



Fostering academic excellence, personal growth and social responsibility



GRAND ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Building a Legacy of Academic Excellence

Grand Island High School has a rich tradition of academic excellence that has fulfilled generations of learners. Students in grades 9-12 have the advantage of a broad range of honors, Advanced Placement and college-level courses. Music, foreign language, art and technology classes round out a student's curriculum and let them explore diverse topics.

A dedicated and talented teaching staff goes above the expected to provide opportunities for students to shine. Whether it is coordinating a Mastermind competition, Tech Wars entries or supervising students for the Neighbors Foundation Food Drive and other community initiatives, our District staff has committed itself to reinforcing positive values, civic pride and a commitment to our Island community. We are proud of the fact that we teach to foster academic excellence, personal growth and social responsibility.

GIHS Cornerstones

Civic Responsibility

Character Building

Multiple Pathways

Academic Rigor

Invested Staff

Welcome to Grand Island High School



Entering high school is one of the most exciting times you will encounter in life. I hope this brochure gives you a taste of the many options our school has to offer. Grand Island provides a rigorous curriculum to prepare all students for a bright future. Students will have an opportunity to explore a variety of career pathways and engage in a meaningful academic program.

Multiple opportunities exist for Honors and Advanced Placement Level courses as well as a variety of elective classes in music, art, technology and other core academic areas. We encourage all students to get involved in our outstanding athletic programs, award-winning music department or other extra-curricular offerings. Our school has affiliations with both local and nationally-recognized universities to provide students with additional opportunities to earn college credit. No matter what a student's career or academic path becomes, he or she will find something at Grand Island.

The best way to truly understand the culture of our school is to spend some time in the building. If your family would like a tour, a meeting with our counselors or to set up a day to shadow a current student, please feel free to contact the high school main office at 773-8820. We invite you to be a "Viking for a Day" and learn what makes our school an amazing place.

I encourage you to explore our website and further research our diverse offerings. If you would like to register as a new student for the coming year, please contact the district office at 773-8800 to begin the registration process. There is also information on our web site under "Quick Links: New Student Registration." I look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Sincerely,
Michael V. Lauria, High School Principal

"I have found by taking the most advanced classes possible, I've put myself in environments in which I not only learn from my teachers, but from my peers as well... my level of work has improved as a result." — Sophia Castillo, Class of 2017

Advanced Placement

Fourteen AP courses are available starting in the sophomore year

AP Language and Composition
AP Literature and Composition
AP World History 10
AP U.S. History
AP Psychology
AP Macroeconomics
AP U.S. Government
AP Calculus AB
AP Statistics
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics
AP Art
AP Music Theory

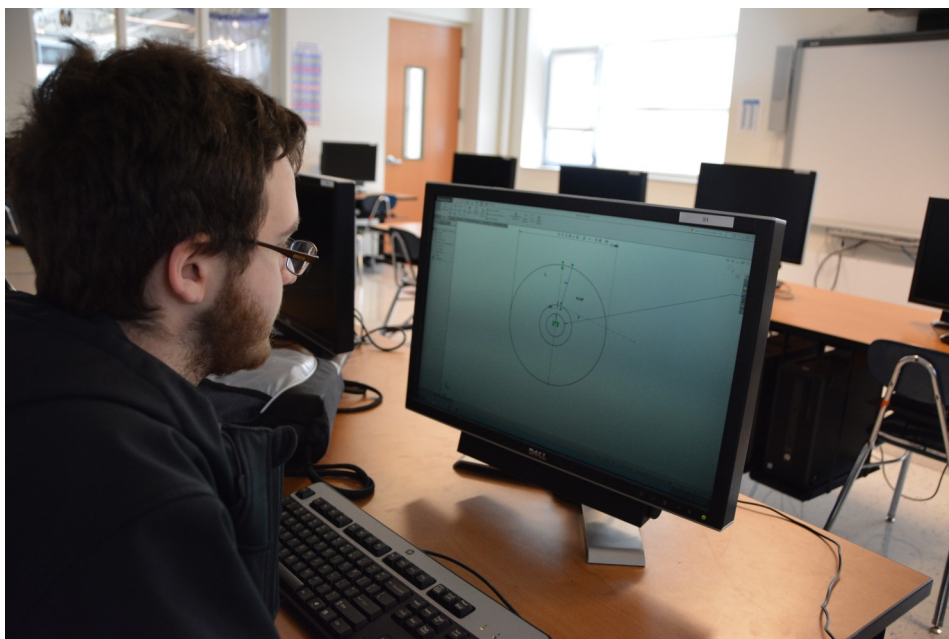
Honors and College Level Courses

English - Honors 9, Honors 10,
Social Studies – Advanced World History, SUPA Psychology
Mathematics – Geometry Honors, Preparation for College Math, Algebra 2 Honors, Precalculus Honors, Pre-Calculus and Advanced Topics
Science – Biology/Living Environment Honors, Chemistry/Physical Setting Honors, College Environment Science
Foreign Language – College French 103 and 104, College Spanish 103 and 104

College Partnerships

Students can earn college credit while they are still in high school by taking classes that are affiliated with universities. This is a win-win situation for families; students are able to take more challenging courses and by earning college credit they have more room in their college curriculum for minor coursework or electives.

Niagara University NUSTEP language program
Niagara County Community College ... CAD I and II
Erie County Community College Portfolio, Accounting I, Speech and Debate
Syracuse University SUPA Psychology



Business Pathways

Aligned with the NYS Education Department's college and career readiness standards, the two business strands allow students to take a variety of classes in marketing, financial management, accounting, small business, internships and college computer skills starting in ninth grade.

Students in the Business and Marketing program receive Career and Technical Endorsement completion seal on their diploma.

Business Strands

- **Business and Marketing**
- **Business and Finance**

Exploring Interests Through Electives

Students have the opportunity to build into their schedule a series of electives on topics that are of interest to them. We believe that students should have a broad scope of knowledge but also be able to pursue topics that they love and give them their joie de vivre—an exuberant enjoyment of life.

English

Creative Writing
Public Speaking
Understanding Mass Media
Theatre and Acting I and II

Social Studies

Criminal Law
Introduction to Psychology
Foundations of Knowledge
America's War
Buffalo-Niagara History

Science

Human Anatomy and Physiology
Horticulture and Field Ecology



Stats from the 237 Graduates of the Class of 2016

NYS Regents Diplomas with Advanced Designation with Honor	45	29%
NYS Regents Diplomas with Advanced Designation	65	27%
NYS Regents Honors Diplomas	8	3%
NYS Regents Endorsed Diplomas	104	44%
Local Diplomas	15	6%
National Merit Commended Students	3	1%

Post High School Plans

78% attending college
52% attending four-year college
25% attending two-year college
2% joined the military
11% joined the workforce

Technology Pathways

Aligned with the NYS Education Department's college and career readiness standards, the three technology pathways allow students to take a variety of classes in technical design, architecture, design and drawing for production, and computer aided design (CAD).

Technology Strands

- Pre-Architecture
- Pre-Biotechnology
- Pre-Engineering



Science & STEM Labs

The recent capital project brought 10 new science classrooms and a technology wing that encompasses 20,000 square feet and offers five STEM Labs with two CAD rooms and six workshops.



Technology Wing

Each of the spaces in the high school technology wing are equipped with state of the art equipment, including a CNC mill, laser engravers, welding equipment, rough and finish carpentry equipment, plotters, a paint booth, lathes and plasma cutters.

Clubs and Leadership Activities

National Honor Society

Interact - service based club

Vikingettes - baton twirling club

Envirothon - science-based environmental competitions

Yearbook

Inspired - prayer group

State & National Award-Winning DECA Club

Students practice key leadership skills such as goal setting, consensus building and project management. Activities and competitions focus on marketing, finance, hospitality and management.

Internship/CEIP

Internship/Work Experience is a one-semester course designed to provide students with an opportunity to experience the world of work. Students complete on-the-job training through a non-paid internship.

Internship Placements

Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Cannon Design, Niagara SPCA, Niagara Aquarium, McGuire Development, Niagara Falls Memorial Hospital, FBI, Entercom Communications, Grand Island Central Schools, Sweet Beginnings Bakery, Erie County Explorer Program

School Store/Entrepreneurship:

Casey's Corner is an entrepreneurial operation in a school setting that provides goods/services to meet the needs of the market. Casey's Corner is managed and operated by students as hands-on learning laboratory that integrates National Curriculum Standards in marketing, finance, hospitality or management.



"I joined DECA in ninth-grade. I would like to be a Physician Assistant and plan to get a business management degree. DECA introduced me to how business can take a huge part in health care." — Catie Merletti, Class of 2017

Students get hands-on during an advanced physics classroom lesson





Art Department

Students can explore their passion for the arts within a broad range of foundational and studio art courses. Throughout the district and within our local community, student-artists are able to display their work to begin building a portfolio and art resume.

Studio Courses Available:

Art
Drawing and Painting
Textiles
Fashion Design and Illustration
Advertising/Design
Sculpture
Ceramics

Creative Crafts (1/2 Year)
Film and Animation
Life Skills Art
Digital Photography *
Digital Photography 2 (1/2 Year)
Advanced Placement (AP) Art *

* college credit courses

"I was over-prepared for my foundation arts courses when attending college my freshman year." — Sarah Bellinger, Class of 2015



Art Clubs & Activities

Art Club
Photography Club
Chalk Walk Team

Art Website

For more information about the Grand Island High School Art Department please visit our website at:
www.gihart.weebly.com

Student Art Exhibits

Kenan Center Photography Show
Daemen College All High Art Show
Villa Maria College Art Show
University at Buffalo High School Art Show
Niagara PAL Art Awards
Grand Island Central School District Art Show
Grand Island Art Scholarship Award (Annual)
Isle of Terror Haunted House (Art Club)
Chalk Walk (part of Lewiston Art Show, Lewiston, N.Y.)





Small Group Lessons

Students attend a daily rehearsal in band, orchestra and choir and receive a weekly small group lesson to enhance their playing ability and musical skills. Grand Island offers additional music classes in guitar, music theory, and Advanced Placement music theory. Students enrolled in the music program can obtain a sequence in music for graduation.

Award Winning Music Program

The National Association of Music Merchants has selected Grand Island as one of the nation's top communities for music education for the past four years. Grand Island's concert band, orchestra, choirs and wind ensemble travel to national competitions biannually where they have consistently taken top group and solo awards, earning excellent, superior and gold distinctions.

Extra-Curricular Music Ensembles

Jazz Ensemble	Madrigals
Dominant Force	Women of Note
Chamber Orchestra	Symphony Orchestra



2017 Production of "Music Man"

High School Musical

These productions are always something to behold.

"Music Man" was the 2017 show with over 100 students involved in the performances in Grand Island's new state-of-the-art auditorium.

Performances in recent years include "Mary Poppins", "Shrek", "Pirates of Penzance", and "Anything Goes".

French, Spanish

We strive to offer a foreign language program which can be tailored to meet the needs of students at various ability levels. Our ultimate goal for students is to achieve communicative fluency in the target language.

Students pursuing language classes beyond French III and Spanish III can continue with the College French 103/104 and Spanish 103/104 sequence through our partnership with Niagara University's NUSTEP courses. This exceptional program gives Grand Island's juniors and seniors the possibility to earn up to six college credit hours while still attending high school.

Travel Abroad

The high school has offered travel abroad to France, Spain and Costa Rica. During the summer of 2017, a group of students and teachers will travel to Perú. We have hosted a French student exchange, Bailes Hispanos (Spanish music dance) and professionally taught Salsa lessons.

Contact Us

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District Website

www.grandislandschools.org

Athletics

The interscholastic athletic program at Grand Island Schools provides student athletes with a variety of opportunities at every level of play. Our teams and students participate in the Niagara Frontier League, Section VI and New York State competitions. Many teams have been recognized for their team grade point average in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Team Scholar-Athlete program.

Teams

Fall Teams

Football: V, JV, Modified
Boys Soccer: V, JV
Girls Soccer: V, JV
Boys Volleyball: V, JV, Modified
Girls Volleyball: V, JV, Modified
Girls Tennis: V
Boys & Girls Cross Country: V, JV, Modified
Girls Swim: V
Cheerleading: V, JV
Golf: V, JV

Winter Teams

Boys Basketball: V, JV, Modified
Girls Basketball: V, JV, Modified
Girls & Boys Bowling: V
Girls & Boys Indoor Track
Boys Swim: V
Wrestling: V, JV, modified
Hockey: V
Cheerleading: V, JV

Spring Teams

Baseball: V, JV, modified
Softball: V, JV, Modified
Boys Lacrosse: V, JV, Modified

Girls Lacrosse: V, JV, Modified
Girls Track
Boys Track
Boys Tennis: V, JV

Athletic Clubs

JV Hockey
Modified Hockey
Club Wrestling
Jr. Vikings Football
Piraha's Swim Club
Ski Club

Athletic Points of Pride

Records & Accolades

~ 2016 Boys Varsity Soccer: Section VI champs, Class A champs, Far West Regional champs, New York State semi-final champs
~ 2016 Girls Varsity Soccer: Section VI Champs

Division I and II College Signings

Marcy Barberic (D1) Niagara University, soccer
Kelsey Harrigan (DI) Niagara University, softball
Lindsay Proctor (DI) West Virginia University, softball
Madison Pezzino (DI), Florida State University, soccer
Alyssa Maxwell (DII), Roberts Wesleyan University, lacrosse
Hayley Latvala, (DII), Gannon University, lacrosse