



## GROSSMONT MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

on the campus of Grossmont College  
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### Frequently Asked Questions

Grossmont Middle College High School, a WASC-accredited high school, is a partnership between the Grossmont Union High School District and Grossmont College. Students have the opportunity through this unique alternative school to explore and be challenged by new options in the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. With enrollment in college classes, students are able to complete requirements for high school graduation while earning college credits.

#### **Where do I attend classes?**

All classes, for high school and college credit, are held on the Grossmont College campus.



#### **How many classes do I attend each day?**

Students in middle college attend daily classes taught by the middle college instructors: honors level English 5/6, U.S. History, and College Readiness/Critical Thinking in 11<sup>th</sup> grade; and honors level English 7/8, American Government/Economics, and College Readiness/Critical Thinking in 12<sup>th</sup> grade. In addition, students complete 60 hours of a career-related internship. Typically, students take two to three college courses, equaling at least six units each semester.

#### **How much homework will I have?**

Middle college students commit to a minimum of two hours of homework and study per day. The typical formula for college preparation is two hours of study per each hour of instruction.

#### **What about transportation?**

Students are responsible for their own transportation. They must have reliable transportation so that they are able to get to classes and their internship on time each day.

#### **Are there limits to the programs and services that I can use at Grossmont College?**

#### **Will I be able to participate in drama, choir, sports, or other activities?**

Middle College students have the same privileges and opportunities as other Grossmont College students with the exception of intercollegiate athletics. Many of our students are very involved in college activities such as student government and music and drama. Middle college students are able to participate in athletic programs at their former high schools with the permission of the high school principal and coach.

#### **Will I graduate with my class?**

Middle College students graduate with their Middle College class on the Grossmont College campus and participate in other Middle College senior activities such as Prom and Senior Brunch.





### **Will I be able to attend the Prom or participate in graduation at my home campus?**

GMCHS students graduate with their Middle College senior class, but they may certainly attend an activity such as the Prom with the approval of administrators at their home school.

### **How long have middle colleges been around?**

LaGuardia Community College of CUNY opened its doors to middle college students more than 30 years ago. Since then, community colleges across the nation have developed middle college programs. In California, such schools as DeAnza Middle College, in the San Jose area, which was established in 1989, have served as models for similar programs on the West Coast. Grossmont Middle College enrolled its first students in the fall of 2001.

### **Will I be able to work part-time?**

Success in school comes first for middle college students, but for those who can manage, the flexible schedule allows for time to work. In addition, students may develop work-related skills and experiences through their internship experiences.

### **Will I have to pay for college classes?**

Grossmont College tuition fees are waived. Books for the required high school courses are provided by the high school district. Books for Grossmont College courses are the responsibility of Middle College students and their parents. Students are assessed fees for parking, the health center, and certain activities including some lab and art classes, also.

### **If I don't like GMCHS, can I go back to my former high school?**

Your commitment to GMCHS is for the full two years. Please be aware that it may not be possible to complete classes required for graduation should you drop or be dropped from the program. You must follow the rules of Grossmont Middle College High School and Grossmont College and maintain satisfactory grades (no "D" or "F" grade) in *any* high school or college class in addition to completing at least 6 college units of coursework, and fulfilling your Career Pathways responsibilities including your internship to remain in good standing at GMCHS.

### **Will I take SAT, SAT Subject, ACT and AP tests?**

That is entirely up to you, depending upon your educational goals. Your Middle College counselor will be able to assist you with educational and career goals. Middle college students take all required state and district tests including Program Assessments, California Standards (STAR) tests, and the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). We are proud to note that the API for GMCHS is among the highest in the district. In addition, all juniors are expected to take the PSAT in October of their junior year.



### **What internship and work opportunities are available?**

Part of the student's experience in career pathways is finding an appropriate career-related internship placement. The importance of locating a placement early in the semester cannot be overemphasized. Students are required to complete a minimum of 60 hours per semester which averages approximately 4 hours per week if begun early in the semester.

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