



## 2023-24 School Profile

**Type:** Public,  
four-year (9-12)  
comprehensive

**Size:**  
Freshmen: 682  
Sophomores: 759  
Juniors: 620  
Seniors: 601  
■ **Total: 2,662**

**Demographics**  
SES: ..... 63.5%  
ELL: ..... 17.7%  
SPED: ..... 11.5%

### Administration

**Principals:**  
Executive: Jeff Gilbertson  
Associate: Calvin Hubbard

**Academy Principals:**  
Fawn Gerstein, AFE  
Augusta Beahm, AELPS  
Matt Wichman, AET  
Nate Helzer & Ron Hester, ABC  
D.W. Holley, ATS  
Greg Schlegel, AMS

**Activities Office**  
Cindy Wells, Director  
Chris Ladwig, Asst. Director

**Programs:**  
Success: Dr. Ken DeFrank  
Skills: Claudia Demko Reno  
OMB: Steve Myers

**Counselors:**  
Stacy Quinteros, AFE - Gold  
Shaun Willey, AFE - Purple  
Dave Woods, ABC 10-12  
Julie Markvicka, AELPS, 10-12  
Mindy Ulmer, AET 10-12  
Alex Niederklein, AMS 11-12  
Melissa Luthi-Placke, ATS 10-12  
Jeff Westerby, Alternate Sites  
Kathleen Townsend, Newcomers/CBI

**CEEB ACT Code:** 280-955

**NDE/NCA Accreditation:**  
Grand Island Senior High is  
accredited by both the Nebraska  
Department of Education and North  
Central Association Commission  
on Accreditation and School  
Improvement.

In compliance with Family  
Educational Rights and Privacy  
Act of 1974, a transcript is provided  
for employment, financial aid or  
admission purposes only. The law  
prohibits permitting access to  
student records by another party  
without written consent of the  
student concerned.



Every Student, Every Day, a Success!

### Academies of Grand Island Senior High

- Academy of Freshman Exploration
- Academy of Business & Communication
- Academy of Education, Law & Public Safety
- Academy of Engineering & Technology
- Academy of Medical Sciences
- Academy of Technical Sciences

### School Calendar

Grand Island Senior High uses an A/B block schedule, with four 90-minute periods on each day. The school year consists of two 18-week semester grading periods.

### Grading Scale:

A – 90-100%  
B – 80-89%  
C – 70-79%  
D – 60-69%  
F – Below 60% (Fail)  
P – Non-graded course (Pass)

### Graduation Requirements

English 40  
Mathematics 30  
Physical Ed 10  
Science 30  
Social Studies 30  
Personal Finance 5  
Electives 95  
**Total Credits 240**

### Course Weighting & Latin Graduation Designations

Grades	AP Courses	Regular	Latin Designations	GPA
A	5.00	4.00	Summa Cum Laude	4.00+
B	4.00	3.00	Magna Cum Laude	3.75-3.99
C	3.00	2.00	Cum Laude	3.5-3.74
D	2.00	1.00		
F	.00	.00		

2023 total: **S(28), M(43), C(46)**

### Class of 2023 Ethnicity Profile

Total graduates in Class of 2023	583
American Indian or Alaska Native	2 (0.3%)
Asian	5 (0.9%)
Black or African American	34 (5.8%)
Hispanic	314 (53.9%)
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	1 (0.2%)
White	213 (36.5%)
Two or more	14 (2.4%)

### GPA Distribution \*

GPA is computed by the school management software, Synergy. All graded courses are included in the GPA. Pass/Fail courses are not computed.

Class of	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Top 25%*	3.40	3.76	3.76	3.73	3.75
Top 50%	2.83	3.41	3.40	3.36	3.38
Top 75%	2.38	3.07	3.07	3.03	3.05

\* Example: 25% of Class of 2019 had GPA 3.40 and above

Note: The calculation for weighted GPAs was updated from 2019-20 onward.

### ACT Mean Composite\*\*

Class of	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Local	18.5	20.9	17.3	17.3	17.5
Nebraska	20.0	19.9	20.0	19.4	XX.X
National	20.9	20.6	20.3	19.8	XX.X
% Tested	100%	100%	88%***	100%	100%

\*\*The ACT has been given to all students starting with the Class of 2018.

\*\*\*COVID year with ACT given in the fall, senior year, and not reaching 100%.

### Post High School Plans

Class of	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
4-year college	42%	41%	53%	57%	40%
2-year college	38%	38%	21%	14%	22%
Military service	3%	4%	3%	5%	3%
Employment	17%	17%	23%	27%	35%

### 2023-24 Core Curriculum and Transcript Codes

(AP) - Advanced Placement  
(\*weighted grade)

### Dual Credit (DC)\*

(CCC) - Central Community  
College  
(WSC) Wayne State College  
\*DC also included in some AP courses

### Communicative Arts

- English I, II, III, IV
- English II (Honors)
- Journalism
- Speech WSC
- ELA Comp WSC
- Expository Writing WSC
- AP English Lit Comp\*
- AP English Language Comp\*

### World Languages

- Chinese I, II, III
- Spanish I, II
- Spanish III & IV WSC
- Spanish for Native Speakers I & II WSC
- AP Spanish Lang. & Culture

### Mathematics

- Algebra I & II
- Algebra II Honors
- Geometry
- Geometry Honors
- Pre-Calculus
- Pre Calculus Honors
- Prob & Stats
- AP Statistics\*
- AP Calculus AB\*
- AP Calculus BC
- College Prep Math
- Technical Math CCC

### Social Studies

- American History
- American Government
- American Government WSC
- Economics
- Psychology I
- Sociology
- World History
- AP Psychology
- AP Government\*
- AP World History\*
- AP Macroeconomics
- AP Microeconomics

### Science

- Integrated Science I (Physics)
- Integrated Science II (Biology)
- Integrated Science III (Chemistry)
- SCI Astronomy WSC
- Anatomy/Physiology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Biology\*
- AP Physics I & II\*

### Advanced Coursework

AP classes: 15  
Dual Credit: 71

### Satellite Campuses

#### Career Pathways Institute

Home of the Academy of  
Technical Sciences and the  
Academy of Engineering &  
Technology

#### Wyandotte Learning Center

Home of the Academy of  
Education, Law & Public  
Safety

#### Extended curriculum

GISH extended  
curriculum includes  
a variety of courses  
in: AFROTC, Business, JAG,  
FCS, Fine Arts, Medical,  
Technology and Physical  
Education.

### Additional Opportunities

#### GISH Online

Assigned Independent  
Study allows students  
to take core courses  
individually. Students work  
on-site with  
accredited instructors  
on a personalized  
learning plan.

#### AFJROTC

This partnership with the  
United States Air Force  
comprises studies in  
aerospace science and  
leadership education.

#### Ombudsman

GIPS contracts with  
Ombudsman (OMB) to  
provide an off-site  
educational experience for  
at-risk students.

#### Success Academy

Success is an off-site  
educational setting serving  
students in grades 6-12  
offering a personalized  
alternative to traditional  
classrooms.

#### Skills Academy

Skills is an off-site  
educational setting serving  
students in grades 1-12  
who have special education  
plans.

#### Workforce Prep

Workforce Prep Academy  
is an off-site career  
exploration program for  
students who have special  
education plans.