



**WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL
GOVERNOR'S HEALTH SCIENCES ACADEMY**

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GOVERNOR'S HEALTH SCIENCES ACADEMY PROGRAM

All students must successfully complete all four years of GHSA coursework, assessments, and certifications—while maintaining a minimum 2.7 GPA—in order to earn a graduation stole. In addition, GHSA Honor cords will be awarded to students who achieve all of the requirements and maintain a 3.5 GPA.

| Pathway | 9th | 10th | 11th | 12th | Assessments & Certifications |
|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Therapeutic Services | Intro to Health Sciences | Medical Terminology | Health Assisting Careers | H Nurse Aide I | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPR Certification (9th) • Workplace Readiness (10th grade) • NOCTI Health Assisting Exam (11th grade) • NNAAP VA Board of Nursing (12th) • Capstone Project (12th) • 200 Volunteer Hours by 12th |
| | H Biology | H Chemistry | H Bio II (Anatomy & Physiology) | Physics or Earth Science | |
| Diagnostic Services | Intro to Health Sciences | Medical Terminology | Medical Laboratory Tech I | H Medical Lab Tech II | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPR Certification (9th) • Workplace Readiness (10th grade) • NRC Phlebotomy Technician Exam (12th) • Capstone Project (12th) • 200 Volunteer Hours by 12th |
| | H Biology | H Chemistry | H Bio II (Anatomy & Physiology) | Physics or Earth Science | |
| Biotechnology Research & Development | Intro to Health Sciences | Principles of Biomedical Sciences | Human Body Systems | Medical Intervention | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPR Certification (9th) • Workplace Readiness (10th grade) • PLTW End-of-Course Tests (each year) Human Body (11th), Medical Intervention (12th) • Capstone Project (12th) • 200 Volunteer Hours by 12th |
| | H Biology | H Chemistry | H Bio II (Anatomy & Physiology) | Physics or Earth Science | |



GHSA Program Continuation Policy

Continued enrollment in the GHSA program is based on academic performance, attendance, and behavior.

Academic Performance:

Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.7 each quarter. If a student’s GPA falls below this threshold, the student should adjust study habits to show improvement in the next quarter. If the GPA remains below 2.7 in the following quarter, the Program Administrator will review the student’s status. This may result in the student being withdrawn from the GHSA program and reassigned to their zoned school.

Attendance:

Chronic absenteeism/tardiness—defined as 9 or more absences/tardiness in a quarter—can negatively impact academic progress, eligibility for industry certifications, and status in the Magnet Program. Many certification courses have strict seat-time requirements that may exceed Newport News Public Schools (NNPS) policies. These must be met to successfully complete the course and sit for certification exams.

Behavior Expectations:

GHSA students are expected to follow the NNPS Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. Repeated misconduct, including Level 3, Level 4 and Level 5 violations (for example: fighting, vaping, or ongoing non-compliance with the personal electronic policy), will result in removal from the program and reassignment to the student’s zoned school.

I have read and understand the requirements of the Governor’s Health Sciences Academy Program and the consequences of failing to continue to meet the minimum grade point average, attendance, and the behavior expectations once admitted to the GHSA Program at Warwick High School.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

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