



**GHIDOTTI**

**Early College  
High School**

**Application  
for the 2017-18  
School Year**

# WE ARE...

## **G**rowth

Ghidottians aren't afraid of failing because they know learning is a life long process, and people learn best from their mistakes.

## **H**uman

Ghidottians seek to highlight the best traits of each person and work together to help each student achieve his/her vision of success.

## **I**nquisitive

Ghidottians value knowledge for its own sake and lean into their learning.

## **D**etermination

Ghidottians persevere through difficulties and find ways to succeed in the face of challenges.

## **O**wnership

Ghidottians are active participants in their learning experience.

## **T**ransition

Ghidottians foster a supportive learning environment which develops the necessary skills to be successful in life.

## **T**eamwork

Ghidottians work together to accomplish their best work and value different opinions and perspectives.

## **I**nspired

Ghidottians dream big and pave the way for a better world.





Dear Applicant,

Thank you so much for considering Ghidotti. Usually Ghidotti is described as “a high school on a college campus.” That’s true, and our students do complete up to two years of college. But to me, that’s not why Ghidotti is special. Ghidotti is special because we’re a tight-knit community. We’re a group with diverse backgrounds and goals. We’re friends who look after each other. We are family. The students and staff are proud of our school and are eager to learn more about you through this application process.

As Ghidotti’s principal, I’m often asked what type of student we are looking for when reviewing applications. Ghidotti is looking for students who hope to go to college, are at grade level, and enjoy a small learning community. We especially encourage students to apply who would benefit most from free college in a supportive environment, such as students in low income families and students whose parents did not graduate from college.

When completing your application, please review the checklist on the following page and make sure you include everything (report cards, CAASPP scores, etc.). The Application Review Committee, made up of Ghidotti staff, will review applications with the goal to include as many students as possible. If there are more qualified applicants than spaces available, selection will be made through a lottery.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to call Ghidotti’s office at (530) 274-5270.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Noah Levinson", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Noah Levinson  
Principal, Ghidotti Early College High School

P.S. Are you wondering about sports at N.U.? Taking Algebra 1 as a ninth-grader? The number of available spots for incoming freshmen? Check out the “Frequently Asked Questions” page at the end of this packet.

## Ghidotti Early College High School 2016-17 APPLICATION TIMELINE & CHECKLIST

<b>Information Night</b> January 5 at 6:30PM <i>Sierra College's Multi-Purpose Room</i>	Families interested in Ghidotti are encouraged to attend the annual information night. You'll see presentations from our principal, counselors, teachers, and current students. At the end of the evening, we'll open the floor to questions.
<b>Sierra College Registration Workshop</b> January 17 at 5:30pm & January 25 at 5:30pm <i>Sierra College's Counseling Center</i>	As part of the Ghidotti application, students must register for Sierra College. Attend one of these optional workshops and we'll walk you through the process.
<b>Student Shadowing</b> January	Applicants who are unsure about Ghidotti may make a reservation to shadow a Ghidotti student. They will attend a class and tour the campus. Call our office (530-274-5270) to reserve a time.
<b>Application Deadline</b> February 2 at noon	Applications to attend Ghidotti are due in the school office, N6-210, on the Sierra College campus by noon. Only those students whose applications are received by this date will be considered.
<b>Sierra College Reading &amp; Math Placement</b> Week of February 10, 16, or 22	All applicants are required to take reading and mathematics placement tests. See below to learn how to sign up for one of these dates.
<b>Decision Letters Mailed Home</b> March	Letters of acceptance or denial for the 2016-2017 school year will be mailed to applicants.

### Checklist (please complete the following tasks by February 2):

- Completed applications** are due in the Ghidotti office. A completed application includes:
  - Student Information* form
  - Parent Information* form
  - Student Expectations* page
  - Recommender Contact Form*
  - Answer to the question, "What do you think is important that we know about you?"
  - Copy of your 7th grade CAASPP scores\*
  - Copies of your 7th grade and 8th grade (1st trimester/semester) report cards\*

*\*Your school staff can help you get the CAASPP scores and report cards.*

- Register for Sierra College** at [www.sierracollege.edu](http://www.sierracollege.edu) for the fall 2017 semester. Go to <http://tiny.cc/sierra-registration> for detailed directions.
- Sign up for the Reading and Math Assessment:** after registering for Sierra College and receiving a student ID number via email, call the counseling center at (530) 274-5303. Tell the front desk that you are a prospective Ghidotti student and would like to take the Reading and Math Assessments. Here are the available dates and times:
  - February 10 at 9am
  - February 16 at 3pm
  - February 22 at 3pm
- Sign up for optional text message updates** by texting "@gechs-news" to the number 81010.

# Ghidotti Early College High School

## 2017-2018 STUDENT APPLICATION

Please mail or hand in completed applications to the Ghidotti office:

*Ghidotti ECHS  
250 Sierra College Drive  
Grass Valley, CA 95945*

**Applications must be in the Ghidotti office by noon on February 2.**

### STUDENT INFORMATION

Grade Applying For:     9th    10th    11th    12th

Applicant Name:

*first*

*middle*

*last*

Mailing Address:

*Street*

*City*

*Zip Code*

Physical Address:

*(if different from mailing address)*

*Street*

*City*

*Zip Code*

Home Phone:

Student E-mail\*:

*\*This will be our primary means of communication during the application process -- make sure to supply a reliable e-mail address.*

Current School:

What math class will you take in 2017-18?

(Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2):

Where will you attend high school if you do not attend Ghidotti? :

# PARENT / GUARDIAN INFORMATION

## Parent/Guardian #1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Street*

*City*

*Zip Code*

Primary Language Spoken: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Parent/Guardian #2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If different from Parent/Guardian #1)*

*Street*

*City*

*Zip Code*

Primary Language Spoken: \_\_\_\_\_

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Which Parent/Guardian would like to receive mailings?

Parent/Guardian #1  Parent/Guardian #2  Both

# STUDENT EXPECTATIONS PAGE

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Expectations:

Please initial each statement demonstrating that you understand and will act in accordance with these expectations.

- \_\_\_\_\_ I will make learning a high priority in my life, including positive participation in class and school activities, and will work to achieve my potential.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will take responsibility for my own learning, behavior, and successes/failures. I know that I'm encouraged to utilize the Learning Center for tutoring and attend professor office hours.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will be punctual and maintain regular attendance in all high school and college classes. When required to be absent, my parent/guardian will notify the school that day. No vacation will be scheduled while either high school or college is in session (Sierra College does not observe Fall Break).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I agree to obey the NJUHSD dress code, which is conducive to the most productive learning environment.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will show respect for everyone in the GECHS and Sierra College school community.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will behave in a manner that shows respect for the college, school facilities, and equipment. This includes cleanliness in the Student Center/Cafe.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will maturely handle the freedoms and scheduling of a college setting. I understand that our presence on the college campus is a privilege, not a right.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will adhere to the technology agreements of Sierra College and Ghidotti.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will complete all Ghidotti graduation requirements and A-G college entrance requirements, many of which must be fulfilled by taking classes provided by Sierra College.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will keep my parents or guardians informed of my academic progress at Ghidotti and Sierra College.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that grades earned in college become part of my permanent college record.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that students are put on academic probation if they receive one or more F grades, two or more D grades, or a semester GPA below 2.0 (academic probation includes extra supports to help students bring up their grades); and a student who is unsuccessful in bringing up his/her grades may be transferred to another school site (students transferring from Ghidotti need to drop all college classes).
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will participate in Ghidotti's *Summer Reads* program, which includes reading a fiction book of your choice and one assigned non-fiction book each summer (summer reads begins the summer *before* freshman year).

*I have carefully read the expectations listed above and commit to fulfilling all these requirements.*

**STUDENT SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

*I have carefully read the expectations listed above.*

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

## RECOMMENDER CONTACT INFORMATION

Recommenders provide us with a firsthand account of a student's strengths and offer unique insight regarding a student's potential for success in our program. Choose two recommenders who have supervised you in a formal setting (e.g. teacher, coach, etc.) and who know you well. After the application deadline, we will be sending your recommenders a short electronic form to fill out. Please provide accurate *and legible* e-mail addresses.

### Recommender #1

Name:

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Phone number:

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E-mail address:

*(please print clearly)*

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Explain how you  
know this person:

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### Recommender #2

Name:

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Phone number:

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E-mail address:

*(please print clearly)*

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Explain how you  
know this person:

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**We ask that you initial the following statement:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I waive the right to review the answers provided by my recommender.



## STUDENT QUESTION

1. On a separate piece of paper, write a 300-400 word response to the following question:

*What do you think is important that we know about you?*

# Frequently Asked Questions from Prospective Students

## **What kind of students are you looking for?**

Ghidotti is looking for students who hope to go to college, are at grade level, and enjoy a small learning community (Ghidotti is capped at 160 students).

We especially encourage students to apply who would benefit most from free college in an academically supportive environment (such as students in low income families and students whose parents did not graduate from college).

## **What classes do ninth graders take at Ghidotti?**

Ninth grade classes at Ghidotti include Algebra 1 or higher, Biology, World History, and English 1. Most freshmen also take a health or p.e. class through Sierra College.

## **I heard that students have to take Algebra 1 in 8th grade. Is that true?**

No. Starting in the 2017-18 school year, Ghidotti will offer Algebra 1 for 9th graders.

## **When are applications due?**

Applications are due February 2, 2017.

## **What if my test scores or grades aren't great?**

No one item in the application would exclude you from being accepted. Ghidotti is trying to gather as much information about you as possible so decisions are not based on just one factor. Therefore, you will not be disqualified based solely on test scores or grades.

## **How many freshmen will you accept next year?**

Ghidotti has room for 45 ninth graders.

## **Can Ghidotti students still play sports at Nevada Union next year?**

Yes! Ghidotti students will be able to participate in N.U. sports next year.

## **What if there are more applicants than spaces available?**

The Application Review Committee, made up of Ghidotti staff, will review applications with the intent to include as many students as possible. If there are more qualified applicants than spaces available, selection will be made through a lottery.

## **Does Ghidotti accept sophomore, junior, or senior transfer students?**

Possibly. Please call (530-274-5270) or e-mail ([nLevinson@njuhsd.com](mailto:nLevinson@njuhsd.com)) Principal Noah Levinson.

## **What if I have other questions?**

Feel free to call the Ghidotti office (530-274-5270) or e-mail Principal Noah Levinson at [nLevinson@njuhsd.com](mailto:nLevinson@njuhsd.com).