	3
Health/Physical Education .....	1	1
Electives .....	6	6
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>

**Completion of CPR training course is required for graduation.**

**Course Requirements  
Courses**

**College/University**

English .....	4
Mathematics.....	4
Common Core Math I, II, III and one (1) above Common Core Math II	
Social Studies .....	4
Civics/Economics, American History I and II, World History	
Sciences.....	3
Biology, Earth/Environmental, and one (1) Physical Science	
World Languages—two levels of the same language .....	2
Health/Physical Education.....	1
Electives.....	5
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>22</b>

**Grading System**

**Grading Scale**

A = 90 -100

B = 80 -89

C = 70 - 79

D = 60 - 69

F = 59 and below

I – incomplete

*Effective for all high school students  
beginning 2015-2016 school year.*

**Quality Points**

Letter Grade	Standard Courses	Honors Courses	Honors Courses	AP/IB Courses	AP/IB Courses
A	4	4.5	5	5	6
B	3	3.5	4	4	5
C	2	2.5	3	3	4
D	1	1.5	2	2	3
F	0	0	0	0	0

*Effective for the entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade class of 2015-2016.*

**Report Card and Progress Report Schedule 2016-17**

	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4
<b>Interim Reports</b>	Sept. 28	Dec. 8	Feb. 27	May 9
<b>Grading Period Ends</b>	Oct. 28	Jan. 24	March 30	June 9
<b>Report Card to Students</b>	Nov. 9	Feb. 2	April 17	Mailed

**Academic Tutoring**

Each teacher has a tutorial schedule. Students are responsible for arranging afterschool tutoring times with teachers. All students are to work with an adult after school for the full time arranged.

**Academic Extra Credit Policy**

Extra credit opportunities may be offered at the discretion of each individual teacher. The teacher will determine the circumstances under which the extra credit is offered, the requirements of the extra credit, and the value and application of the extra credit.

If a student cannot meet the requirements of an extra credit opportunity due to circumstances out of the student's control, such as physical, economic/financial, religious or family limitations, the teacher will provide an alternative extra credit opportunity. Extra credit is not offered for donating items to class (tissues, hand sanitizer, etc.) – but only for work or tasks that are academic in nature.

Any question on extra credit should be addressed with the teacher assigning the extra credit.

## Athletics

Students who participate in athletics are expected to maintain appropriate conduct and exemplify good sportsmanship.

### Conduct

- Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and illegal drugs are prohibited.
- Profanity by athletes is prohibited.
- Athletes are required to maintain the highest standards of conduct on the school campus, in the classroom, at practice, and at athletic contests.
- Students assigned to In-School-Suspension (ISS) are **not** eligible to participate in the athletic event that day or in a Saturday athletic event when ISS is assigned on a Friday and a Monday.
- Students who are suspended are not allowed to participate in the sport on the days of suspension and cannot attend or be present on any Guilford County School grounds or event.

### Sportsmanship

Students are expected to:

- Show respect for opponents at all times.
- Show respect for officials and their decisions.
- Know, understand, and follow the rules of the contest.
- Maintain self-control at all times.
- Recognize and appreciate skill in performances regardless of affiliation.

Being a spectator is a “privilege” and not a “right.” Spectators will be held accountable for good sportsmanship.

The following rules that will be enforced at Grimsley:

- Food or drink purchased outside the event is not allowed inside the stadium or gym by spectators, teachers, coaches, or student athletes.
- Neither students nor fans are allowed to sit on the walls in the stadium.
- Body paint is not allowed at any GHS event.
- Electronic or air-driven noise makers are not allowed at any GHS athletic event.
- Neither students nor fans are allowed on the field. Rushing the field is prohibited.
- Spectators are expected to adhere to all sportsmanship rules set by Grimsley and the NCHSAA.
- Inappropriate comments and/or heckling of players or officials will not be tolerated. Spectators will be warned and then asked to leave if inappropriate behavior continues.

## **Attendance Eligibility Requirements**

Students who

- are absent from school the day of an athletic contest, cannot participate in practice or the contest for that day. Attendance for three (3) periods of the day in question fulfills this requirement.
- arrive at school before 12:00 noon are considered present for the day for athletic purposes.
- leave school at 12:15 p.m. or after are considered present for the day for athletic purposes.
- are present 85% of the semester preceding the activity in question are considered eligible. This rule is inclusive of all absences. Make-up time does not count for athletic eligibility. There are no excused absences or exempt absences for athletic eligibility purposes.

## **Academic Eligibility Requirements**

In order to be eligible to participate in school-sponsored extracurricular activities, a student must have passed a minimum load of five courses during the **preceding semester** (and be promoted if it was the spring semester) to be eligible at any time during the **present semester**. Students must also meet local promotion standards of the Guilford County Schools including a required 2.0 GPA per semester. Students who are certified in areas of exceptionality and meet academic requirements for exceptional students set forth by the State Department of Public Instruction and the Guilford County Schools are eligible.

## **Athletic Season Passes**

Passes can be purchased through online payments. Refer to link on p. 20.

## **Grimsley Athletic Boosters**

The Whirlie Booster Club was organized to help support all athletic programs at Grimsley. This dedicated group of parents, fans, and supporters furnish valuable financial assistance and encouragement to all Grimsley teams. For more information on the booster club and GHS athletics, visit one of the following websites.

Grimsley Athletic: <http://nc.8to18.com/grimsley/>

Grimsley Boosters: <http://gowhirlies.org/>



## **GCS/GHS Attendance Policy**

All absences require a parent-signed note explaining the absence(s). Notes should be delivered to the attendance office as soon as possible upon his/her return to school. Failure to submit notes within three (3) school days after returning to school will result in an unlawful absence.

Absences of five (5) or more days should receive prior approval from administration/school officials. Prior approval is required for any student departing from campus once he/she has arrived; this approval is required throughout the school day. Students must follow a sign-out procedure as established by the school.

## **Categories of Absences**

### **Lawful/Excused Absences**

Examples of lawful/excused absences and tardies include:

- death in the immediate family
- quarantine
- court proceedings
- religious observances
- medical/dental appointments with doctor's note
- military obligations
- family trips
- college visits with college documentation
- educational opportunities with prior approval
- chronic illness with a doctor's note
- illness with a parent's or doctor's note
- other extenuating circumstances at the principal's discretion

### **Exempt Absences**

The following lawful/excused absences are considered exempt and are NOT included in excessive absence counts:

- death in the immediate family
- religious observances
- chronic illness with a doctor's note
- suspensions

### **Suspensions**

Teachers will provide work for the students during the period of the suspension. Parent should make arrangements to pick-up work 48 hours after the initial suspension date. The student will return the work by the end of the suspension and the actual grade will be recorded.

\*\*\*Note **Lawful/Excused Tardies** are defined the same as lawful/excused absences.

### **Unlawful Absences - Disciplinary Actions**

Unlawful absences and/or truancy may lead to disciplinary actions to include court proceedings involving parents and/or students if the student is under 16 years of age. North Carolina Statutes (G.G. 115C-378) require school attendance until age 16.

\*\*\*Note **Unlawful/Unexcused Tardies** are defined the same as unlawful/unexcused absences.

### **Excessive Absences**

Students with four (4) or more unexcused absences during a quarter in any class will receive 59/F in the respective class. Quarterly, students may request an attendance waiver to receive his/her earned grade if 59/F is received.

### **Attendance Procedures**

- Students who become ill during the school day must obtain a pass from his/her teacher to report to the Attendance Office. If students leave due to sickness, he/she must follow check out procedures.
- Students who leave school early must bring a parent-signed note. The note must include the student's full name, date, reason for and time of the early release. Students who have early release are required to leave campus immediately according to the release time. Parents/guardians may also come to the Attendance Office and sign out their student. To ensure student safety when signing out their students, parents/guardians must show identification and be listed in PowerSchool.
- Students checking into school ten (10) minutes after the instructional day begins must check in through the Attendance Office. Failure to check in and provide a note may result in the student being marked absent for the remainder of the day.
- Students having an "excused absence" note from a parent/guardian should report to the Attendance Office between 8:00 am -- 8:55 am to drop off the note. The information will be updated in PowerSchool. Students who do not provide notes may be referred to administration for skipping.

### **Communication and Documentation**

#### **Medical Documentation**

Students who are often absent due to a documented medical condition must submit a doctor's medical statement each year. Parents are also required to provide a note for each absence.

#### **Inclement Weather Make-up Days**

Pre-planned absences for make-up days due to inclement weather are not excused without proper documentation.

#### **End of the Year Absences**

End-of-Course exams and North Carolina Final Exams are the final ten days of the school year. All students are required to take these exams. Students will not be allowed to check out early on exam days.

#### **Exam Exemptions**

Students may exempt one non-EOC/non-North Carolina Final Exam (NCFE) each year. In order to qualify for an exam exemption, students must be in attendance for 97% of the year (no more than five absences from a class) and have maintained at least a B average for the semester. Advance Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses are not included in this exemption policy. **All absences count towards the absence total, including exempt absences.**

## **Field Trips Athletic Competitions & Other Group Absences**

Students are considered “present” in school during school-sponsored activities. Transportation will be by a school bus or GCS approved commercial transportation, and students will travel with the group.

- Written parental permission is required prior to the trip. Coaches or faculty representatives will inform teachers of the students attending the event.
- When the field trip occurs during the instructional day, students must obtain respective teacher signatures from missed classes prior to the day of the trip.
- It is the student’s responsibility to arrange for make-up of any work missed. Projects or long-term assignments made in advance and due during the time of the trip are to be handed in on the first day the student returns from the trip.
- All students are to be in zero or first period class the morning after a trip.

## **Religious Holidays**

Religious holidays may be observed with an opportunity to do make-up work for the period of absence within the three-day limit. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate make-up work. Parents should notify the Attendance Office prior to the holiday with a written note or submit a note upon the student’s return.

## **Tardy Policy**

Students are considered tardy to class if he/she is not in his/her assigned location when the tardy bell rings. If a student is late to school and has a written excuse from a parent, the student must first come to the attendance office to get a pass to class. If a student arrives late to school **without** a note but it is within ten minutes after the final bell rings, the student should report directly to class. If a student arrives to school ten minutes after the final bell rings without a note, they must report to the Attendance Office.

Consequences are applicable for each respective class. Tardy counts restarts each quarter for each class.

1<sup>st</sup> tardy – teacher warning and parent contact

2<sup>nd</sup> tardy – teacher-given consequence and parent contact

3<sup>rd</sup> tardy – teacher-given consequence and parent contact

4<sup>th</sup> and beyond – administrative referral and parent contact

Students arriving to class more than ten minutes late without an excused note can be considered skipping and subject to disciplinary action.

## **Discipline Guidelines, Policies and Procedures**

### **Classroom Disruptions**

Students are not allowed to disrupt instruction of the classroom teacher or the learning of other students. Teachers will attempt to correct misbehavior with a warning and classroom consequences. If the student does not respond to the intervention, the teacher may send the student to Student Intervention (SI). Serious classroom disruptions may be directly referred to administration.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense</b>	<b>Time served and parent contact by the classroom teacher.</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</b>	<b>Time served and parent contact by the classroom teacher.</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Offense</b>	<b>ISS/SI Coordinator gives the referral to the administrator. One day ISS assigned by the administrator. Parent contact by teacher and administrator.</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Offense and beyond</b>	<b>ISS/SI Coordinator gives the referral to the administrator. Two days ISS up to OSS assigned by the administrator. Parent contact by teacher and administrator.</b>

### **Open Lunch**

Seniors are the only students allowed to leave campus during lunch. Underclassmen are not allowed to go to the parking area or leave campus. Underclassmen caught leaving campus and seniors giving underclassmen a ride off campus during lunch are subject to disciplinary actions including loss of open lunch privileges for seniors.

\*Seniors should not return to campus with food deliveries for underclassmen.

### **Parking Lot**

Students are not allowed in the parking lot during class or class changes. Students are to leave their cars within five (5) minutes of arriving on campus.

### **Restricted Areas of Campus**

Upon arrival at school, students are to remain on campus until the official dismissal. Students are not allowed to loiter in the parking lots or to return to their vehicles during the school day. Buildings are not open until 8:45 a.m. unless a student is attending a zero period class. All wooded areas surrounding the campus are restricted. Restricted areas include: all wooded areas surrounding the campus, the back of the New Science building, the south end of the Old Science building, all areas south of the New Science building, and other areas designated at administration's discretion. All athletic facilities are off limits during the school day unless accompanied by a Grimsley staff member or administrator.

### **Loitering**

Students are not to loiter in surrounding neighborhoods, on street corners, or in the parking lot. Students are to report directly to the school grounds upon returning from Weaver Center, and for seniors immediately following lunch. Students are not allowed to remain on campus after 4:10 pm unless they are involved in tutorials or an extra-curricular activity that is supervised by an authorized adult.

### **Prohibited Items**

The following items should not be brought to campus by students. Students who choose to bring these items to school may face disciplinary action.

Incendiary devices (lighters, matches, etc.), playing cards, e-cigarette devices, dice, and any item specifically mentioned as prohibited in the GCS Student Handbook.

### **Parking and Driving on Campus**

Parking permits must be purchased prior to driving an automobile to school.

The operation and parking of student automobiles is under the supervision of the Grimsley High School administration. Any student who drives a car to school, either regularly or occasionally, must have a student parking permit clearly displayed on his/her car. Parking permits require the completion of the student parking permit application (see online links) stating that students' cars are subject to search, signed by a parent/guardian. Registration is \$5.00 per year, payable at the time of registration. Should a student drive a previously unregistered car to school, he/she should register the vehicle as soon as possible. Parking passes may be used for multiple vehicles driven by the same student as long as the cars are registered and the permit is displayed in the car being driven that day.

All student cars are to be parked in the upper student parking lot. Cars must be parked between the lines in designated numbered parking spaces. Cars may not be parked or driven in the grass. Students are not allowed to park in the church parking lot. Unregistered or illegally parked cars will be considered in violation and will be towed at the owner's expense.

**Campus speed limit is 10 miles per hour.** The following rules and regulations must be observed while driving on campus:

- No reckless or careless driving
- No lingering in the parking lot after arriving
- Secure vehicle to discourage theft
- Park in the designated parking lot
- Park between the lines in designated parking space

## Student Electronics Policy

Classroom instruction is paramount at GHS and must be free of distractions. Therefore, electronic devices (IPODS, MP3 Players, phones, etc.) will not be displayed or utilized during class time unless they are incorporated by the teacher into the daily instructional plan. If devices are used as intended and appropriately, then students may use electronic devices before 8:50 am, after 4:00 pm (before and after school), during lunch, and during class changes.

At no time should electronic devices become a distraction for students. The GCS Student Handbook clearly outlines the acceptable use policy for electronic devices, and this policy applies to the personal use of such devices by students. **Any violation of the GCS policy (such as taking unauthorized photographs, recording and / or posting inappropriate materials, cyber-bullying and harassment, etc.) will result in immediate disciplinary action.**

Students are not allowed to charge their cell phones in classrooms, gyms or hallways. A “charging bar” is available in the cafeteria for students who need to charge their devices during their assigned lunch. Students **should not** leave their devices unattended while using the “charging bar.”

Within the classroom setting, each teacher will clearly explain his or her policy regarding electronics to students on the first day of class. Students who violate the teacher’s policy will be sent to ISS and assigned the appropriate consequence.

**Students who bring electronic items to school do so at their own risk. The school will take no responsibility for these items while students are on campus or on school-sponsored events.**

## Student Dress Code Policy

**Each GHS student is expected to use good taste in choosing clothing for the school day so as not to draw attention to him/herself and not to interfere with the educational process. If you think your item or outfit might be questionable, then choose to wear something else.**

- Students must wear shoes at all times. Bedroom slippers are not considered as shoes.
- Shorts and skirts will not be shorter than mid-thigh. Splits in skirts should be no higher than mid-thigh.
- If leggings are worn under a skirt, the length of the skirt must still be mid-thigh.
- If leggings are worn as pants, they must be covered by tops that are mid-thigh in length.
- No pants may have holes cut into them above mid-thigh.

- Halters, tube tops, racer-back tops, or see-through clothing are not permitted. The necklines of shirts and blouses must not expose the chest area.
- Sleeveless tops and tank tops must have straps that are at least two (2) inches in width.
- T-shirts with sleeves must be worn under tank tops that expose the chest area.
- Clothing must not be excessively tight.
- Clothing must be worn so that it does not expose underwear. Pajamas and pajama pants are not acceptable for school and must not be worn.
- Sun glasses and headgear may not be worn in the building.
- Students may not possess or display bandanas on Grimsley property (including buses) or at any GHS function.
- Jewelry or accessories that could be used as a harmful object may not be worn.
- Clothing, jewelry, or accessories depicting alcoholic beverages, weapons, controlled substances, Confederate flags, or anything obscene or offensive in nature will not be worn.

Students in violation will be sent to in-school-suspension and asked to change the offensive clothing or to call a parent to bring additional clothing. Repeat offenders are subject to disciplinary actions in accordance with Rule 28 in the GCS Student Code of Conduct.

Grimsley Senior High School and Guilford County Schools reserve the right to modify this policy as necessary and reserve the right to determine what might be disruptive and unsafe. The dress code policy is in effect every day of the school year, including the first and last weeks, exam days, shortened days, snow days, and special events unless otherwise noted.

### **Clubs & Activities**

There are numerous clubs, activities and organizations in which students may choose to participate. New clubs must have approval from the administration. A club approval form is available in the Main Office. Clubs are listed on the Grimsley website and in the Counseling Center.

### **Counseling Center (336) 370-8184**

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## **Parent Conferences**

Parent and students may schedule conferences with a teacher by contacting the teacher and scheduling an appointment. Conferences may be scheduled before or after school or during planning periods. Parents may also contact the student's counselor to make arrangements for conferences with two or more teachers.

## **College Transcripts and Recommendations**

Procedures are as follows:

### **Transcripts**

Effective September 2015, transcripts can be requested through the Electronic Transcript Request system. More information will be provided as the system becomes available. Contact the Counseling Office with questions.

### **College Recommendations**

Students may request a recommendation from their respective counselor. Allow two (2) weeks for requests to be processed. Recommendations will be mailed directly to the institution.

## **Homebound Services**

For more information about homebound services, contact the Counseling Center.

## **Change of Address & Other Personal Information**

If a student moves during the year, two (2) current proofs of residency must be provided to the Counseling Center. If contact information changes, they must be changed in writing by the parent.

For safety reasons and in event of emergency situations, emergency contact information is required for every student. Parents are asked to provide their current phone numbers and emergency contact information for other persons.

## **Withdrawals**

The parent or guardian must request that a student be withdrawn prior to withdrawal. The parent or student (16 yrs. or older) must fill out the withdrawal form in the Counseling Center. All school materials must be returned to the school such as textbooks, library books, uniforms, and/or other materials issued.

## **Medication**

Students at Grimsley High School may be in possession of prescription medication that is not prescribed in their name. If a parent requests that the school administer the medication, an "Authorization of Medication for a Student at School" form is required. The authorization form must be completed by a physician and the parent/guardian. The authorization form must be submitted, along with the medication in its original container, to the Counseling Center.



## Media Center

### Student Hours

Monday through Friday  
Monday and Wednesdays

8:30 – 4:00  
4:00 – 5:00

Parents and students may visit the media webpage at <http://goo.gl/6XCHT4>.

## Cafeteria (336) 370-8147

### Meal Costs

Breakfast	\$1.00
Lunch	\$2.75
a la cart items	individually priced

Note: A la cart items are not included in complete meals.

### Free and Reduced Lunch

Free and Reduced applications must be submitted yearly and at any time throughout the year. **Students already receiving free and reduced lunch must reapply within the first 30 days of school to maintain free and reduce status.** Students who do not reapply or who are denied will be required to pay full cost of meals. For more information and access to the Free and Reduced Lunch application and account information, visit the following websites.

Free and Reduced Application	<a href="http://www.lunchapplication.com">www.lunchapplication.com</a>
Manage Student Account	<a href="http://www.k12paymentcenter.com">www.k12paymentcenter.com</a>
Questions about Free and Reduced Application	<a href="mailto:FreeandReducedInfo@gcsnc.com">FreeandReducedInfo@gcsnc.com</a>

### Breakfast and Lunch

Each student has a personal account into which funds may be deposited in advance.

Students are allowed to enter the cafeteria for breakfast at 8:15 a.m. The serving line will close once the bell rings for students to report to first period. Students are not permitted to purchase carryout items for breakfast after this time. Administration will make accommodations for students when there are late buses.

Students are to remain in the new cafeteria, plaza, or front lawn (as permitted) during lunch time. Throwing any objects, including food, at any time while on campus can result in disciplinary action. Each student is responsible for depositing his/her trash in the proper receptacles and ensuring that spills of food or beverage are cleaned before leaving the cafeteria. Students eating outside are also responsible for depositing his/her trash in the proper receptacles keeping the campus clean.

Students are not allowed in any buildings without a hall pass, the parking lot or any other restricted areas of campus during lunch.

**Note:** Food deliveries to students are not allowed.

## School Bus Information

School bus transportation is provided to students who meet the criteria as stipulated in Public School Laws of North Carolina, Department of Public Instruction Administrative Code, and the Guilford County Schools Board of Education Policy. School bus stop placements are governed by safety considerations. Drivers are not permitted to make special stops or take different routes requested by bus riders or parents.

### **Afterschool/Late Bus**

Students staying after school for extra academic help have access to late buses. In order to ride the routes, students must get a bus pass from the supervising faculty member. **No student should stay after school unless they have permission from a faculty member to remain for a supervised activity.**

## Driver's Education

### **Driver's Eligibility Certificate**

North Carolina has legislation reflecting a statewide effort to motivate and encourage students to complete their high school education. The law requires the revocation of the student's driving permit or license if the student does not maintain adequate academic progress or drops out of school. Adequate academic progress is defined as passing five (5) subjects under a traditional schedule (6 or 7 period day) or 3 out of 4 classes as in a block schedule school. The law became effective August 1, 1998. First and second semester grades are used.

North Carolina legislation requires a student to present a school-issued Driving Eligibility Certificate, which is good for 30 days to the Department of Motor Vehicles to obtain a permit or license. In order to obtain the Driver's Eligibility Certificate students must pick up the form from the office. This form should be returned to the office with a parent signature, a certified copy of the student's birth certificate, and a Driver's Education Completion Certificate.

Students who do not meet the academic progress requirements will be reported to the Department of Motor Vehicles and their permit or license will be revoked.

### **A certificate of non-compliance will be issued when a 15-17 year old student has:**

- 1) Dropped out of school without graduating and remained out of school for ten (10) consecutive days;
- 2) More than ten (10) consecutive days of unexcused school absences in any semester or combination of two quarters;
- 3) Been suspended from school for:
  - a) Threatening, striking or causing bodily harm to a teacher or other school personnel.
  - b) Possession or sale of drugs or alcohol on school property.
  - c) Possession or use of a weapon on school property (weapon shall not include any part of an archeological or cultural exhibit brought to school in connection with a school project).
- 4) Not passed at least five (5) courses each semester.

There is a provision to request a review of the student's situation based on hardship considerations. For more information, please contact the Counseling Center at Grimsley at 336-370-8184.

Driver's Education is taught by the North Carolina Driving School who uses Grimsley High School facilities. To sign up for classes log on to [www.northcarolinadrivingschool.com](http://www.northcarolinadrivingschool.com). Please call the North Carolina Driving School at 1-800-375-6550 to sign up for a course, ask questions, or express concerns.

### **Emergency Information**

In the event of a school-wide emergency, parents will be notified and kept informed by Connect-Ed calls. Please do not call the school, the administrative offices, the media, or your student's cell phones. It is vital that all phone lines stay open for communicating with emergency personnel and the Guilford County Schools offices.

### **Natural Disasters (such as Hurricanes, Tornadoes, & Civil Defense Emergencies)**

Guilford County Schools cooperates with the Civil Preparedness Agency authorities in carrying out plans for the protection of citizenry. This school is equipped with a civil defense monitor through which the school may be alerted in times of disaster/emergencies and is given directions for the safety of all concerned. Parents are advised in such times to stay tuned to emergency radio broadcasts. The school has a plan for use within our buildings.

### **Inclement Weather**

The decision to close or delay school due to inclement weather will be announced to the media, posted on the GCS web page ([www.gcsnc.com](http://www.gcsnc.com)), and on "The School Zone," the school system's cable-access television (Channel 2) no later than 5:30 a.m. If inclement weather occurs after the school day has begun, the district informs the school and public as quickly as possible.

All school activities are cancelled when schools are closed due to inclement weather. This applies to all school activities including athletic events, practices, rehearsals, performances, etc.

### **Closing or Early Dismissal**

Emergency closings or early dismissals are determined by the Superintendent. Information is immediately relayed to the public through connect-ed messages and the Department of Public Information. Please check the Guilford County Schools website, [www.gcsnc.com](http://www.gcsnc.com), Channel 2, or other local TV stations for more information.

### **Accidents, Injuries, and Sickness**

In case of serious illness or accident, parents will be contacted.

## **Fire Drills**

Fire safety regulations must be strictly enforced in the public schools. School officials are required to conduct fire drills at least once a month during the school year. Students are required to follow procedures when short intermittent blasts of the bell are sounded to signal the fire drill:

- Move quickly from the building to the area designated by the teacher.
- Move quietly in an orderly manner.
- Maintain a distance of 500 ft. from the building.
- Do not take books or stop to close windows.

## **Lockers**

Every student at Grimsley is provided access to a locker. Lockers will be assigned through fourth period teachers. Students are expected to use their assigned locker and are not to share with students who are not assigned to that locker. Two students may be assigned to a locker.

Students who forget their combination should ask their fourth period teacher for the combination. Any student enrolling after the first ten (10) days of school should see Mrs. Hansen for a locker assignment. Students may opt out of a locker assignment.

## **Messages**

Messages **cannot** be delivered to students during the school day. Appointments or other activities should be coordinated with parents and students before or after the school day.

## **School Visitors and Classroom Visitations**

All visitors must check in at the Main Office. Appointments with teachers must be made in advance. Classroom visitations are welcomed and in order to support the integrity of instructional environment, parents must provide 24-hour notice to the classroom teacher and administration. A visitor's badge must be worn while on campus and during the visitation.

Due to limited seating and student safety, students are not allowed to have visitors in the cafeteria or designated outdoor eating areas during lunches. Family members who wish to eat lunch with their student should notify the main office in advance so arrangements can be made to secure a table in our Counseling Center.

## **Deliveries**

Deliveries cause disruptions and can be safety issues. Food, flowers, balloons deliveries or gifts are not permitted at school.

### **Textbook Fees**

Students are required to return all textbooks at the end of each year. All fees and fines must be paid before final transcripts or records are sent. Fee can be paid through online payments (see link on p. 20). Seniors must satisfy all dues before graduation regalia can be picked up. Any student with an outstanding fee balance will not be allowed to participate in graduation ceremonies until fees are satisfied.

### **Online Payments**

Cafeteria meals, textbooks, athletic season passes, field trips, and yearbooks can now be paid online using the K12 Payment Center. A small convenience fee will be assessed. Please use the following link for more information.

[http://www.gcsnc.com/pages/gcsnc/Parents\\_Students/Online\\_Payment/Pay\\_Online\\_for\\_School\\_Meals\\_\\_A](http://www.gcsnc.com/pages/gcsnc/Parents_Students/Online_Payment/Pay_Online_for_School_Meals__A).

### **Returned Check Policy**

Returned checks are subject to electronic recovery for the face value and state allowed fee. Grimsley has the right, directly or by agent, to resubmit your check electronically and/or deposit a paper draft to withdraw the state allowed fee, without your signature, for each returned check as permitted by law. If you have any questions concerning this policy, call 1-877-891-5422. Your payment by check constitutes acceptance of these items.

### **Notice of Non-Discrimination**

The Guilford County Schools system does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, marital status, sex or handicap in its programs or activities. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the Non-Discrimination Policy:

Guilford County Schools  
Dr. Shirley Morrison  
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Greensboro, NC 27401  
(336) 370-8100

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