

5 Essentials Survey -Feedback

Parents, we need your help! Please take a few minutes to complete the confidential **5 Essentials Survey** by clicking this link <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/>.

Your feedback is incredibly valuable in helping us celebrate what makes our school great while also identifying ways we can continue to grow.

Too often, when things are going well, people assume their input isn't needed - but we truly want to hear the positives! Your feedback helps us recognize the hard work of our students, teachers, and staff, and it reinforces the things we're doing right.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts - we appreciate and value your input! Thank you for being a part of our school community.

Academic Scholar Night

This past week we held our Academic Scholar Night where we honored 129 students who were inducted or already part of National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, and AP Scholars! It was a wonderful evening of student recognition and we appreciate the support you give your children.



Dance Marathon!

Geneseo High School students raised over 20k for Dance Marathon! Monies will go to the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital! Great job students and staff!



Spring Testing Season -PreACT and ACT

Once April hits we will be giving the PreACT to Freshman and Sophomores and the ACT to Juniors. Please take note of the following for attendance days.

April 8th - PreACT for 9th and 10th graders. (No attendance for Juniors and Seniors)

April 9th - ACT for 11th graders. (No attendance for Freshman, Sophomores, and Seniors)

2026 SPRING TESTING DATES

GENESEO HIGH SCHOOL

APRIL 8TH, 2026

- ✓ Pre ACT 9 & 10- Freshman & Sophomores
(No attendance for Juniors & Seniors)

APRIL 9TH, 2026

- ✓ ACT- Juniors
(No attendance for Freshman, Sophomores & Seniors)



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Graduation 2026 - Sunday, May 24 at 3:00 p.m.

Graduation will be held on Sunday, May 24 at 3:00 p.m. at the GHS Stadium. We will provide additional information to students and families as we get closer to the date!

Seniors -Herff Jones Cap/Gown/Tassel Order

This is a reminder that cap, gown, and tassel orders were due to Herff Jones by **January 8, 2026**. If you have not ordered yet, please do so immediately so items arrive before graduation. A link to order is listed below.

<https://highschool.herffjones.com/secom/school/IL/Geneseo%20High%20School/12001005000/5009/buildpackage/1>

Online Absences

This is a reminder that parent/guardians can enter absences online through Skyward Family Access ahead of time. Directions are attached. **Online absences can only be entered for full day**

absences or if a student is arriving late due to an illness or appointment. Online absences cannot be entered for a student leaving during the school day. A note given to the Front Office in the morning is still the preferred way for a student that is leaving during the school day for an appointment, out of town, etc.



Online Absence Tutorial.pdf

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1.4 MB

Student Attendance

Attendance Reminders

Leaving School During the Day

1. In the case of illness:

If a student is not feeling well, they need to go see the school nurse. The school nurse will contact a parent/guardian and will get approval from the parent/guardian before the student leaves school. Failure to check out with the school nurse could result in disciplinary action.

2. In the case of professional appointments:

Students having a medical/dental or other professional appointment must present a signed note from a parent/guardian to the GHS Front Office before school on the day of the appointment. The note needs to state the date, reason for leaving, and the time they need to be dismissed from class. When the note is given to the GHS Front Office, the student will receive a permit to show their teacher so they can be excused from class at the stated time.

In the case of last-minute appointments, the parent may notify the school by phone about the appointment. The student then must pick up a permit from the GHS Front Office to be excused from class.

Appointment Confirmation Slips

When a student receives their permit to leave for an appointment they will also be given a blue appointment confirmation slip that needs to be signed by the doctor, dentist, or professional involved. The signed blue confirmation slip must be given to the GHS Front Office when the student returns from the appointment in order for the absence to be recorded as excused.

When a student has a medical appointment before school starts for the day, a confirmation slip from the professional office must be presented to the GHS Front Office upon check-in for the absence to be recorded as excused.

If a signed confirmation slip is not returned the absence will be recorded as unexcused.

A confirmation slip is needed if a student has an extra-curricular activity, practice, game, etc. in order for the student to participate.

Attendance and Extra-Curricular Participation

On days when school is in session, students involved in extra-curricular activities must be checked in at the Front Office by 10:30 a.m. (with Early Bird - Period 6 schedule) and 11:30 a.m. (with a Period 1-7 schedule), unless prior arrangements have been made for medical appointments, funerals, etc.

Important Upcoming Dates

Friday, March 6

Teacher Institute - No Student Attendance

Sunday, March 8

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Friday, March 13

Senior Open Campus Lunch (for those students that qualify)
Progress Period 2

March 16-20

No School - Spring Break



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