GCJHS FAQs

☐ What are the hours of school?

The student day is 8:35 a.m.- 3:25 p.m. Students can enter the building at 8:20 a.m. Students may also attend FOCUS study tables, beginning at 8:00 a.m. When the temperatures drop below freezing, the doors will open at 8:00 a.m.

□ When does school start?

We start on Monday, August 2, 2017.

What types of advanced courses are offered?

GCJHS offers Honors and Quest (High Ability) English, advanced math including Algebra and Geometry for high school credit, advanced science including Biology 1 for high school credit, and Spanish 1 for high school credit. There is also a Violin class.

☐ What are the related arts classes?

7th Grade students will have:

- Music in Education (MIE)
- Art
- Wellness
- Computers
- Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS)

8th Grade students will have:

- Wellness
- Technology
- World Languages

**Both grade levels can also choose Band and/or Choir and/or Strings

We don't live in the Greenfield-Central district, can my student still attend Greenfield schools?

Yes! Please follow this link or go to our Corporation homepage under "parents" to find the Out of District Transfer form: http://www.gcsc.k12.in.us/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Out-of-District-application-policy.

pdf_ Then, call to make an appointment, or email djack@gcsc.k12.in.us

□ When do sports try-outs begin?

There are some summer opportunities for fall sports workouts. Please refer to the GCJHS Athletics page for up to date information.

Does the school provide information via email?

Yes, you can sign up for the school's e-mail blast which contains updates for you and your student about upcoming programs, events, and other important academic and extracurricular information. You can sign up on the homepage for the Principal's Updates <u>here</u> or you can read the <u>Principal's Updates</u> on the school website.

What is the best way to contact my child's teacher?

The best way to reach most teachers during the day is by email. You can also call the teacher's phone extension. All contact information can be found on the directory page on the school website or by clicking <u>here</u>.

□ How much is textbook rental?

7th grade = \$150.62* 8th grade = \$149.05* *If your student qualifies for assistance, you pay consumables fee of \$33.00

Does GCJHS offer MacBook insurance?

Yes, you can purchase insurance through the school. The initial cost is \$50 and the deductible is \$40 per incident. For more specifics, please contact the office.

U What forms of payment can I use to pay textbook rental and other school fees?

If paying at the school, check made out to GCJHS, cash or money order. Payments can also be made online using <u>www.ezschoolpay.com</u> or by clicking <u>here.</u>

U Where do I find information about athletics at Greenfield-Central?

The district maintains a site specifically for all athletic events. Click <u>here</u> to go to <u>www.gchscougars.com</u>. You can also follow <u>@GCCougars</u> on Twitter or like us on Facebook at <u>Greenfield-Central Cougars</u> #GCCougars.

How much are athletic fees?

Each athlete is required to pay a one-time transportation fee of \$50 per school year. Additionally, a participation fee of \$50 is charged <u>per sport</u>.

□ How do I check my child's grades?

<u>PowerSchool</u> is where all student grades, schedules, and attendance are maintained. You can sign up for a PowerSchool account by clicking the link above. The Greenfield-Central district code is JJRP.

Students automatically have a PowerSchool account once they are enrolled in the school system. They simply need to login with their school ID and password.

For more information on PowerSchool, click <u>here.</u> The link will take you to a YouTube tutorial.

□ How do I update my child's contact information?

This is also done through <u>PowerSchool</u>. Address, email, and phone numbers should all be kept up to date through this website for contact in an emergency situation.

U Where do I add money to my child's lunch account or find the balance?

You can find add money to your child's lunch account by sending cash or check with your child to school. Money will be added to the account by the cafeteria. Or, you can create an account on <u>www.ezschoolpay.com</u> or click <u>here</u>. Simply register your child's account with their school student ID and click "Make a Payment."

For help with <u>EZSchoolPay</u> click the link for a YouTube tutorial.

□ How do I access my child's ISTEP+ scores?

Click <u>here</u> for instructions on accessing your students ISTEP+ scores through the Parent Portal.

□ My child needs extra support for a particular subject. Where can I find help?

We are here to help. Have your student ask their teachers for tips, tricks, or websites to use for the skill they may be struggling with. You can also find links to helpful homework websites <u>here</u>.

□ Where can I find more information about the school's policies and procedures regarding attendance, discipline, dress code, etc.?

Information about the school's policies and procedures can be found in the school handbook. The handbook can be accessed through the school website or by clicking <u>here.</u>