



# Griffin High School

## Parent Involvement Corner

### Did you know:

Students whose parents are more involved with their schooling tend to complete higher levels of education and are more likely to graduate from high school than peers whose parents are not so involved. Students whose teachers reported higher levels of parental involvement were more likely to graduate high school than peers whose parents were not so involved, and those who did not graduate were more likely to have completed a higher grade in high school. The more years a parent was involved, the greater was this association with educational attainment.

Take the time to visit your child's school. Get involved. You can make a difference. For more information about getting involved in your child's school go to: <http://www.griffinhighschool.org/volunteering/> and sign up to volunteer.

## HOME WORK HELP

Pre-teens and teens often insist they have no homework even when they do, or tell parents that they've completed their assignments at school when they haven't. If your child's grades are acceptable and you receive positive reports from their teachers, congratulations - your child is doing just fine. But if their grades reflect missing assignments, or your child's teachers tell you that they're falling behind, you need to institute some new homework practices in your household.

### Here are 3 tips to help get your teen over the homework hump:

**Expressing Ideas in Writing-** Strong writing skills are key to your child's success in school.

**Getting Started-** As the saying goes "The longest journey begins with but a single step. Encourage your child to start on homework as soon as they get home.

**Don't Ignore Problems-** If your child is having a difficult time with homework take that opportunity to reach out to your child's teacher and jump on the problems earlier to avoid a downward grade decrease effect.

<http://www.empoweringparents.com/End-the-Nightly-Struggle-over-Homework-Now.php#ixzz3BhojmRw8>

## September 2014

Mr. Keith Simmons, Principal/STEM  
Mr. Chris Lokey, Asst. Principal/Fine Arts  
Mrs. Pamela Davis, Asst. Principal/Freshman  
Mr. Joshua Pittman, Asst. Principal

### Important Dates

Labor Day School Closed	Sept 1
Curriculum Night 6:00—8:00 p.m.	Sept 3
Midterm Reports	Sept 8
Parent Workshop (Enhancing Parental Involvement) 5:30 p.m.	Sept 23
District Parent University: Math Standards & How You Can Help Your Student	Sept 22

**Theresa Tolbert**  
Parent Liaison  
770-229-3752 ext 121

*Please take the time to complete the fall parent survey found on the Griffin High website: [www.griffinhighschool.com](http://www.griffinhighschool.com).*

# GHS Beliefs and Goals 2014-2015

## We believe:

- Every student deserves a high-quality education.
- Differentiated instruction supports the success of all students.
- Diversity is a valued strength.
- Parental and community involvement supports the learning process.
- Curricula and learning practices are most effective when driven by effective research and supportive data.
- A qualified staff with appropriate skills is essential to student success.
- Our actions must support and reflect the stakeholders' commitment to life long learning.
- Stakeholders must actively seek to identify and remove barriers to learning through a cooperative problem solving process.
- Griffin High School should be a safe and responsive learning environment for students, staff, and stakeholders.

The mission of **Griffin High School** is to provide an environment where all students experience success through participation in small learning communities provided by a competent and caring staff and enhanced by community involvement.

## GHS School Improvement Goals 2014 -2015

Griffin High School will provide a safe and nurturing learning environment.

Griffin High School will increase parental and community involvement.

Griffin High School will provide professional learning opportunities that promote consistent educational practices and effective communities of practice.

## Parent Resource Centers

Find activities, books and brochures for your student in our School and District Parent Resource Centers. The centers are designed to provide educational resources for parents to help their students succeed academically.

District Parent Resource Center

Parent Services Center

Room B112

234 E. Taylor Street

Griffin, GA 30224

To make an appointment, please contact Jessica Layfield at (770) 229-3710 ext. 363 or [jessica.layfield@gscs.org](mailto:jessica.layfield@gscs.org).

School Parent Resource Center

Griffin High School

Counseling Office Room 1016

1617 West Poplar Street

Griffin, GA 30224

To make an appointment, please contact Theresa Tolbert at (770) 229-3752 ext. 121

## Title I Information

Have you seen a copy of the Title I Information Sheet? This document contains important information about Title I schools including information about Title I, ESEA and the Parent Involvement Program.

This informational sheet can be found in your student's agenda or on the GSCS district webpage:

[http://www.spalding.k12.ga.us/pages/GSCS\\_District-Central/Departments/Federal\\_Programs/Title\\_I\\_Main\\_Page/Parent\\_Involvement/Ways\\_to\\_Get\\_Involved\\_in\\_Your\\_C](http://www.spalding.k12.ga.us/pages/GSCS_District-Central/Departments/Federal_Programs/Title_I_Main_Page/Parent_Involvement/Ways_to_Get_Involved_in_Your_C)



**Have you taken the 2014 Fall Parent Survey?**

**Take it here!**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NBRV3N>

