

We know that our incoming 9th Grade Students have many questions about starting school at GLTS, especially because we have not had our traditional placement testing and are still working out the details of our Freshman Orientation. We will try to answer some frequently asked questions on this page.

1. How will I know what classes I will be taking when school starts?

Student schedules will be available in X2 prior to school starting. Most students take English 9, Integrated Math I, Biology, U.S. History, shop exploratory and Wellness. More information about specific course levels and placement will be provided at a later date.

2. Will we be having a Freshman Orientation Day before school starts?

We know how important it is to help all students transition to GLTS and we are working to create a Freshmen Orientation at this time. We are still working out the details right now but we will send information to all incoming 9th Graders when it becomes available, as well as updating our Class of 2024 Welcome page. Be sure to check for updates frequently.

3. What is the required uniform and how can I get what I will need?

Every 9th grade student will be given 2 t-shirts, 1 sweatshirt and a pair of safety glasses.

4. Is there anything that I will need to buy on my own before school starts?

Yes, you should purchase a pair of leather upper work boots as this is required for some of the Shop Exploratory classes.

5. Will I need a School ID?

Yes, all students must have a School ID with their photo and we are working on a plan for taking student photos.

6. Will I have to buy a Chromebook or computer?

No, you do not have to buy a Chromebook as all GLTS students are given a Chromebook when they start school at no cost. However, students are required to purchase a one time Chromebook use fee at a cost of \$50. More information will be provided about this fee at a later date.

7. When will I find out about the Bus Schedule?

We will provide information about the Bus Schedule closer to the start of school. Right now we are still working on our school reopening plan so we cannot provide details on this yet.

8. When does school start for 9th graders?

The official first day of school for the 2020-2021 school year is Tuesday, September 8th. However, we are working on our Return to School plan throughout the summer and will send you information specific to 9th graders as soon as we can. Due to the Coronavirus/COVID 19 we are following the guidelines set by the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and are working to create a plan that will address the unique needs of all students.

9. Am I required to do Summer Reading?

While Summer Reading is not required, we strongly encourage all students to read this summer. This year, participation in the program is optional and those who participate and complete the assignment will receive extra credit in English class and be eligible to win great prizes including gift cards and Reggie swag. Our 2020 Summer Reading information on how to access books and participate can be found on the [Library website](#).

10. What if I have questions and I cannot find the answer here on the website?

If you did not find the answer to your question(s) on our website and welcome page, you can submit a question to freshmenquestions@glts.net. Someone will try to respond to you as soon as they can. If you have a question specific to a certain department or topic, you can also check out our [Contact Information](#) here.