



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 Gernstein, 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	19.2
National	20.7	20.6	20.3	19.8	19.5
% 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.