



GRAND RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL

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Supplementary Transcript Information

Grand Rapids Community

Grand Rapids is a community of 11,268 with an additional 25,000 residents in the surrounding area. It is the county seat of Itasca County in northeastern Minnesota. The economy of the area depends largely on forest products, mining, light manufacturing and tourism. Grand Rapids prides itself on its natural beauty, commitment to recreational opportunities, and the fine arts.

School Data/Profile

- Grand Rapids High School currently has approximately 1,150 students in grades 9-12.
- The school operates on a semester basis.
- Class periods are 45 minutes in length, 5 days a week, 36 weeks per year.
- 65% of our teachers hold a master's degree and 91% have more than 3 years of teaching experience. In the 2022 graduating class (most recent data) 64% of graduates enrolled in college immediately following graduation. Of those attending college, 23% are attending MN public 4 year institutions, 47% are attending MN public 2 year institutions, 11% are attending MN private 4 year institutions, and 19% are attending college outside of Minnesota.
- 39.8% of students receive free or reduced lunch.
- 86.6% of students are identified as white, 13.4% of students are identified as BIPOC.
- Grand Rapids is home to Minnesota North College-Itasca Campus which lends itself as an affordable, easy post-secondary transition for many of our students.

Our students' average ACT scores are consistently higher than the national average. In the past seventeen years we have had six National Merit Finalists and 22 commended students.

Curriculum Options

Credit Requirements

Grand Rapids High school graduates are required to earn a minimum of 23 credits in specific areas. Students earn .5 credit for successful completion of a one semester class. Diploma requirements are as follows:

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| ● English | 4.0 | ● Art | 1.0 |
| ● Social Studies | 3.5 | ● Health | 0.5 |
| ● Math | 3.0 | ● Money Matters | 0.5 |
| ● Science | 3.0 | ● Electives | 6.5 |
| ● Physical Education | 1.0 | | |



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International Baccalaureate

Grand Rapids High School is one of twenty schools in Minnesota offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) curriculum. We are the only rural public school in Minnesota that offers IB. These enriched, college preparatory courses are indicated by their “IB” titles on the transcript.

- Weighted grades are only given for IB courses.
- IB courses are the most rigorous option available to our students.
- GRHS offers IB exams in English, Spanish, Economics, History of Europe, Geography, Film Studies, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Math Studies and Calculus.

College in the Schools

GRHS offers college courses taught in our building, by our teachers, for credit through the University of Minnesota Duluth. Courses are identified as CITS on our transcript. Students who take CITS courses also have a transcript from the University of Minnesota Duluth if they have a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Students can also enroll in CITS courses without meeting the GPA requirement. Students who do not meet the 3.0 GPA requirement do not receive UMD credit outside of a student petition process.

Post-Secondary Enrollment Option

The Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) is available to 11th and 12th grade students who meet enrollment criteria. Most of our PSEO students attend Itasca Community College in Grand Rapids. They can attend either part- or full-time. Courses are noted with college subject abbreviations on the transcript for course work taken off campus (ex. ENGL for English). Students who take PSEO courses will also have a college transcript from the college they attended for PSEO.

Transcript Information

Cumulative GPA is based on a 4.0 scale as follows:

A=4 B=3 C=2 D=1 P=0 F/NP=0

Weighted GPA is calculated as follows for all IB courses:

A=4.25 B=3.25 C=2.25 D=1.25 F=0

- Only semester grades are used to compute class rank. Class rank is calculated at the end of each semester and each ranking is cumulative of all semester grade points earned to date.
- GRHS students can take a variety of high school on-line courses through “Infinity Online” which is a state certified on-line provider of high school curriculum. These courses have “Infinity” in front of the course name.