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## 2012 & 2013 School of Distinction

# Granite Falls High School

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### Our Accomplishments

#### ACADEMICS:

- GFHS was recognized as 2013 School of Distinction, a repeat honor.
- Class of 2014 completed 6379.25 community service hours.
- Success in Ed winners included: Beau Byron, Tysen Campell, Kamryn Curry, Dansil Green, Riley Hanson, Hunter Therault, Aakash Sethi, Syrena West, Winter Wirkkala
- 35 students attended advanced technical training at Sno-Isle Skills.
- 14 students qualified for state competitions in FBLA. Several students won multiple events. Congratulations : **Aakash Sethi**, Beau Byron, Kenna Todd, Chloe Downs, **Alaina Vanderhoff**, Jarod Koehmstedt, **Tyler Arp**, Hayley Nelson, **Jeremy Miller**, Hailey Murphy, Alex Turner, Will Kamins, **Ricky Mueller**, Brenden Sanders (Bold names are National Competitors)
- 33 students attended Running Start programs; 6 students completed their Associates degree as well as their high school requirements.
- College credit was awarded to students who successfully completed Tech Prep, Running Start, and Honors programs.
- Our annual Food Drive brought in 26,049 items, and \$10,133.57, which supplied food for 188 families. In addition, gifts were give to 431 children in the GF School District and 2 truckloads of food went to Fathers House and the GF Food Bank.

- Our Counseling department provided the successful annual College and Career Fair: 12 colleges/universities, 8 community/technical colleges, 9 community resources, and 3 military branches were represented.
- In our 5th year of competing at the Shell Eco-marathon in Houston, TX - 16 students with 2 brand-new cars achieved the following among 30 High Schools and 54 Universities: ShopGirls placed 4th in the Diesel Prototype Category with 493MPG and for the 4th time in 5 years won the very prestigious Safety Award. UrbanAutos won 2nd place in the Diesel Urban Concept Car Category with a new school record of 288MPG (44MPG more). The total winnings amounted to \$3,000.
- Michael Werner was honored at the Future of Flight Museum by the Center of Excellence in Aerospace and Advanced Manufacturing
- Nancy Matlack, Science teacher, once again participated in the OSPI High School Content Review Committee. Her participation provides her a deeper understanding if the test and item specifications for the Biology End of Course Exam.
- Principal Michele Wadeikis was selected Principal of the Year for the Cascade Conference.

#### ATHLETICS:

##### WIAA Distinguished Academic Team Awards (3.0-3.49 Team GPA)

Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, JV Girls Soccer, JV Volleyball, Varsity Volleyball, JV Girls Basketball, Varsity Softball, JV Tennis, Varsity Girls Track

##### WIAA Outstanding Academic Team Awards (3.5 + Team GPA)

Varsity Girls Tennis

##### 1st Team All-Conference Athletes

Winter Wirkkala- Girls Soccer, Riley Larson- Boys Basketball, Tysen Campbell- Boys Track, Cassie Collinge- Girls Track, Riley Larson- Baseball, Daniel Head- Baseball, Lauren Harding- Softball, Taylor Arndt- Softball, Kelsey Bechtholdt- Softball, Kasey Bergan- Softball, K.C. Spencer- Golf

##### 2nd Team All-Conference Athletes

Matt Hamilton- Football, Makenna Carter- Girls Soccer, A aron Flegel- Boys Track, Riley Hanson- Boys Soccer, Chris Gentry- Baseball, Greg Barnett- Baseball, Mikayla Engstrom- Softball, Hailey Teter- Softball

##### Wrestling State Academic Champion

Riley Hanson

##### WIAA Prep-Athlete of the Week

Trae Poplin- Football, Taylor Arndt- Softball, Lauren Harding- Softball, Kasey Bergan- Softball, Cassie Collinge- Girls Track, Riley Larson- Baseball

##### Everett Herald Athlete of the Week

Hailey & Taylor Arndt

Granite Falls School District  
2013-14 Performance Report

## About Our School

Granite Falls High School serves 575 students in grades 9-12. It is a comprehensive high school offering College in the High School, Running Start (Everett Community College) and Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes, as well as providing outstanding basic education classes. Through this wide variety of student choices, athletics, and school activities, students are prepared for the work place of the future. The High School has 1 administrator, .5 CTE Director, .5 Athletic director, 32 certificated, 2 counselors and 16 support staff. We are very proud to be recognized again this year as a School of Distinction. In addition, the US News High School Rankings for 2013 has rated our high school 48th in the state, 3rd in the county.

## The Mission of GFHS

Every student, every day, every classroom. To inspire and facilitate a passion for life-long learning and the pursuit of excellence in every student every day.

## Survey Results

An educational reform bill passed by the Washington State Legislature in 2010 required that school district seek feedback from parents and community members and summarize the responses in the annual performance reports. The survey was conducted in December 2012 and provided the following results: The District scored highest (based on a five point scale) in making visitors feel welcome, communicating about school news, and maintaining the schools and grounds. The top issues included classrooms keeping up with technology, starting career and technology classes at the middle school and high school, and updating curriculum materials regularly. Full survey results can be obtained by calling Elizabeth Holderman at 360.691.7717.

## Our Learning Improvement Plan

### 2012-2013 Goals

District Goal #1: Quality Learning. Engage and inspire every student through powerful and innovative instruction, fostering development of critical-thinking skills and motivating academic achievement through high expectations.

- The new evaluation system continues to help teachers and departments re-establish goals and to focus in specific areas.
- Staff continues collegial walk-throughs with an emphasis on Student Engagement and Purpose.
- Teachers are sharing teaching strategies to enhance student engagement and reading strategies across the building.
- Professional development Fridays concentrated on the 3 “Big Rocks” of focus for the High School. (Student Learning, Teacher Reflection & Common Core) Teacher Leaders presented on Assessment, Student Growth Goals & Common Core. Reviewing data from the Data Snaps collectively allowed for staff determine the priority needs of students.
- 24 students were inducted into the National Honor Society.

District Goal #2: Positive Image. Strengthen our district by countering unfounded perceptions and stereotypes of Granite Falls. Celebrate student successes and civic progress, working collaboratively with district partners—including local government, the chamber of commerce, and service organizations.

- Veterans who attended an assembly in their honor were very impressed w/ the student body.
- Our issues with social media threats improved our communications with parents and students in all areas, specifically safety.
- The Student-Led conferences had 85% participation. This is an opportunity for students to demonstrate how they are taking ownership of their learning.
- Athletic programs continue to build the collaborative culture of our school community.

District Goal #3: College- and Career-Ready. Ensure that every student transitions successfully between grades and schools and graduates with the knowledge, skills and attitude to excel in diverse post-secondary opportunities. Foster student achievement through active partnerships with parents, families and our community.

- Student-Led conferences is an opportunity for students to share their current academic progress toward graduation and post-graduation goals.
- Senior students participate in the Culminating project night. Students choose an interest and pursue it at a deeper level. The topic of interest creates a foundation to extend learning and possibly confirm a path to pursue after High School.

• Our CTE department is providing a variety of opportunities for students to be college and career ready- CTE course – Multimedia produces weekly announcements – check it out! <http://bit.ly/GFHSAMM21> Videos can be seen at [youtube.com/user/GFHSamm](http://youtube.com/user/GFHSamm) We will be live streaming sports events at [tigersports.tv](http://tigersports.tv)

### Department Leaders

In collaboration with administration, the department leaders are coordinating the efforts of their department members to achieve department goals as well as building goals.

- ARTS- Mary Karns, COUNSELING- Rebecca Delaney, CTE- Crosby Carpenter, ENGLISH- Stefanie Reistad-Schwartz, FITNESS- Tracey Bechtholdt, MATH- Mark Neuma, SCIENCE- Nancy Matlack, WORLD STUDIES- Susan Black, SPECIAL EDUCATION- Cindy Blakeslee



## School Data

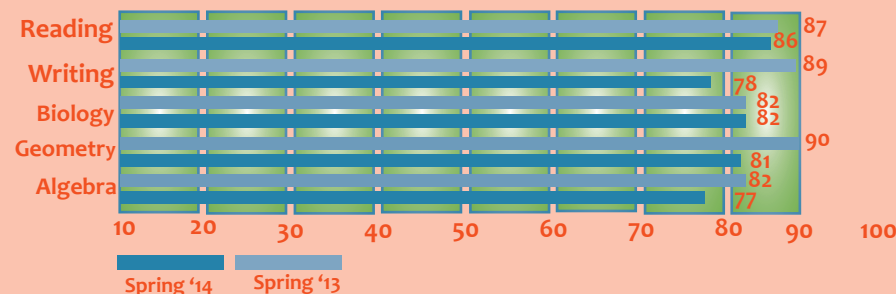
Enrollment by Grade	
9th	198
10th	149
11th	153
12th	133
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>633</b>

Ethnic Enrollment	
Pacific Islander	17
Asian	16
American Indian	13
Hispanic	49
Black / African American	6
White	538
Multi	16

**Attendance** The average daily attendance for the 2013-2014 school years through May was 94%.

**Graduation Rate** The 2012-13 graduation rate was 88% (rates determined by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for federal reporting purposes).

**State Test Scores (Grade 10)** To obtain results in all grade levels, visit the OSPI website at: <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/>



### Condition and Use of Our Building

Granite Falls High School opened in December of 2007 thanks to the community support of a bond issue passed in 2006. Commitment to maintaining appealing and functional grounds and building facilities has been demonstrated through the effort of our facilities maintenance staff. In 2012 a Solar panel was installed on the Southwest facing roof. This panel supplies clean energy to the building and reduces the carbon footprint. New energy efficient lighting was also added in 2013 which reduced energy costs and improved indoor and outdoor lighting. Granite Falls High School is a model for eco-friendly school design while providing state of the art teaching and learning spaces.

## Report to the Community

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as No Child Left Behind Legislation, requires school districts to annually report on progress outlining specific information and include state assessment results.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has compiled all the data required by the ESEA law including schools identified for improvement. Information on the Granite Falls School District can be found at <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/>

If you cannot access the report online, contact Elizabeth Holderman at 360.691.7717, for a hard copy.

## Participate in Our School

Parent and community involvement is the key to our success. Opportunities to become involved include:

- Tutor students in academic subjects
- Attend school functions
- Assist students with Community Service projects
- Booster Club
- Volunteer with the ECO car program
- Judging Senior Culminating Projects
- Parent Conferences
- Career and Technical Education Advisory Groups
- Career Counseling Committee
- Assist with student clubs (Drama, Art, FBLA, FFA, etc.)

## About our Financial Resources

Granite Falls High School Budget 2013-14*	
Travel	6.3%
Supplies	78.5%
Contract Services	15.2%
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Salaries	57.2%
Benefits	21.8%
Contract Services	16.1%
Supplies	4.7%
Travel	0.2%
Equipment	0%
*All numbers approximate.	