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2012 & 2013 School of Distinction

Granite Falls High School

ACADEMICS:

- Class of 2017 completed 8124 community service hours.
- Success in Ed winners included: Cooper Curry, Tommy Driscoll, Orion Green, Aiden Holm, Jordon Heppner, Hannah Holman, Samantha Leitzke, Madalyn Massena, Elsa Mastrude, Miranda Russo, Megan Woldstad, and Jaden Yaretz.
- 22 students attended advanced technical training at Sno-Isle Skills.
- 24 students qualified for state competitions in FBLA. Congratulations: Anna Beach, **Bret Benzion**, Madison Cory, Aurora Denning, **Orion Green**, Joslyn Harding, Nida Haroon, Hannah Holman, **Khasia Hopkins**, Jordan Hymas, **Luke Macomber**, **Connor Maneval**, Skye McBride, Ciara Parkhurst, Miranda Russo, **Mandalynn Scheffler**, Mariah Spencer, Dayna Strecker, **Michael Turpin**, Jacob Whitt, **Erich Whitley**, **Maia Whitley**, Clayton Wise, Megan Woolstad. 9 students made the top ten winners and several students won multiple events.
- FFA competed in the State Horse Judging Career Development event in Ellensburg. This is the first time we have competed at the state level. Lacey Tolbert, Jodi Bond, Abbi McNeil, Kendal Davis, Charolette Booke and Mackenzie Hagan placed 8th overall as a team and Kendal Davis placed 9th for high individual.

Our Accomplishments

- 26 students attended Running Start programs; 8 Part-time, 18 Full-time; 8 students completed their Associates degree as well as their high school requirements.
- Our annual Food Drive brought in 21,576 food/household items, and \$16,013, which supplied food and Holiday meals for 215 families. In addition, gifts were given to 502 children in the GF School District.
- In our 8th year of competition at the Shell Eco-marathon in Detroit, MI. 11 GFHS students with 2 cars won the prestigious Safety Award again. Over 100 student teams competed for the top mileage efficiency.

ATHLETICS:

WIAA Distinguished Academic Team Awards
 Boys Baseball 3.23 GPA
 Boys Track 3.01 GPA
 Girls Track 3.31 GPA
 Girls Tennis 3.31 GPA

WIAA Outstanding Academic Team Awards
 Girls Soccer 3.64 GPA
 Girls Cross Country 3.55 GPA

1st Team All-Conference Athletes

Girls Soccer _____ **Football**
 Spencer Wirkkala Camden Landrum
 Rudy Engstrom
 Hunter Chapman
 Sam Blacken

Girls Basketball

Madalyn Messena Rudy Engstrom
 Jordan Hepner

Softball

Taylor Arndt Daylin Pierce
 Danica West Alexis Rackley
 Cassie Collinge
 Dayana Diaz
 Sam Lietzke
 Grace Rinaldi
 Brittney Mayer
 Kelsey Bassett
 Haley Hansen

2nd Team All-Conference Athlete

Girls Soccer _____ **Cross Country**
 Cassie Collinge Isaac Cortez
 Jaiden Waud Aiden Holm

Boys Basketball _____ **Boys Baseball**
 Ben Schnieders Sammy Blacken
 Cameron Loescje
 John Brown

Football

Legend Suddarth Jillian Zachry
 Dakota Scherrer Hunter Lingle
 Brayden Counsellor
 Kory Glover
 Hunter Chapman

Track

Madalyn Massena

WIAA Prep-Athlete of the Week

Taylor Arndt

Granite Falls School District
 2016-17 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, 1 Assistant Principal/Athletic director, 30 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 November 2015 and provided the following results: The District scored highest (based on a five point scale) in school safety, positive district image, positive district culture, and teacher-parent communication. The District scored average or below grade level in college and career readiness for students, communication with faculty, families, and the community, as well as engaging instruction in the classroom. Full survey results can be obtained by calling Melanie Freeman at 360.691.7717.

Our Learning Improvement Plan

2016-2017 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.

- Back to school with teachers on September 2nd focused on Student Agency. Staff identified ways to support student agency in the classroom, the building and the district throughout the school year.

- Assessment Coordinators are busy deciphering the new State testing requirements. Students are currently utilizing the new chromebooks to practice for these tests.

- With the implementation of the new evaluation system our teachers are continuing the dedicated work they have always done and additionally are establish these goals to focus in specific areas. Departments have selected common goals which will allow for subject, grade level or building wide results.

- High School Science teacher, Nancy Matlack, again participates in the Biology Collection of Evidence TASK Writing Committee – this allows our Science departments to improve student learning of our Science standards.

- Our Social Studies teachers are meeting to discuss curriculum adoption and common assessments.

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.

- Our community veterans who attended an assembly in their honor, were once again very impressed with the student body of GFHS.

- The format for Student-Led conferences changed reach our goal of 67% participation. This is an opportunity for students to demonstrate how they are taking ownership of their learning. We have so much to be proud of our students at Granite Falls.

- Under the leadership of our Athletic Director, Doug Plucker, Athletic programs continue to build the collaborative culture of our school community. In addition, High School Athletics provided athletic trainer support at our football games. Positive comments were shared by community members.

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. Counselors reviewed student needs and request to provide schedules to accommodate both areas. Advisory groups were established so students have a positive contact throughout the day and school year.

- 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 decision on what path to pursue after High School. A true celebration of learning!

- Our CTE department continues to provide a variety of opportunities for students to be college and career ready.

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- Ginny Schlegel
 CTE- Lonnie Hall
 FITNESS- Tracey Bechtholdt
 MATH- Mark Neuman
 SCIENCE- Tony Helgeson
 WORLD STUDIES- Eric Dinwiddie
 SPECIAL EDUCATION- Nikki Connor



School Data

Enrollment by Grade	
9th	143
10th	139
11th	139
12th	150
TOTAL	571

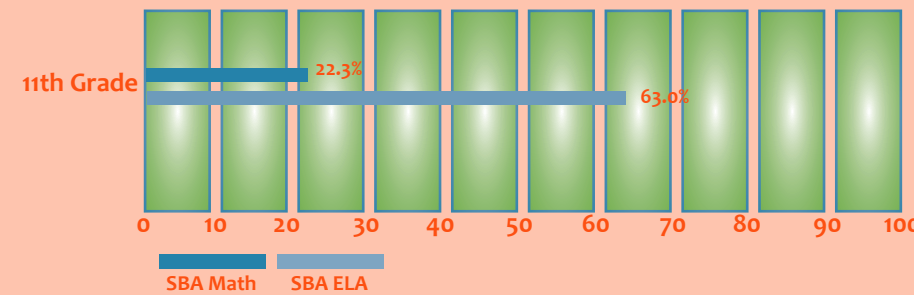
Ethnic Enrollment	
Pacific Islander	3
Asian	6
American Indian	8
Hispanic	42
Black / African American	5
White	483
Multi	24

Attendance The average daily attendance for the 2016-2017 school years through May was 89.07%.

Graduation Rate The 2016-17 graduation rate was 88% (rates determined by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for federal reporting purposes).

State Test Scores (Grades 10, 11)

In the spring of 2016, students took the new Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) which is aligned with the State Common Core Standards in English Language Arts (ELA) and math. Since the SBA is new and more rigorous than previous assessments, OSPI predicted state passing rates for ELA and math to be around 35%.



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. 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 Melanie Freeman 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 2016-17*	
Supplies	2.3%
Contract Services	2.3%
Salaries	69.1%
Travel	0.3%
Benefits	26.0%
Granite Falls School District Budget 2016-17*	
Salaries	55.8%
Benefits	22.2%
Contract Services	18.2%
Supplies	3.5%
Travel	0.2%
Equipment	0%
*All numbers approximate.	