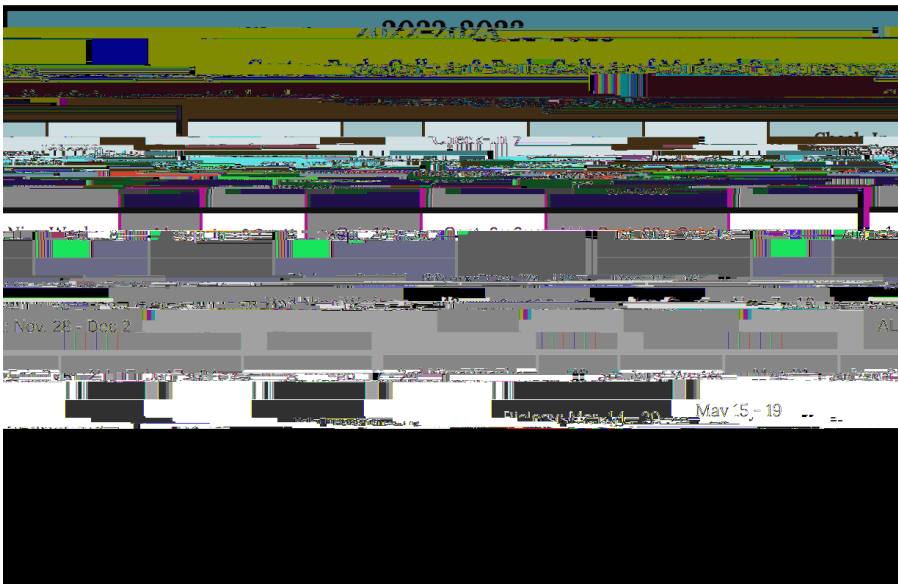


8:15-8:55	Arrival (Breakfast)	1st Lunch: 11:00 - 11:30 2nd Lunch 11:40 - 12:10 3rd Lunch 12:20 - 12:50
9:00-10:15	1st Period	
10:20-11:00	Advisory	
11:05-12:55	2nd Period (Lunch)	
1:00-2:15	3rd Period	
2:20-3:40	4th Period	



Purpose– Encourage excellent attendance/academic performance

Qualifications:

"A" Average end of the semester & 4 or fewer absences (Excused or Unexcused)

OR

"B" Average & 3 or fewer absences (Excused or Unexcused)

Note: Assigned days in OSS (out-of-school suspension) are considered absences under board policy. If a student misses more than 15 minutes of a class period, they are coded as absent for that period. School-related activities are not considered absences. If the student meets the above qualifications and desires to take the teacher-made exam, the exam may improve but not diminish the student's final grade. Tests required by the state, including End of Course (EOC) tests may not be exempted. Students that meet the above criteria to be exempt from a teacher-made exam, will



POSTERS/BANNERS

No posters or decorations will be displayed on the walls or in the windows of the hallways without prior permission from an administrator.

TOBACCO PRODUCTS / POSSESSION

GCS Policy states that students shall not possess or use tobacco products.

ATTENDANCE

Class attendance is an essential part of academic achievement and the learning process. With this in mind, students are expected to be in attendance each school day. In the event an absence occurs, students are required to present written documentation from a parent or guardian stating the reason for the absence. Absence notes must be presented within three (3) school days after you return to school and be turned into the front office.

LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

If a student must leave school early, he/she must bring a written note from a parent/guardian to the main office upon arrival at school. The note should state why he/she needs to leave early, give the approx. time he/she will be leaving, and have a telephone number to call for verification. Upon parent/guardian arrival, he/she must sign the student out in the front office. If a student drives to school, he/she signs out in the front office after the office has validated the notice with a family member. In an effort to not interrupt a class session, please make every attempt to schedule early dismissals at the end of the class period. When your parent or guardian arrives, have him/her sign you out at the front desk. The parent or guardian must present a government ID. Only parents, guardians, or individuals on the emergency contact form may sign out a student. *Once a student leaves campus, he/she may only return with a doctor's note or court note.

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CLASS ATTENDANCE AND TARDIES

In order to maximize learning, you need to attend all your classes. Get in the habit of arriving to each class on time and remaining in class for the entire class period. In the event a student is late to class without prior approval, the student will be subject to consequences ranging from verbal warnings to out of school suspension. The more tardies you accumulate, the more severe the consequence. If you miss more than 15 minutes of instruction per class, the result is an absence for that class.

VISITORS AND METAL DETECTION

All visitors must sign in and out of the school office to acquire a visitor's identification badge.

BRINGING VALUABLES TO SCHOOL

Students are asked to bring only necessary money and valuables to school. The school is not responsible for students' personal items.

PUBLIC DISPLAY OF AFFECTION

Public displays of affection are not appropriate in a school setting. GECMS has a no-touch policy; therefore, students are prohibited from displaying PDA on campus. Continued violation of this policy will result in school discipline.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Gaston County Schools students are not required to bring any supplies with them to school in order to access our educational programs. If you would like to purchase personal supplies for your child, this list may act as an optional guide. While the following items are not requirements, donations by parents, businesses, civic organizations, or faith-based organizations are always greatly appreciated.

CHROMEBOOKS

Students will be issued a chromebook in a carrying case to continue their educational growth through a blended learning environment. All chromebooks need to be fully charged each day and kept in the case. Please be advised that students are NOT permitted to put any stickers or foreign objects onto the device without permission from the administration. If it is found that a student does not comply with the above statement, he/she will be fined accordingly.

Please refer to the links provided below to understand the requirements for all technology devices. [GCS Technology Responsible Use Policy](#) [GCS Internet Safety Policy](#)

It is the responsibility of every student, staff member, and teacher at GECMS to maintain the highest standards of academic integrity.

Violations of GECMS's Academic Integrity Policy include, but are not limited to:

Cheating includes taking, possessing, or using any academic material (test information, research papers, notes, etc.) without permission; receiving or giving help during tests; copying or attempting to copy another person's paper, exam, assignments, or similar materials, or other graded work; or allowing another to copy such paper, exam or graded work. In addition, use of any unauthorized electronic devices during a testing situation may be in violation of the policy as well.

Plagiarism is defined as representing one's own another's work or ideas, or any part thereof, published or unpublished. It includes copying a phrase, sentence, or passage from another's work and not identifying or citing that source; failing to cite a source fully, inadequate paraphrasing

