

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Open to New Bedford residents, GLCPS is a tuition-free public Charter School that serves students in grades 5-12. We work in collaboration with the greater community.

Two key partners are the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and High Tech High School in California.

MISSION

Our mission is to ensure that all students achieve academic excellence, are ready for the rigors of higher education, and master essential skills that prepare them for the economic, social and civic challenges of a 21st century, global society. We define essential skills as: academic excellence, public speaking, global citizenship, technology literacy, and arts exploration. Our central mission is to teach and inspire the mind, body and spirit of our students so that they can succeed in any cultural or academic setting.

A CHALLENGING CURRICULUM IN A SAFE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

- High academic standards that are aligned with Massachusetts state standards
- Focus on math & science education
- Small class sizes & personalized support
- Advanced technology embedded into curriculum & instruction
- Exciting after school & extra-curricular activities

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT

TITLE I

ON THE WEB

[HTTP://WWW.DOE.MASS.EDU/TITLEI/](http://www.doe.mass.edu/titlei/)

PARENT'S ROLE

"Involving parents, guardians and families as full partners in the education of their children is a cornerstone of the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). When families support learning, children are more successful in school and school success helps children become successful adults." - Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

- Read with your child every night
- Arrange a quiet study/homework space
- Attend GLCPS Title I events
- Check the agenda that GLCPS provided for your child to assure that homework is up to date
- Visit your child's classroom
- Use GLCPS website for homework and classroom updates
- Login to Skills Tutor from home using your child's login: _____ and password: _____
(information available from teacher)



*Young Achievers...
Tomorrow's Leaders*

TITLE I PROGRAM

Title I Part A provides federal dollars for supplemental educational opportunities for disadvantaged children who are most at risk of failing to meet the State's challenging content and performance standards. GLCPS has a schoolwide program which permits an eligible school to use Title I Part A funds in combination with State and local resources and most other federal education program funds to upgrade the entire educational program of the school to raise the academic achievement of all students. In contrast to Targeted Assistance programs, Schoolwide programs are not required to deliver services to specific students, since every student in the school is involved in the program.

DETERMINING YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS – USING DATA

- MCAS (Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System)
- GMADE: The Group Mathematics Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluations test is administered at the beginning of the year to help teachers pinpoint areas where students need instruction.
- Gates-MacGinitie: This reading comprehension and vocabulary diagnostic test screens all students in grades 5-12 to begin developing instructional plans.
- Additional diagnostic testing is available including SRI and QRI. Each test gives teachers more specific information on a student's reading skills in order to better plan instruction.
- Writing portfolio samples are available in each English-Language Arts classroom. These samples are used in student conferences to develop student goals and as a method of showing progress in writing.
- Our Student/Teacher ratio allows us to develop individual student support plans.

GLCPS has created a small learning community designed around how students learn best!

MEETING YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS – SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES

Our curriculum includes traditional core subjects: mathematics, science, language arts, and social studies. This program is enhanced in our 5th-8th grades with a dedicated focus period, an extra academic period for concentration on specific areas of need in English and mathematics. Our 9th-12th grade students have all of the same focus resources available during their English and mathematics instructional period. Resources used during focus period include:

- Skills Tutor: Web-based program that contains lessons in math, reading, vocabulary development and science. The program lessons range from elementary through high school and allow teachers to differentiate instruction for all learners. **Accessible at home!**
- Lexia: Web-based program focusing on phonics, word recognition, decoding and vocabulary skills, primarily in grades 5 & 6.
- Bridges to Literature: Collections of short stories, poems and articles designed to meet the needs of below grade level readers.
- Lexile Leveled Trade Books: A variety of books available for independent and/or instructional reading time. These books allow teachers to assign appropriate reading material to students to better facilitate reading growth.
- Sharpen Up & Buckle Down: These books function as a reinforcement and review of classroom lessons as well as preparation for MCAS. Used in the areas of reading, writing, math and science.
- Holt Mathematics: Curriculum used in grades 6-8. Accessible from home: www.go.hrw.com

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

Our afterschool academic offerings include:

- Homework Club
- Math Club
- Reading Club
- 9th & 10th grade MCAS math prep

9th – 12th grade afterschool college preparation office hours are available. Speak with your child's teachers about their afterschool schedules.

Please note that snacks are available for students to purchase prior to their afterschool session.

Contact Adonis Ferreira, Director of Student, Family and Community Life, if you have any questions about afterschool programs.

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