

GHS 2016 Winter Survey **EVERYTHING THAT IS UNDERLINED IS EITHER THE SCHOOL'S RESPONSIBILITY OR A GROUP OTHER THAN PTSA**

	most important	important	least important	Total	Weighted Average
Safety and security when my child is at school.	<u>78.13%</u> 50	<u>20.31%</u> 13	<u>1.56%</u> 1	64	1.23
Effective parent-teacher communication.	<u>70.31%</u> 45	<u>25.00%</u> 16	<u>4.69%</u> 3	64	1.34
Resources on parenting.	<u>20.63%</u> 13	<u>41.27%</u> 26	<u>38.10%</u> 24	63	2.17
Healthy food choices for my child at school.	<u>31.75%</u> 20	<u>44.44%</u> 28	<u>23.81%</u> 15	63	1.92
Improving my child's academic success.	<u>82.54%</u> 52	<u>15.87%</u> 10	<u>1.59%</u> 1	63	1.19
Opportunities to be involved at school.	<u>28.57%</u> 18	<u>50.79%</u> 32	<u>20.63%</u> 13	63	1.92
Opportunities to interact with other parents and families.	<u>15.87%</u> 10	<u>57.14%</u> 36	<u>26.98%</u> 17	63	2.11
Effective parent-teenager communication.	<u>60.32%</u> 38	<u>31.75%</u> 20	<u>7.94%</u> 5	63	1.48
Translation of written materials documents and translation provided at school events.	<u>17.46%</u> 11	<u>25.40%</u> 16	<u>57.14%</u> 36	63	2.40

QUESTION 1: Comments Section

1. Gangs&Drugs also very important!
2. Would like more active multiculturalism at our schools. Need to take full advantage of our cultural diversity.
3. **Better teaching staff**
4. Translation not important to me because English is my home language
5. Support system for kids with special needs

Q2: What obstacles make it difficult for you to attend GHS PTSA functions?

Answered: 40

Skipped: 24

1. Work hours
2. Busy - conflicting obligations. We try the divide and conquer approach. One of us will attend the school function while the other goes to the other.
3. Other student activities.
4. Time and often, inclination.
5. None
6. I have extracurricular activities and homework as a student.
7. Being available to attend
8. Work schedule & not motivated by repeated topics.
9. Job
10. I make as many as possible.
11. Having too many jobs and other responsibilities such as marketing and cooking takes most of my day.
12. Some days/evenings are unavailable due to other commitments.
13. Work hours
14. No time
15. Work
16. Work schedule
17. No caregiver for my elderly mother.
18. Work
19. none
20. Time
21. Busy schedules at work
22. Time conflicts with work.
23. Work, transporting kids, other family care taker responsibilities
24. Multiple children
25. Work
26. Professional commitments
27. I am involved in many other things and just don't have the time.
28. Other obligations at the same time of the PTSA function.
29. Being mid week
30. Multiple schools, multiple functions
31. Same material
32. My schedule.
33. no transportation
34. Our family attends all parent events (i.e. School Site Council, parent workshops, teacher appreciation events, etc.) that are not on Wednesday nights at 7pm. For three years we have not been able, nor will we be able, to attend any PTSA meetings on Wednesday night because we have a midweek church gathering on the first Wednesday of every month. Otherwise, we are involved when the schedules don't conflict.
35. Time constraints
36. Time. Maybe a rotation of early one month (4pm?), late (7pm) the next month.
37. Hectic schedule
38. Time at work
39. child care/caregiver for elder parents
40. Busy schedule

Spanish-> Time; time of meetings

Q3: What do you consider the strengths of the GHS PTSA?

40 responses

1. Weekly communication

2. Scholarship opportunities // parent to parent coffee // calendar of events
3. Seminars
4. The breadth of its resources, which include a diverse group of involved parents, the weekly e-mail, the web site, the special needs committee and the informational events it hosts... and its efforts to translate all types of information and events into at least two languages other than English (i.e. Chinese and Spanish).

Q4: What can the GHS PTSA do to improve services to our families?

33 responses

1. GHS PTSA is actually doing an awesome job. I know some of the members and some of them have been active since @ Coolidge.
2. We're satisfied. Address the needs raised by others.
3. **Work on implementing a tutoring program designed for struggling student athletes and pressure to raise participation requirements to no failing grades and not just a 2.0 GPA.**
4. **Figure out how to bring in/serve the underrepresented voices more effectively.**
5. Keep up good job
6. **The PTSA can work to help provide more information and programs related to college and job options in the post college world to help students understand the path that they will be taking. <joint w/ school, school taking the lead>**
7. Not sure what services are available
8. You're doing a great job!
9. **Maybe offer new topics for parent education meetings or encourage GHS staff to change up the presentations a bit (3 years of the same college planning night material is mind numbing)**
10. Just keep up what you are already doing
11. Organize family activities
12. The PTSA is doing a great job, it's the parents like me ho do very little to participate.
13. N/A
14. It's good
15. So far They aré doing a great job
16. Nothing that i know of
17. Everything
18. Get more student and families involved
19. Find a way to connect more effectively with our Latino families. We seem to have found some success in reaching out to our Chinese-speaking and English-speaking parents, but we have not been terribly successful in determining how best to serve our Spanish-speaking families, as evidenced by the demographic composition of the PTSA events.
20. More communication through email
21. **After school free tutoring programs for struggling students to get help in math, science English and or social science. <Mr. Lyons re-sent the flier to ptsa. This is in place already>**
22. Maybe send a modified version of minutes from PTSA meetings for parents who are unable to attend but would like to participate or volunteer.
23. None
24. I am happy with the way things are
25. Outreach to underserved language groups.
26. provide any services to our kids that the school cannot
27. PTSA is great
28. More outreach?
29. Whatever topics are of interest, I suggest you be ing in experts to speak at those parent events.

30. So far they have done a great job
31. Continue Parent to parent info nights (new topics)
32. Doing a great job already
33. **better communication between counselors and parents**

Q5:What activities, events, or topics would you like to see the GHS PTSA conduct/address?

Showing 30 responses

1. **How the kids can apply for summer jobs / or how to earn extra money. <Career Center?>**
2. **Punitive Grade Policies: Automatic F for students who fail to submit assignments to Turnitin.com even when the assignment is submitted on time in class. Teachers will not allow late submittals to Turnitin.com.**
3. Provide exposure to our students via various cultural events, ie. Celebrate Asian, Latin America, African, European cultures through food/art/dance-music/language or specific events such as Day of the Dead. Foment their interest through first hand knowledge of the world we live in.
4. International Banquet with varied cuisine and entertainment provided by our Gab community.
5. I don't know
6. **Major choices and repercussions in college, financial aid opportunities, and job pathways after college. <Career Center>**
7. Effective teen communication
8. **Student health, both physical & emotional. Invite true experts to speak. 2. Naviance tutorial for parents (program can't succeed if parents don't understand how robust it is). 3. Email "tips" to parents, like College Scorecard website & school/down time balance for students...**
9. Anything to help our kids prepare for the road ahead; the teen driving one was informative but better if can get more teens to attend than just the parents.
10. I don't see any in mind
11. Options for students who choose not to attend college.
12. An educational/ hands on event during lunch or a period as well
13. **Student stress, teacher quality**
14. Some social events for the parents to get to know each other and become involved in school activities.
15. Activities where parents and children participate at the Same time
16. bake sales for fundraisers
17. outside school events
18. •Getting teens to be more active in the community •Getting teens to have a grasp of finances and money management •Gender equality and preventing rape
19. More on mental health and decreasing stress.
20. Cultural events
21. **Achievement gap for underperforming students.**
22. Safety
23. Continue Veteran Parents reporting on their student's path after High School whether Military, Community College, 4 yr College/University, or other.
24. **More information about college preparation and addressing on-ground issues like bullying**
25. **If possible, accessibility to more college scholarships and grants for graduating seniors.**
26. Topics are timely

27. More stress and mental health More with teachers present. For communication
28. No idea
29. More resources for freshman families
30. stress in teenagers

Q6: Is there a new project or program that you feel we should consider adding next year? If so, please describe it.

18 Responses

1. Snack bar at all sporting events played at home. < school/boosters>
2. See previous answer plus something specifically for non-English speaking families.
3. The PTSA could fund a program similar to AVID, although the college prep class may already fill that role for freshmen.
4. Cyber security, do and don't on social media, common courtesy, health and wellness, repeat teen driving safety, first aid/CPR/fire safety or something similar to the CERT program by the fire department
5. Maybe there should be parent participation in giving ideas for next years homecoming performance. I'm sorry to say but this years homecoming was pretty bad.
6. N/A
7. PBIS
8. Not sure
9. Fundraising activities where parents and students participate together
10. no
11. There should be a program that gets teens excited about voting
12. None at this time
13. Daily after school tutoring before kids start failing
14. None I can think of
15. None
16. No
17. Would really like a snack building for sports events. I know that is not the pta's responsibility, but our school needs it!
18. Required study hall for all athletes, especially when games are at home and the students need to wait a few hours before they play.

Q7: Please add any other comments you may have on GHS PTSA and Gabrielino over all.

16 Responses

1. Great job!!!
2. I would like to see PTSA be more proactive in demanding better student counseling. It's extremely disconcerting to see the discrepancies in counseling services. Very unfortunate that not all students get the guidance they need.
3. Worry about the kids being too stressed and not being rebellious enough.
4. Doing excellent job
5. I'm pleased with PTSA. I feel informed & supported - great job!
6. Thank you and keep up the good work
7. Lots of good work overall.
8. I appreciate everyone of you, for your hard, long hours work and volunteer time for our children here at GHS
9. None
10. None
11. Over all is great.
12. thank you for every thing you do

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13. I think the GHS PTSA is a fabulous organization doing incredible things on behalf of Gabrielino students and families. I love that we are becoming more diverse and inclusive and am so appreciative of all the volunteers donating their, time, energy and talents!
14. If the tutoring gets started asking Teacher's to provide classroom credit for those who attend to keep keep up their grades. This would be especially motivating for kids who need extra help, and want to do well and who just don't test well.
15. Happy with school administrators & PTSA board members
16. Can the school request teachers to not have major projects due on the same day as when the different windows for college applications are due? For example, some applications have an "early admission" date, others do not. Depending on the number of colleges the student is applying to, there could be 3 different major deadline windows.

Q8: Overall, how satisfied are you with how GHS PTSA serves Gabrielino in the following areas? (1-satisfied, 2-not satisfied, 3-Not aware PTSA provided this service)

Answered: 50

Skipped: 14

	Satisfied	Not satisfied	Not aware PTSA provided this service	Total	Weighted Average
PTSA website at www.gabrielinoptsa.org (translated in Chinese, Spanish, and Vietnamese)	88.00% 44	4.00% 2	8.00% 4	50	1.20
Translation services at association meetings	76.09% 35	8.70% 4	15.22% 7	46	1.39
Weekly emails (translated in Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese)	93.88% 46	4.08% 2	2.04% 1	49	1.08
Scholarships to seniors	88.00% 44	6.00% 3	6.00% 3	50	1.18
Parent programs/workshops (Teen Safe Driving, Parent Empowerment Workshop)	96.00% 48	2.00% 1	2.00% 1	50	1.06
Community outreach (All in for Health campaign)	74.00% 37	6.00% 3	20.00% 10	50	1.46
Reflections (2014 – 2015)	73.47% 36	4.08% 2	22.45% 11	49	1.49