

## Grass Lake High School Profile

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Community- Grass Lake Community School District is located approximately 30 miles north of the Ohio border and midway between Michigan's eastern shore of Lake Erie and its western shore of Lake Michigan. Established in 1952, Grass Lake Community Schools was formed upon the consolidation of fifteen small, independent school districts. The district includes approximately 68 square miles and serves 1250 students in the kindergarten through twelfth grades. The district serves an economically diverse population with a Free and Reduced Lunch ratio hovering around 20 percent. Approximately 130 experienced, dedicated teaching and support staff members provide professional learning experiences and services. The Grass Lake Community Schools enjoy a supportive relationship with its growing community. Commitment in the form of monetary support and community volunteers have made us Jackson County's best kept educational secret. In recent years, the area has been transformed by extensive housing developments. The district is in a period of accelerated growth. We are one of the fastest growing districts in the state.

School- Grass Lake High School is a public high school serving approximately 400 students. The school opened in fall of 2003 and was built in response to increased student body growth due to people moving to Grass Lake as an easy commute to Ann Arbor/Detroit where cost of living is significantly lower than counties east of Grass Lake. Grass Lake is MDE (Michigan Department of Education) accredited by MI-SAAS (School Accreditation and Accountability System).

### Graduation Requirements-29 credits

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- 5 semesters English
- 5 semesters Math
- 3 semesters Science
- 3 semesters Social Studies
- 1 semester Foreign Language
- 1 ½ semesters School/Career Planning
- 1 semester Art
- 1 semester Physical Education
- ½ semester of Health
- 8 semesters of electives

### Grading Scale

A	4.0	100-94%
A-	3.667	90-93%
B+	3.333	87-89%
B	3.0	84-86%
B-	2.667	80-83%
C+	2.333	77-79%
C	2.0	74-76%
C-	1.667	70-73%
D+	1.333	67-69%
D	1.0	64-66%
D-	.667	60-63%
F	0	0-59%

### Advanced Placement Courses Dual Enrollment

\*GLHS doesn't offer Honors or IB courses

\*All AP Courses are given 1.0 Added Value point toward GPA

#### **AP Courses offered:**

AP English and Composition  
AP US History  
AP Chemistry  
AP Spanish

\*Dual Enrollment through Jackson Community College is another way for students to earn 1.0 Added Value point to their GPA

### **Curriculum**

Our academic program is organized on a 4x4 block schedule. Four (4) credits per semester is the maximum course load (eight (8) classes/credits a year); students take four 88-minute block classes each semester. Block classes are semester-long; each block class meets every day. This does include 2 classes (43 minutes classes) during the 4<sup>th</sup> block of the day where year-long classes such as band, choir, and yearbook are run. These classes obtain .5 credit per semester and are called skinnies. A student must take 2 skinnies, if they elect to take a year-long class.

### **GPA and Rank Calculation**

GPA is computed using the grading scale in the table above. Beginning in grade 9, all class grades are included in the computation unless extenuating circumstances arise and the student earned a "P" or "F" according to their transcript. This can happen when students take high school courses as 8<sup>th</sup> graders and for medical conditions approved by the principal. A minimum of 29 credits is required for graduation. AP and dual enrollment courses are given an added value of 1.0 point. In determining Valedictorian/Salutatorian, rank is based on the added value GPA. National Honor Society and Honor Roll (students with 3.5 and higher) is based on Simple GPA. Both GPA calculations are recorded on Grass Lake High School transcripts.

### **ACT Test Results**

Grass Lake High School participates and administers to 100% of their student body the PLAN (10<sup>th</sup> grade), and ACT (11<sup>th</sup> grade) and tracks that information for school improvement purposes. The following is the most current data available.