



# Grand Junction High School Profile 2021-2022

## ADMINISTRATION:

Meghan Roenicke, Principal  
Jared Burek, Assistant Principal  
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Tom LeFebre, Dean of Students

## COUNSELORS:

Serenity Santistevan, Grades 9-12, A-CI  
Stacey Keever, Grades 9-12, Cm-Go  
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### COVID Update:

In March of 2020, our school district shifted to a remote learning format. Students used Google Classroom and Google Meets for class lectures, assignments, and tests; the students earned letter grades at the end of the semester. Currently, most students attend school in a face-to-face format. Less than 10% of our student body has selected a district online learning format.

Grand Junction High School is one of five high schools in the district with approximately 1404 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. Thirty-seven percent of our student population qualifies for free/reduced lunch.

Grand Junction High School uses a block schedule with classes meeting 78 minutes per day. 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 classes meeting for 78 minutes daily and at the semester for classes meeting for 78 minutes every other day.

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 65,110 and is the major city in a rural area populated by approximately 158,809. The economy of the area is influenced by small industry, tourism, agriculture, 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 (Governor's Cup Winners) in Knowledge Bowl for 20 of the last 23 years and the 2015 and 2018 National Academic Team Champions

> The *Orange & Black* newspaper team won a 2020 national award. Student coverage of the building conditions at GJHS earned them the 2020 Student Journalism Impact Award from the Journalism Education Association and Quill & Scroll International

> National Merit Semi-Finalists and Finalists, Daniels Fund Scholars, & Boettcher Scholars

> State and regional awards for strong music programs

> Represented at the state level our FBLA students

> State champion wrestlers every year from 2015-2020

> The GJHS SMITE team capped a 19-0 season and won the Pacific League Championship for 2020, which was the first year that E-sports was offered through CHSAA.

### Graduation Requirements for the Class of 2021 - 25 credits including the following:

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

All students are encouraged to participate in service learning activities & receive recognition at graduation if they volunteer for at least 122 hours during their high school career.

## 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 Environmental 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) and Colorado Mesa University classes are weighted on a 5.0 scale. All other courses, including honors courses, are calculated on a 4.0 scale.*

Students may retake courses for grade improvement/replacement.

## Advanced Placement, Honors Courses, and High School Scholars 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>); CMU English 111; CMU English 112, AP Seminar, and AP Research

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

**Science:** Honors Biology (9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>), AP Biology; AP Environmental Science; AP Physics; AP Physics 2; CMU Geology and Lab 111; CMU Geology and Lab 112; CMU Human Anatomy & Physiology

**Social Studies:** Honors Global Studies (9<sup>th</sup>); AP Psychology; AP Human Geography; AP World History; AP Art History; CMU American Government

**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
2018	497	481	979
2019	492	479	970
2020	500	476	976
2021	491	474	965

## College Admissions

Approximately 72% of last year's graduating class applied to post-secondary programs. Of those students, 93% plan to attend four-year colleges, and an additional 7% 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, University of Rochester, Portland State University, Colorado State University, Arizona State University, Western Washington University, University of Wyoming, Oklahoma State University, Colorado School of Mines, Carroll College, Florida Atlantic University, Bethany College, University of Washington Seattle, Hussian College Los Angeles, Drake University, University of Denver, and University of Colorado Boulder