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SENIOR HIGH**SM
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GISH ACADEMIES & PATHWAYS RE-LAUNCH

Grand Island Senior High is excited to share the revamped GISH Academy & Pathways model! Starting in the 2024-2025 school year, we will be offering five Academies and eleven Pathways for all Islander students.

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**BUSINESS &
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**TECHNICAL
SCIENCES**SM
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**MEDICAL SCIENCES
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PATHWAYS



- ✓ Engineering
- ✓ Architecture

- ✓ Finance
- ✓ Entrepreneurship

- ✓ Automotive and Diesel
- ✓ Construction
- ✓ Manufacturing

- ✓ Healthcare
- ✓ Sports Medicine and Therapy
- ✓ Emergency Services
- ✓ Education



FAQs

What's next for Freshman?

Our Freshman Seminar teachers will provide updated information about our new Pathways model. Additionally, our Freshman Counselors and Principal will work directly with each student to help them navigate our updated opportunities.

What's next for current Sophomores and Juniors currently in Pathways that are being adjusted?

- Sophomores (10th Graders) enrolled in a Pathway no longer offered will have the opportunity to select another Pathway and we will prioritize their new top selection.
- Juniors (11th Graders) enrolled in a Pathway no longer offered will have the opportunity to take the Capstone Course during Senior year. This option allows our current Juniors to earn the credit required to graduate with their Pathway.
- Academy Counselors and Principals will be facilitating this process for all impacted students and families.



Other notable Pathway updates include:

- Ensuring and improving the quality of a career academy requires engaging in a regular cycle of improvement has been our focus throughout this process. The refinements we are making will strengthen our alignment to the National Career Academy Coalition and their National Standards of Practice.
- Information Technology (IT) and Welding will continue to be offered as elective opportunities for students.
- A Digital Arts class will be added to the art department. Striv will still be an available activity. Yearbook and Newspaper will both be offered through the Journalism program. All of these offerings will be strong opportunities for students interested in pursuing different multimedia.
- Our job shadowing, internship, and registered apprenticeship opportunities will continue as they always have.

How do I contact my Academy Principal or Counselor?

We encourage students and families to reach out to us so we may set-up a time to meet with you one-on-one to explore our new education opportunities.



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