

# High School Curriculum

## Language Arts/English/Reading

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WILSON Reading System®

The *Wilson Reading System*® is a research-based intensive program for students who have been unable to learn to read with other teaching strategies. Our reading specialists use this multisensory, structured literacy program one-on-one or in a small group setting in which students learn fluency, decoding and encoding skills to level of mastery. Students receive instruction in phonemic awareness, decoding and word study, sight word recognition, spelling, fluency, vocabulary, oral expressive language development, and comprehension.



*Reading A-Z* provides leveled reading sources for teachers to differentiate instruction. With multiple ability and grade levels in each room, teachers are able to find stories and resources that are of high interest for their students. GPA's reading specialist also uses *Reading A-Z* to assess and level each student in the elementary classrooms so that the teacher can group students with similar ability levels together for instruction.



*Learning Ally* provides over 80,000 audiobooks online for students with print disabilities, including blindness, visual impairments and dyslexia. This student-centric learning program is helping to teach students to be self advocates for their learning. Teachers and students at GPA use *Learning Ally* to facilitate "ear reading" activities that include whole class listening, individual guided reading, and leisure reading.

### Guided Reading Novels

Small-group reading instruction provides differentiated learning to support students' developing reading proficiency. The model allows our teachers to focus on each student's specific needs, thereby accelerating their progress. Teachers group students according to reading levels - not just their grade levels - in order to create positive reading interactions and build a love of reading in each student.

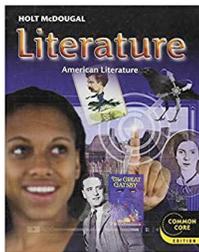
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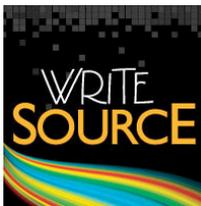
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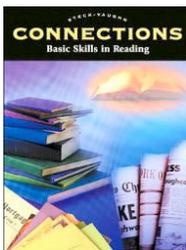
Middle and High School classrooms use *Scholastic Action* to read non-fiction, high-interest articles and stories. The materials, on-line videos, differentiated text levels, and alignment to the Common Core Standards help to incorporate reading strategies and literature components in a fun way. Students at different ability levels are able to interact with the texts in both reading and writing through scaffolding supports and resources. This cross-curricular magazine includes science and social studies texts that prepare students for the vocabulary and nonfiction topics they'll encounter in other classes.



*Holt McDougal Literature*, a research-based and digitally interactive English Language Arts program for grades 6–12, provides an engaging learning environment designed to help students achieve success with rigorous standards and next-generation assessments. A complete resource for teaching critical reading, writing, research, language, and media skills, *Holt McDougal Literature* offers carefully crafted features for preparing students well for college and 21st century careers.



*Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Write Source* recharges writing and grammar with the only personalized K–12 print and digital program that supports Common Core writing standards. Engaging online technology prepares students to master the writing process, key writing forms, Six Traits, grammar, usage, and mechanics. Write Source provides instruction, practice, and assessment designed to promote student success.



*Steck Vaughn Comprehension Skills* helps students become better readers, better writers, and better test takers. This highly effective school and homeschool curriculum helps students improve their reading comprehension and writing skills. The varied reading levels and single-skill titles give teachers the opportunity to focus on the individual needs of each student, making sure each skill is matched with meaningful attention. In addition, student books include extensive practice for standardized tests.

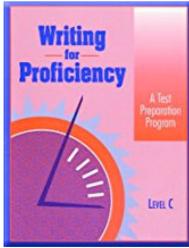
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*Lexia Strategies* is designed for struggling readers in grades 6 and above who are having difficulty with their fundamental literacy skills. Using a simple, age-appropriate interface, the program begins with skills at the first-grade level, covering basic phonological awareness through advanced decoding skills, vocabulary development, and comprehension activities. Students work independently to develop reading skills in a structured, sequential manner while teachers receive the data and resources they need to support intervention and direct instruction.



*Writing for Proficiency*, teaching writing skills and proper grammar, is a practical, three-level program providing grade-appropriate coverage of the four basic types of essays: narrative, persuasive, expository and descriptive.



*Apex Learning* is a digital curriculum designed to actively engage students in learning, combining embedded supports and scaffolds to meet diverse student needs, actionable data to inform instruction and ensure positive outcomes. Meets high school graduation requirements and addresses the needs of all students, from building foundational skills to creating opportunities for advanced coursework.

## Mathematics



*Pearson Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry* balances procedural skill and fluency, conceptual understanding, and the application of mathematics to solve problems and formulate models — exactly as called for by the Common Core.

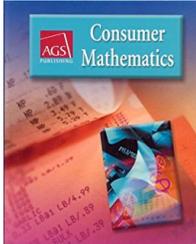


*Prentice Hall Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry* helps students see math like never before. This blended print and digital curriculum provides an environment where teachers can engage students, teach for understanding, and promote mastery-for success today and throughout life. It's a whole new way to look at math.

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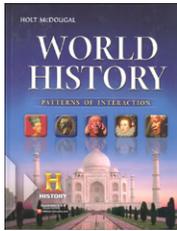
*AGS Consumer Mathematics* presents basic math skills used in everyday situations—paying taxes, buying food, banking and investing, and managing a household. The full-color text helps students and young adults become wiser, more informed consumers. *AGS Practical Math* makes math relevant for students in transition from school to independent living and provides comprehensive instruction that students and adults need for independent living.



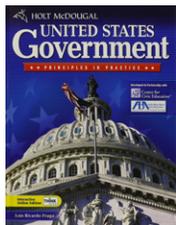
See *Apex Learning* description above.

## Social Studies

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*Holt McDougal Humanities World History* features standards-based content and research-based reading instruction. This world history textbook program is infused with HISTORY® streaming video, instructive games, and interactive features to create a richer understanding of the past and its impact on today. In keeping with Common Core State Standards, the program exposes students to primary sources and requires students to analyze a variety of perspectives and investigate key historical topics.



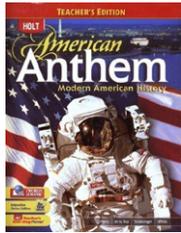
*Holt United States Government: Principles in Practice* is a highly integrated program that provides teachers with a practical and motivational approach to teaching United States government and to helping students think critically and reflectively. Designed to balance the need to cover key, standards-based government topics and motivate students to learn, *United States Government* provides an innovative program that actively involves students in the learning process by providing content relevant to their everyday lives. Making our political system meaningful to all students, *United States Government* encourages responsible participation.

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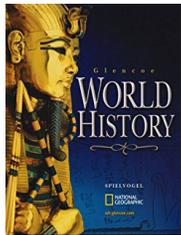
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*Holt American Anthem: The Americans* is a highly integrated, high school American history curriculum that supports rigor, skills, and document-based instruction. HISTORY® streaming video, interactive features, and resources infuse *The Americans* with elements that pique the interest of today's media-savvy students, connect them with the past, and help them explore the richness of our nation's history.



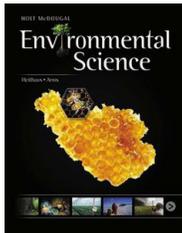
*Glencoe World History* is student centered and includes Beyond the Textbook, State Resources, Nations of the World Atlas, and Current Events and Interactive Time Line. This text encourages critical thinking, integrates history with geography, as well as making social and cultural connections.



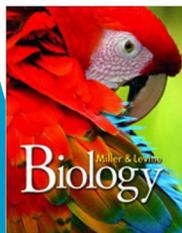
See *Apex Learning* description above.

## Science

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Engaging and timely, *Holt Environmental Science* is specifically designed to appeal to high school students with varied interests and learning abilities. Balanced coverage of environmental topics including ecology, Earth science, health, and policy issues, is a hallmark of the program. An unparalleled Interactive Online Edition of this environmental science textbook offers access to a full range of print and digital content—including the largest lab program available.



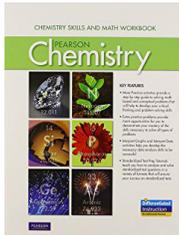
A science as exciting, adaptive, and challenging as biology can't be re-enacted in an ordinary textbook. It needs a bold, fearless approach—one that puts the power of a new program and new ways of thinking directly into the hands of you and your students. *Miller & Levine Biology* allows you to communicate your love of science to your students in a way that will engage them and offer support for every type of learner.

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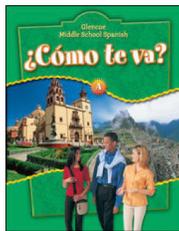
*Pearson Chemistry* combines proven and tested content with cutting-edge digital support and hands-on learning opportunities. This program provides you with everything you need to engage and motivate your students, as well as the tools to support the varied types of learners in your classroom.



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## World Language

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*McGraw Hill/Glencoe's Como te va? Spanish* curriculum includes oral as well as written exercises. The program helps students appreciate the diverse culture of the Spanish speaking world; to express thoughts and carry on simple conversations in the Spanish language.



See *Apex Learning* description above.

## Cross-Curricular

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Online Resources

Encyclopedia.com  
Eb.com  
education.com

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## Transition to Adult Life

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Garfield Park Academy offers a full range of Transition-related services and supports, including:

- *MECA Career Interest Indicator*
- *MECA Career Exploration and Assessment*
- *MECA Career Planning*
- *Globe Pearson Skills for Independent Living. Saddleback Texts: Moving Out on Your Own, Getting Ahead at Work, Managing Money, Staying Healthy*
- *Direct Life Skills Instruction with Community-based instruction*
- *Evidence-based clinical services including individual and group counseling, stress management, psychiatric services, and more*
- *On-campus job sampling*
- *College Testing Preparation (ASVAB Prep Book, SAT Prep) and College Coursework preparation*
- *Structured Learning Experience (SLE) with our off-campus partners*
- *Wide range of state-certified vocational programs (see below)*

## Vocational Programs

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Garfield Park Academy offers a full range of New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Career and Technical Education-certified vocational programs, including:

<b>Automotive</b>	<i>NATEF Course of Study, ASE Suggested Task List, All Data On-Line Resources for Auto Trades, Automotive Service, Inspection, Maintenance, and Repair Text.</i>
<b>Carpentry</b>	<i>The Complete Book of Woodworking, Fine Woodworking, Fine Homebuilding 1, Carpentry 3rd Edition by Leonard Koel.</i>
<b>Cosmetology</b>	<i>Milady Standard Cosmetology, Milady's Standard Professional Barbering, Milady's Standard Nail Technology.</i>
<b>Culinary</b>	<i>Culinary Essentials, Johnson and Wales University; Culinary Classroom video series; Johnson and Wales video series featuring Chef Carrie Leonard.</i>

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**Horticulture** *This course is designed to introduce students to areas and concepts involved in Horticulture, utilizing: the "Introductory Horticulture" 8th Ed., Carroll L. Shry, Jr. and H. Edward Reiley Textbook. Students will learn to apply scientific principles and concepts through classroom work and discussion, hands-on projects, and industry-related field trips and work experience. This course will strengthen the students' knowledge of science and give them a better understanding of the environment, plant growth, plant classification and identification, floral design, and landscape. It will also introduce students to the careers and opportunities available in the field of Horticulture. The goal of the course is for the students to leave at the end of the year with ability to select, plant, care, display, and grow plants for the home or horticulture industry.*

**Retail Trade** *Marketing Essentials, Learning4Good.com, CNN.com, Time Magazine, MSN.com, Forbes.*

## Social Skills/Social & Emotional Learning

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We all encounter trying circumstances that test our limits from time to time. If we are able to recognize when we are becoming less regulated, we are able to do something about it to feel better and get ourselves to a better place. The *Zones of Regulation* curriculum is a systematic, cognitive behavior approach used to teach self-regulation by categorizing all the different ways we feel and states of alertness we experience into four concrete zones. The curriculum provides strategies to teach students to become more aware of, and independent in controlling their emotions and impulses, managing their sensory needs, and improving their ability to problem solve conflicts. By addressing underlying deficits in emotional and sensory regulation, executive functions, and social cognition, the curriculum is designed to help move students toward independent regulation.

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### Top 20 Teens

All teens have the potential to become difference makers, to create meaningful and successful experiences for themselves and others. However, not all teens know they have this power. That's where this book comes in. Developed by a team of students, parents and educators, *TOP 20 TEENS* presents the Thinking, Learning and Communicating skills of the Top 20, the difference makers. By applying these skills in your personal relationships and school experiences, you can become the author of your life's story rather than just a character in it. The book is divided into five sections. The first section contains the first four chapters and is the foundation of the top 20 content, "The cornerstones". The next three sections are divided into Thinking, Learning and Communicating skills.

### Strong Teens

Students grades 9 through 12 will be introduced to the *Strong Teens* curriculum that addresses social emotional learning. The 9 through 12 program addresses the social emotional and mental health needs of today's students, many who bring serious and unresolved problems from outside into the school setting which can affect their in school performance and behavior.