



# A FAMILY'S GUIDE TO STUDENT SUCCESS

Dear Families,

As we kick off another exciting school year, we want to make sure you have the info and tools to support your student's journey. Here are some tips and resources to help them succeed:

## REMINDERS

- **CHECK IN DAILY:**  
Contact your Coach/POD for attendance.
- **COMPLETE ALL WEEKLY ASSIGNMENTS:**  
Log in every day for each scheduled class.
- **SCHEDULE/COMPLETE STAR TESTING:**  
Occurs three times a year with your Coach/Pod or teacher.

## HELPFUL RESOURCES

- **HOMEWORK HELP:** Contact teacher to schedule a 1:1 session or attend teacher office hours as listed in Schoology class announcements.
- **NATIONAL CRISIS RESOURCES:**  
<https://goalac.org/goal-cares/>
- **MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT:** Contact your local counseling team for assistance.

## ONE TEAM ONE GOAL **100** PERCENT

Thanks for being such an important part of our school community. Together, we can help our students reach their full potential!

Warm regards,  
- GOAL High School

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## KEYS TO SUCCESS



### 1. ESTABLISH A ROUTINE

Consistency is key! Help your student create a daily schedule that includes homework, activities, and downtime. A regular routine can really help with focus and reduce stress.

### 2. CREATE A STUDY-FRIENDLY SPACE

Set up a quiet, well-lit area for studying that's free from distractions like TV and noise. A dedicated study space can boost concentration and productivity.

### 3. ENCOURAGE READING

Reading is super important for learning. Encourage your student to read daily—whether it's books, magazines, or online articles. Chatting about what they read can enhance comprehension and critical thinking skills.

### 4. STAY INVOLVED

Join in on parent-teacher conferences, school events, and keep in touch with teachers. Your involvement shows your student that you value their education and are there for them.

### 5. PROMOTE HEALTHY HABITS

Good nutrition, regular exercise, and enough sleep are essential for success. Encourage your student to eat well, stay active, and get plenty of rest.

### 6. FOSTER A GROWTH MINDSET

Teach your student that they can grow their intelligence and skills through hard work and perseverance. Celebrate their efforts and resilience, not just their achievements.

### 7. UTILIZE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Make the most of the resources at school, like after-hours support with teachers, counseling services, concurrent enrollment, and extracurricular activities. These provide extra support and enrichment.

### 8. COMMUNICATE OPENLY

Keep the lines of communication open with your student. Listen to their concerns, celebrate their wins, and offer guidance when needed. A supportive home environment can really make a difference.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AT GOAL High School

## WHAT ARE THE SITE HOURS?

Sites are typically open between the hours of 9am to 5pm or 8am to 4pm. It is important to check with your local site to determine which schedule your site follows.

## IS THIS A HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM?

GOAL is a fully accredited high school diploma program. The coursework is available online, so students can do school from home, but it is an online high school.

## WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE POLICY?

Regular school attendance is required by law. GOAL High School students must be prepared to dedicate 30-32 hours each week to their coursework to complete their scheduled classes each quarter. Daily interaction with staff is required. Speak with your Academic Coach for additional details.

## HOW OFTEN DOES MY STUDENT NEED TO COME IN TO THE SITE?

We do have some requirements where students will need to come into the sites for orientation, state testing, et cetera. However, for most situations, coming into the sites is optional. We do encourage students to come in for activities, tutoring, and tech support.

## WHAT ARE THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS?

Graduation requirements include a specific number of credits in various subjects, a bronze WorkKeys certificate, and completing state exams. Detailed information is available in the student handbook and on the school website. Graduation Requirements.

## HOW CAN I STAY INFORMED ABOUT MY CHILD'S ACADEMIC PROGRESS?

Parents can monitor their child's academic progress through Schoology. Regular progress reports and report cards will be sent to students and families each quarter.

## WHAT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

Our school offers extracurricular activities that may include Esports, clubs, and participation in local district athletic sports. Please inquire at your local site about the opportunities available in your area.

## HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED IN THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY?

Parents can get involved by joining the School Accountability Committee (SAC), volunteering for school events, or attending school board meetings. Please contact your local site about these opportunities.

## WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS NEEDING EXTRA ACADEMIC HELP? DO YOU OFFER HELP FOR STUDENTS AFTER HOURS?

During the school day, we offer scheduled 1:1 Teams meetings with their teacher, weekly teacher office hours for instructional support, enrollment in classes utilizing supplemental platforms for reading and math growth, and access to staff in your local site. These resources are offered only during school hours. Sites are open 8am-4pm or 9am-5pm. Please check with your local site staff for detailed information.

## HOW CAN I CONTACT MY CHILD'S TEACHER?

You can contact teachers via email, phone or text. Teacher contact information is available at your local site.

## HOW DOES THE SCHOOL HANDLE BULLYING AND SAFETY CONCERNS?

The school has a strict anti-bullying policy and a comprehensive safety plan. Any concerns can be reported to the school administration or through the anonymous tip line SAFE2TELL.

## DO YOU HAVE A REAL GRADUATION/CAN I STILL WALK WITH MY FRIENDS AT MY OLD SCHOOL?

We do have traditional graduation ceremonies across the state for our students. Each site will have the details for the ceremony at graduation time.

## WHAT IS A SCHOOL CHOICE SCHOOL AND WHY CAN'T MY STUDENT TRANSFER AFTER OPEN ENROLLMENT CLOSURES?

Since GOAL High School is not located within one district and is not a specified district of residence school, but rather a school that parents choose for their child, it is considered a school choice school. The conditions specified in our charter and within our board approved enrollment policy allow the school to close enrollment each year and switch to a lottery drawing for the 3rd and 4th quarter of the school year. An application to be part of the lottery can be submitted by visiting the goalac.org website and clicking on the **ENROLL NOW** link.

## WILL MY CREDITS TRANSFER IF I WANT TO GO BACK TO MY OTHER SCHOOL?

Yes. GOAL is a fully accredited high school; therefore, credits should transfer to other schools. It's up to the receiving school to decide how to categorize the credits, i.e. our Gothic Literature class could be listed as a general elective for the other school, instead of an English elective.

## HOW CAN I STAY UPDATED ON SCHOOL EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS?

Stay updated by regularly checking the school website, reading texts and emails, and following our social media accounts.

## WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER PLANNING?

Our school offers college and career counseling services, including concurrent enrollment, Thrive events, and individual counseling sessions. Contact the counseling office for more details.

## HOW DO I REGISTER MY CHILD FOR SCHOOL?

Registration information and forms are available on the school website. For assistance, please contact the school site nearest you.

## IS SUMMER SCHOOL OFFERED FOR STUDENTS?

Yes, we do offer summer school for currently enrolled students. Summer school is a three-week program offered at the end of each school year. Please inquire about enrollment for summer school with your site staff or Academic Coach.

## WHO DO I CONTACT FOR INFORMATION ABOUT EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT SERVICES?

For information on ESS services, please contact the ESS Assistant Director at 719-360-6867 or [bb.amos@goalac.org](mailto:bb.amos@goalac.org).

## HOW CAN I CONTACT THE SCHOOL NURSES FOR A HEALTH PLAN AND SUPPORT WITH HEALTH/MEDICATION NEEDS FOR MY STUDENT?

The GOAL website has a link to all the health information and school nurse contacts:

# WHO SUPPORTS MY STUDENT AT GOAL? High School

An entire team of certified GOAL staff members assist students as they move along their personal pathway to graduation. Students are celebrated for who they are and GOAL's promise is to help them succeed.

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## TEACHERS

Teachers at GOAL are committed to fostering student success through personalized support. They are available to provide student support through office hours and tutoring.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (AA)

Our Administrative Assistants are the friendly faces of our school, helping families with enrollment, orientation, and any questions about the school. They are invaluable resources throughout your student's time at GOAL.

## ACADEMIC COACH/POD LEADER:

Academic Coaches are the first point of contact for students, supporting attendance and engagement, and they often serve as a life coach. Coaches help answer questions and connect students with the right resources for their success.



The Academic Coach interacts daily building meaningful relationships.



Esports is just one of many successful engagement tools at GOAL.

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Our leadership team is dedicated to guiding students toward graduation. They oversee support staff who assist students daily and address any issues to ensure a safe and positive environment, focusing on academic and social-emotional well-being.

## ESPORTS COACH

Esports Coaches support students interested in competitive gaming, offering opportunities for college scholarships through sanctioned events. Esports can also be enjoyed at the club and intramural level. Reach out to an Esports Coach to learn more!

## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL GENERALIST (SEG)

Social Emotional Generalists take on the responsibility of ensuring students' personal needs are met and that life's challenges aren't too much to handle. They support students' emotional growth by connecting them with community resources that enhance their academic and social success.

## ELL/ESL STAFF:

Our staff supports English language learners with supports to successfully navigate their educational journey. Instructional support is provided in language development with speaking and writing as a focus.

## ESS STAFF:

Our staff supports students who have an IEP, 504 or ALP for gifted education. The content, methodology, or delivery of instruction is adapted to address the unique needs of the student.

## COUNSELING TEAM

(LICENSED SCHOOL COUNSELOR AND COUNSELING ASSISTANTS)

The counseling team assures student success, providing scheduling options and additional emotional support. Their work is aligned with the American School Counselor Association's framework, addressing academic needs to help students thrive.

## WBL LIAISON

The Work-Based Learning (WBL) program assists students in finding jobs and advancing their careers. WBL liaisons connect students with businesses, helping them acquire necessary skills to obtain and maintain future careers.

# WHAT PROGRAMS CAN FOSTER THE SUCCESS OF MY STUDENT AT **GOAL**? High School

## CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT (CCE):

GOAL High School lets qualified students take college courses for free, earning credits for both high school and college. You can start as early as freshman year and work towards an associate degree.

## CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE):

The CTE program helps students build skills for the workforce and set academic and career goals. It personalizes education based on career interests, with business courses being super popular since they fit almost any path.



## WORK BASED LEARNING (WBL):

WBL is all about getting real-world experience and skills for the job market. At GOAL, a WBL liaison connects students with employers to help with their professional growth.

## SENIOR RECOVERY (SR):

This program helps students earn their high school diploma and get ready for college or the workforce. It includes competency-based learning in core subjects like English, math, and science.

## GOAL VENTURES:

If you love the outdoors, GOAL Ventures is perfect for you! This hands-on program gives core credits, builds life skills, and creates awesome memories through hiking and camping adventures.

## PERFECT WORLD MUSIC:

Partnered with GOAL Academy in Pueblo, the Perfect World Music Academy offers a music program focused on songwriting, instrument playing, and recording, prepping students for music industry careers. Sign up through GOAL!

## ESPORTS:

The Esports program is a competitive video game league with cool tech and personalized coaching. Available at GOAL drop-in centers in Colorado, it features teams for games like League of Legends and Mario Kart.



## CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY DIVERSE EDUCATION (CLDE):

The CLDE Department at GOAL High School provides programming for multilingual students across the state. The English Language Learner (ELL) Program helps students identified as English learners by offering specific academic language instruction and support to improve their English proficiency. Students in this program take ESL or EL courses to develop the skills needed for Redesignation, which occurs when they meet the necessary requirements on the ACCESS test to exit the program. Additionally, the CLDE Department offers a Seal of Biliteracy course, enabling students to earn this recognition on their high school diploma. The department also provides translation services statewide to enhance access to courses and communication for students, families, and staff.

## GIFTED EDUCATION (GE):

The Gifted Education program at GOAL Academy is called the Advanced Learning Plan (ALP). The ALP is for students who meet local and/or state qualification standards and are identified as gifted. The ALP is designed to address the unique needs of these students, including their strengths and interests. The ALP provides students with a number of opportunities, including taking higher level or specialized courses, participating in project-based learning, and connecting with other gifted learners at GOAL.

## EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT SERVICES:

The ESS department at GOAL supports students with various needs, including Gifted and Talented and Special Education. They train and assist teachers to ensure every student gets the right educational opportunities.

## HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS:

According to Colorado State Statutes, if a student attends a school (like GOAL) that does not offer athletics, that student can participate in sports at a local public high school that does offer sports. If you are interested in participating in high school sports, then just contact your Academic Coach for more information.

## SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING (SEL):

The SEL courses at GOAL High school uses the CASEL Framework and Panorama's evidence-based strategies to offer the knowledge, skills and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions. Students receive support from a student support staff member in this class.

## PANORAMA STUDENT SEL SURVEY:

This research-based survey provides information on students' social and emotional learning skills (social awareness, self-awareness, emotion regulation, empathy, responsible decision-making, and self-management and supportive relationships). The survey helps our school measure data on SEL and act on that data to improve student experiences and to help identify any social-emotional needs and skills deficits in these areas of the student. The school also utilizes the Panorama Playbook which is a collection of researched based strategies designed to help educators to act on their student SEL survey results.

# WHAT PROGRAMS/PLATFORMS DO STUDENTS USE AT **GOAL?** High School



## **MICROSOFT TEAMS:**

MS Teams is where GOAL staff and students connect. You can chat with classmates, check announcements, complete assignments, attend live sessions, and message your teacher or academic coach. It's your go-to for communication, so make sure to check it daily!



## **MICROSOFT EMAIL:**

Your MS email is another key communication method at GOAL. Staff use it to send progress reports, event info, and school announcements. You'll also receive important documents like schedules and assignments, so don't forget to check it daily!



## **MICROSOFT OFFICE TOOLS:**

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## **SCHOOLGY:**

Schoology is your main hub for classes. You can complete assignments, check grades, and keep track of upcoming due dates. It's packed with instructional videos, discussions, and tools you need. Plus, you can message your teachers directly. Check it every day!



## **RENAISSANCE (STAR):**

Renaissance is our testing platform to track student growth. STAR tests help you see what you know and what to learn next. You'll take STAR Reading and Math three times a year, with the first test guiding your class choices. GOAL staff will supervise the tests to ensure everything runs smoothly.



## **WORKKEYS:**

ACT WorkKeys assesses your job skills in reading, writing, math, and essential skills. It's a must for all students before graduation and helps show you're ready for post-secondary success.



## **EDMENTUM:**

Edmentum is the platform we use for CTE (Career and Technical Education) classes at GOAL. It creates personalized learning paths and supports your teacher's methods. If you're interested in CTE classes, talk to your Academic Coach for more details!



## **iLitELL:**

This program provides grade-level texts, translations and visual dictionaries, and foundational skills instruction. The program also includes specific lessons for newcomers to English and helps track student growth, offering real-time performance insights for students, teachers, and parents/guardians.

## **ALEKS® ALEKS:**

Aleks is a math support platform that lets you learn at your own pace. When you log in, you'll see an intro video to get you started. It's mainly used in Gladiator Math and Math Essentials, but any math teacher can request to use it to boost your skills!



## **DREAMBOX READING:**

Dreambox Reading is our personalized reading support platform. Like Aleks, it lets you learn at your own pace, starting with an intro video when you log in. It's primarily used in Gladiator English and English Essentials, but any English teacher can use it to help strengthen your reading skills!



## **SUPPLEMENTAL PLATFORMS:**

GOAL also offers several supplemental platforms that help extend learning and engagement. These platforms aim to make learning fun and engaging for students. They include Newsela, EdPuzzle, Writable, AI, Padlet, Peardeck, Infobase, Tumblebooks, Gizmos, Nepris, and Freckle Math and ELA. Talk with a teacher today and explore these supplemental tools your student(s) may be using.

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