

# Character Counts Pillar of the Month

## RESPONSIBILITY

Do what you are supposed to do; Plan Ahead; Be Diligent; Persevere; Set a good example for others; Do your best; Use self control; Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes; Be self-disciplined; Think before you act

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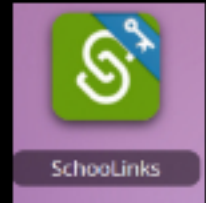


# Counselor Chronicles



November 2020

## SchoolLinks



7th and 8th Grade students will be using SchoolLinks, an online platform for college, career and military readiness. Students are able to access their SchoolLinks account via Classlink. Students are able to research and explore various careers and colleges. This website will be helpful in planning for high school endorsements and programs of study. GJH students are expected to complete the Onboarding and Find Your Path activities by November 18, 2020. Please visit the counselor canvas page for more information regarding SchoolLinks. Information will be located under College and Career Initiative.

## High School Endorsements

Eighth grade students will be preparing for 9th grade the week of December 7th by selecting a high school endorsement. An endorsement is an area of personal interest and the major you plan to study in college. The areas of specialized study include: Arts and Humanities; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); Public Service; Business and Industry; Multidisciplinary studies. Please see the attached Endorsement Choices and visit the counselor canvas page to view the programs of study.

Do What You  
Say You'll Do.

Responsibility

## Endorsements – *Choices*

### Endorsements

For the first time, students will be able to earn one or more endorsements as part of their graduation requirements. Endorsements consist of a related series of courses that are grouped together by interest or skill set. They provide students with in-depth knowledge of a subject area.

Students must select an endorsement\* in the ninth grade. Districts and charters are not required to offer all endorsements. If only one endorsement is offered, it must be multi-disciplinary studies.

Students earn an endorsement by completing the curriculum requirements for the endorsement, including 4th credit of math and science and 2 additional elective credits.

### Students can choose from 5 endorsement areas

#### Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

- Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses related to STEM
- Mathematics
- Science
- Computer Science
- Combination of no more than two of the categories listed above

#### Business and Industry (one of the following or a combination of areas)

- Agriculture
- Arts
- Audio/Video
- Finance
- Marketing
- Food and Natural Resources
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Information Technology
- Manufacturing
- Technology Applications
- Architecture and Construction
- Technology and Communications
- Business Management and Administration
- Transportation or Distribution and Logistics
- English electives in public speaking, debate, advanced broadcast journalism, advanced journalism including newspaper and yearbook

#### Public Service (one of the following)

- Human Services
- Law
- Corrections and Security
- Health Science
- Public Safety
- Education and Training
- Government and Public Administration
- Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC)

#### Arts and Humanities (one of the following)

- 2 levels each in two languages other than English (LOTE)
- 4 levels in the same LOTE
- Courses from one or two areas (music, theater, art, dance) in fine arts
- English electives not included in Business and Industry
- Social Studies
- American Sign Language (ASL)

#### Multi-Disciplinary Studies (one of the following)

- 4 advanced courses from other endorsement areas
- 4 credits in each foundation subject area, including English IV and chemistry and/or physics
- 4 credits in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or dual credit selected from English, mathematics, science, social studies, economics, LOTE or fine arts

\*Visit your school counselor to learn more about your options.  
Students may earn more than one endorsement.

ENDORSEMENTS