

# Instructions for Preparing for Careers

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Qualifying high school seniors have a chance to get a leg up on college, thanks to a new partnership between GHS and Holmes Community College.

Seniors with at least 20 credits, an overall GPA of 85 or higher, and who earned at least five credits the previous year with no disciplinary actions, may take advantage of the program.

English Composition I and II as well as College Algebra are on the syllabus. The classes are taught by Charger staff within the friendly confines of the GHS campus during regular class hours.

Thirty-two students are earning credit this semester for College Algebra along with half a credit for high school Advanced Algebra.

GHS Math Teacher Julie Riales is mentoring a group of 32 students, all of whom met the requirement of scoring at least 20 on the math section of the ACT.

"The availability of dual credit courses offers students an opportunity to experience college coursework and expectations within a familiar environment," said Riales.

Twenty-two GHS students completed College Algebra when it was first offered last spring.

An English sub-score of at least 18 is required for those who want to get a leg up on college English. Taking Comp I first semester then Comp II second semester also counts for a credit in high school English IV.

Holmes President Dr. Jim Haffey said that the collaboration between the Grenada School District and Holmes is an expression of the two schools' relationship as partners in education.

"The classes provide a nice segue from high school to the college experience," said Haffey. "Both of our schools receive numerous benefits from the arrangement, such as making transitions a bit easier, as well as helping to ensure that students are as well prepared academically as they can be when they arrive at Holmes."

The sign-up fee for each class next semester is \$100. The fee may be paid at Holmes Community College. For more information contact the Grenada School District Central Office.

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