



# Grand Junction High School Profile 2019-2020

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## ADMINISTRATION:

Meghan Roenicke, Principal  
Jared Burek, Assistant Principal  
Nicole Burnbank, Assistant Principal  
Josh Warinner, Assistant Principal  
Tom LeFebre, Dean of Students

## COUNSELORS:

Serenity Santistevan, Grades 9-12, A-CI  
Stacey Keever, Grades 9-12, Cm-GI  
Alicia Hampton, Grades 9-12, Gm-K  
Chris Mack, Grades 9-12, L-N  
Lori Plantiko, Grades 9-12, O-Sh  
Nicole Auld, Grades 9-12, Si-Z

Grand Junction High School is one of five high schools in the district with approximately 1550 students in grades nine through twelve. Grand Junction High School is accredited by the Colorado Department of Education. The ethnic make-up of the student body is approximately 70% Caucasian, 23% Hispanic and 7% other minority groups.

Grand Junction High School uses a Flex 8 schedule with some classes meeting 95 minutes per day (BLOCK classes) while others meet 45 minutes per day (SPLIT BLOCK classes). There are eight periods a day so split block classes meet for one period while BLOCK classes meet for two periods. Credit is issued in .5 units for successful completion of a traditional semester's worth of work. The school year is broken into quarters with final grades being earned at the quarter for BLOCK classes and at the semester for SPLIT BLOCK classes.

Students may participate in band, orchestra and choir. They are encouraged to be involved in numerous clubs and organizations outside the academic day. They can also participate in sports that include the following: Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross Country, Football, Golf, Poms, Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, Wrestling, and Lacrosse.

## Community

Grand Junction is the largest city between Denver and Salt Lake City. The city population is 58,566 and is the major city in a rural area populated by approximately 146,723. The economy of the area is influenced by small industry, tourism, fruit production, regional medical facilities, and Colorado Mesa University. The community serves as the regional commercial, transportation and cultural center for Western Colorado and Eastern Utah.

## Recent GJHS recognitions include:

- > Colorado State Champions in Knowledge Bowl for 20 of the last 23 years and the 2015 and 2018 National Academic Team Champions.
- > State and nationally recognized student newspaper, *The Orange & Black*, received the Gold Crown Award by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in 2014
- > National Merit Semi-Finalists and Finalists, Daniels Fund Scholars, & Boettcher Scholars
- > State and regional awards for strong music programs
- > Represented at the state level this year by one of our FBLA students
- > One of seven high schools selected for the Legacy Foundation Advanced Placement Grant for 2011-2013; one of ten high schools selected for the Legacy Foundation Advanced Placement Grant for 2012-2015.
- > One of our 2017 graduates earned a 36 on the ACT.

## Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2020 - 25 credits including the following:

Language Arts	4 credits	Composition/Literature 9, 10 & 11, Core 12, English elective
Math	3 credits	
Science	3 credits	Geo Physical, Biology, Science Elective
Social Studies	3 credits	Global Studies, US History, American Govt., social studies elective
Physical Education	.5 credit and Personal Fitness & Wellness .5 credit	
Fine Arts	.5 credit	
Computer Applications	.5 credit	
Electives	10 credits	

All students are encouraged to participate in service learning activities & can be recognized at graduation if they volunteer for at least 120 hours during their high school career.

One of the .5 credits above must include a financial literacy class (i.e. personal finance, economics, or life management)

## Grading System and Class Rank

The math department uses an integrated math curriculum. Our Math 1, Math 2, Math 3, and Math 4 classes are a combination of algebra, geometry, and trigonometry. The difficulty and content level of each increases at each level.

Letter grades are issued for all subject areas on a 10-point scale: **A: 90-100; B: 80-89, C: 70-79; D: 60-69; F: 0-59.** A few teachers use a 4-point grading scale. Grades from all courses taken are included in cumulative grade point average. (Math 1, Math 2 and Geo-Physical Science grades earned in middle school may be included at the student's request if they meet the standards. No changes to middle school grades can be made after March 1 of the junior year.)

Class rank is determined at the end of the sixth, seventh and eighth semesters.

*\*Grades earned in AP courses are weighted on a 5.0 scale for grades of A, B, and C. Starting with the 2019-20 school year, HSB (High School of Business) classes are weighted on a 5.0 scale. All other courses, including honors and Colorado Mesa University concurrent grades, are calculated on a 4.0 scale.*

Students may retake courses for grade improvement/replacement.

## Advanced Placement and Honors Courses

Students who choose the following courses have selected a more rigorous path for meeting graduation requirements.

**Language Arts:** Honors Comp/Lit 9; Honors Comp/Lit 10; AP Eng Lang. (11<sup>th</sup>), AP Eng Lit (12<sup>th</sup>); AP Art History

**Math:** AP Statistics; AP Computer Science; AP Calculus; Calculus II is available at Colorado Mesa University

**Science:** Honors Geophysical Science (9<sup>th</sup>), Honors Biology (9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>), AP Biology; AP Environmental Science; AP Physics; AP Chemistry, AP Physics 2

**Social Studies:** Honors Global Studies (9<sup>th</sup>); AP US History; AP Micro Economics; AP Macro Economics; AP Psychology; AP Human Geography; AP World History, AP American Government and Comparative Politics, AP European History

**World Language:** AP Spanish

## Test Scores

Colorado requires ALL students to take the SAT in their junior year. The following scores show the average SAT scores for the graduating class. GJHS scores were very similar to state scores in every area.

College Entrance Testing			
SAT	ERW	Math	Average Total
2017	513.64	501.19	1014.82
2018	497	481	979
2019	492	479	970

## College Admissions

Approximately 71% of last year's graduating class applied to post-secondary programs. Of those students, 93.2% plan to attend four-year colleges, and an additional 6.8% plan to attend two-year colleges and technical schools. Seventy-nine percent of the class of 2019 college-bound students selected to stay in the state of Colorado while the other 21% selected out-of-state colleges and universities.

GJHS graduates have been admitted to colleges all across the country, including recent graduates attending Stanford University, Princeton University, Duke University, Brown University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cornell University, New York University, Baylor, Milwaukee School of Engineering, Regis University, Wheaton College, East Carolina University, University of Akron, Cleveland State, New Mexico Military Institute, Butler University, and the University of California at Los Angeles.