



**Welcome
Students and
Families for the
Class of 2025
and 2026**

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Mrs. Lori Robinson

Mr. Dan Lanning

Social Media

We highly encourage parents to know what their children are looking at on social media. Check their Tik Tok, Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, Twitter, Reddit, Discord and all the other accounts kids have these days.

Students engage in teasing, spreading rumors, bullying, sending/exchanging nude pictures and more online.

Students need to be mentally, emotionally and physically healthy to be successful academically.

Counselors will be going into Social Studies classes March 4-7 for college and career exploration.

National College Fair at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center: Sunday, March 17th 1:00 – 3:00 pm and Monday, March 18th 9:00 – 11:30 am. Online registration is required.

We will be taking 1 bus of juniors who sign up and are in good standing on Monday the 18th.

Scholarships are emailed to students, posted in Naviance and on announcements. Mrs. Lori Robinson is a Career Center Coordinator.

CAREER SHADOWING EXPERIENCE and VOLUNTEERING

- The Career Shadowing Program is usually a one-day or part of a day experience spent with a professional in the career of the student's choice.
- Mr. Lanning, in the Career Center, can help assist students in with a placement if students do not already have one.
- Applications are available from the School Counselors.
- Volunteerism promotes career awareness, leadership, personal competence, and enhances the resources of our community. Volunteering is a great way to gain experience and build your resume for college applications, employment applications, and scholarship applications.

COLLEGE VISITS

- Visiting a college will give you a “feel” for the school that no virtual tour on the computer, college catalog, or meeting with an admissions representative can accomplish. Here is a list of things you should do while on your visit to get a sense of what the school and student life is really like.
- Make an appointment through the colleges’ admissions office prior to a visit.
- Attend Open Houses.
- Take the campus tour: financial aid office, athletic department, admissions office, the dorms, library, computing center, academic resource and career placement centers.
- Participate in a group information session at the admissions office. You may gain valuable information from other people’s questions.
- Attend a college class and speak with a professor in a major of interest to you.
- Speak with students on campus for their thoughts and experiences about the school.
- Ask students what they do on weekends.
- Walk or drive around the community surrounding the campus.
- Eat in the Dining Hall.
- Spend an overnight in the dorm.
- Read bulletin boards.
- Speak with a Career and Placement representative regarding your major and employment opportunities upon graduation.
- Ask questions regarding academics, financial aid, graduation rate, academic support, outside opportunities, student life and activities.

Campus Visit Checklist

College/University: _____

This checklist includes tasks to complete and locations/buildings to see during a college campus visit. Check-off the tasks you complete and campus locations you visit.

Things to do:

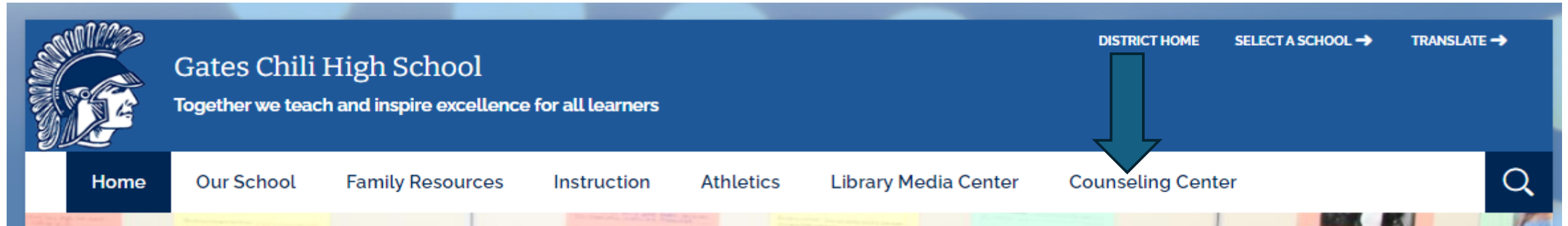
- Take the campus guided tour
- Interview with admissions officer
- Visit with a professor in your major
- Sit in on a class
- Meet with a financial aid officer
- Eat lunch in the cafeteria
- Attend information sessions
- Walk around campus on your own
- Walk the hallways in buildings where professors have offices

Things to see:

- Classrooms
- Lab facilities (Science)
- Your major's department building
- Computer lab
- Large lecture halls
- Residence Halls
- Dining Hall / Cafeteria
- On-campus snack shops / restaurants
- Library (ask about the hours and services)
- Recreational facilities

Gates Chili High School Counseling Website

We post a lot of important information and presentations



COUNSELING CENTER

Home Page

- Career Center

Freshman Page

Sophomore Page

Junior Page

- PSAT Information
- College Entrance Exams (SAT & ACT)
- Test Prep

Senior Page

- College Application Process
- Financial Aid Information
- Scholarships

Mental Health Resources

- Mental Health Articles

Academic Information

Clubs & Enrichment Opportunities

NCAA Info for Athletes