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## Supplementary Transcript Information

### Grand Rapids Community

Grand Rapids is a community of 10,800 with an additional 25,000 residents in the surrounding area. It is the county seat of Itasca County which is 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 has an average enrollment of 1,200 students in grades 9-12.
- The school operates on a semester basis.
- Class periods are 50 minutes in length, 5 days a week, 36 weeks per year.
- 56% of our teachers hold a master's degree and 65% have more than ten years of teaching experience. 36% of our graduates attend a four-year college, 40% attend a two-year college, vocational, military or other specialty schools.
- Grand Rapids is home to Itasca Community College which lends itself to an affordable, easy post-secondary transition for many of our students. Of the 40% who attend a two year college immediately after high school, about half of those transfer on to a four year college/university.

The majority of graduates entering a four-year college immediately out of high school attend a Midwestern public or private college. However, we currently have GRHS graduates attending Rose-Hulman, Dartmouth, Harvard, Worcester Polytechnic, Northwestern, Stanford, and Columbia.

Our students' average ACT scores are consistently higher than the national average. In the past fifteen years we have had six National Merit Finalists and 21 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     | 4.0 | • Health        | 0.5 |
| • Math               | 3.0 | • Money Matters | 0.5 |
| • Science            | 3.0 | • Electives     | 6.0 |
| • Physical Education | 1.0 |                 |     |

## **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, German, Spanish, Economics, History of Europe, Geography, Visual Arts, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Math Studies and Calculus.

Scores and tests taken for the Class of 2015 are as follows:

	Count	7	6	5	4	3	2	Average Score
English A: Literature	43		1	18	17	6	1	4.27
History of Europe	14			2	3	9		3.5
Geography	3				1	2		3.34
Economics	33			1	7	20	5	3.12
Chemistry	22			1	3	9	9	2.81
Physics	13			3	1	3	6	3.07
Biology	16		3	8	2	3		4.69
Math Studies	50	3	8	18	17	3		4.78
Spanish B	16		3	3	8	2		4.44
German B	9				3	4	2	3.11
Visual Arts	5		1	3	1			5

## **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 be in a CITS course but not for UMD credit if they do not meet the GPA requirement.

## **Post-Secondary Enrollment Option**

The Post-secondary enrollment option makes it possible for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who meet enrollment criteria to attend a college or technical school (either full or part time), and earn both college and high school credit for their course work completed. Courses are noted as PSEO on the transcript for course work taken off campus. 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

- “TI” Indicates Transfer In
- 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

