

GRANDVIEW PREPARATORY SCHOOL

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MISSION

Grandview Preparatory School is a small, diverse community committed to the philosophy that education is a personal endeavor. Grandview pairs timeless ethics with modern thought, personal attention with global consciousness while preparing students for college and life beyond.

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

Grandview Preparatory School is an independent, college preparatory, coeducational day school located less than a mile from the ocean in Boca Raton, Florida. Boca Raton sits on the east coast of Florida between West Palm Beach and Fort Lauderdale. Founded in 1997, Grandview enrolls students from early childhood (age 3) through grade 12. The student teacher ratio is approximately 8:1. The school operates on a semester system with a 4.0 grading scale. Approximately 250 students are enrolled in the school, with twenty five students set to graduate in the spring of 2021. All graduating seniors are preparing for enrollment in colleges or universities.

ACADEMIC PHILOSOPHY

Grandview provides a unique research-based educational program designed to engage each student in the active pursuit of knowledge. Strong personal relationships within the school community provide a foundation to nurture and cultivate knowledge, character and leadership. Our program offers small class sizes, multiple technologies, an enriched curriculum, and hands-on learning experiences intended to promote critical thinking and communication skills. Students are encouraged to achieve their personal best as they prepare to meet the demands of a future that promises the challenge of constant change.

The school community recognizes the importance of individual relationships between students, teachers, parents and other community leaders. Grandview's core values, reflected in our school creed, emphasize a quest for excellence and social responsibility. Together, Grandview students, parents, and community partners have shaped a culture with a foundation based on both modern thought and timeless ethics.

Grandview Preparatory School has carved a unique educational niche in a competitive private school market. Our students have received national recognition for community service efforts. Our athletic program emphasizes an inclusive policy, yet remains competitive in the community. Several varsity sports have received district, regional, and state recognition.

Grandview Preparatory School graduates students who have developed an awareness of his or her role as a contributor to the greater good. The measure of this contribution centers on a continued realization of critical thinking skills, leadership skills, communication skills and a strong sense of purpose. Grandview strives to provide students a strong foundation to explore intellectually, see creatively and live compassionately.

COVID-19 IMPACT

The physical campus of school closed at the end of the third quarter in March of the 19-20 school year. As a small school that has always used extensive technology, we quickly adapted to virtual learning. The core curriculum was unchanged, students were required to complete all course requirements virtually, and grades were awarded using our normal grading scale. Annual Academic Awards convocation and end of year awards were not given (including Book Awards, which we normally award). Please be aware that aside from Honor Roll and Dean's List, individual academic awards were not given to the high school students for the 19-20 school year.

Throughout the 2020-2021 school year, courses are offered to students to attend physically, virtually, or asynchronously according to each family's personal decision. Technology infrastructures were updated over the summer to allow for these simultaneous options. The curriculum has not been modified and grades will be awarded per our regular grading scale. Electives and extracurricular offerings have been limited. We are abiding by the CDC guidelines for social distancing and mask requirements and are offering modified virtual Dance, Musical Theater, and after school Athletics.

MEAN SAT SCORE

560

READING & WRITING

540

MATH

MEAN ACT SCORE

23

WEIGHTED GPA RANGE

4.6 3.84 2.35

DIPLOMA OPTIONS

STANDARD DIPLOMA
CORE DIPLOMA
HONORS DIPLOMA

ACCREDITATIONS

SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF
COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS (SACS)

THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (SAIS)

FLORIDA COUNCIL OF
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (FCIS)

ATHLETICS

FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

ADVANCED COURSES

The Upper School course curriculum is designed to be rigorous and college preparatory in nature. An experienced and diverse faculty contributes a wide range of cultural and educational components that help shape course offerings to include critical thinking and writing requirements. Innovation Program (IP) courses are research-based classes taught with a combination of face-to-face instruction, online learning, internships, and independent research. The IP courses, as well as AP courses taken online, and dual enrollment courses include a more challenging curriculum and more rigorous independent research than honors or traditional classes. IP courses are available in English, Science, History, Math and Spanish. Honors designation can be earned by students in all classes through demonstration of deeper exploration, greater effort, and elevated product expectations. This approach ensures that the student produces the highest level of product consistently to earn Honors credit, not simply by placement in an Honors section. Dual enrollment agreements are active with the University of Florida, Florida Atlantic University, Lynn University, and Palm Beach State College.

INNOVATION

Students accepted into the Innovation Program (IP) engage in the most academically challenging courses available at GPS. IP classes offer a college-style seminar experience, which dives deeper into content and showcases authentic assessments. IP topics change each year but have included the following: Neuroscience, FieldBiology, Engineering, Civil Rights in the US, Supreme Court Case Studies, Religion Consciousness and History, Art and the Human Experience, Statistics & Probability, Scientific Research Literacy, and Trauma/Suffering through Literature.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Grandview Preparatory School provides opportunities for each student to develop interests and skills in an extracurricular environment. A wide variety of opportunities are available in the field of technology, clubs, activities and honor societies. Opportunities include:

- Key Club
- Student Senate
- Dance
- Athletics
- Theater
- Kindness Matters 365
- Student Government
- Drama
- Environmental Club
- National Honor Society
- SADD

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Agnes Scott College - American University - Amherst College - Arizona State Univ - Auburn Univ - Austin Peay State Univ - Babson College - Ball State Univ - Bard College - Barry University - Barton College - Bates College - Baylor University - Belmont Univ - Belmont Abbey College - Bennington College - Bentley University - Berry College - Biola Univ - Bluefield State College - Boston College - Boston Univ - Bradley Univ - Brandeis University - California Polytechnic State Univ - California State Univ - Campbell Univ - Catawba College - Catholic Univ - Charleston Southern Univ - Chowan College - Clemson Univ - Colby College - College of Charleston - College of William & Mary - Cornell Univ - Culver-Stockton College - Curry College - DePaul Univ - Drew Univ - Drexel Univ - East Carolina Univ - East Tennessee State Univ - Eckerd College - **Elon University** - Emerson College - Emory & Henry College - Emory University - Fairfield Univ - Fairleigh Dickinson Univ - Florida A&M Univ - **Florida Atlantic University** - **Florida Gulf Coast Univ** - Florida Institute of Technology - Florida International Univ - Florida Polytechnic University - Florida Southern University - Florida State University - Fordham Univ - Franklin College - Gardner Webb Univ - **Geneva College** - **George Washington University** - Georgetown Univ - Georgia Institute of Technology - Goucher College - Grambling State Univ - Guilford College - Hardin Simmons Univ - High Point Univ - Hofstra Univ - Hollins Univ - Indiana Univ - Iona College - Ithaca College - Jacksonville University - James Madison Univ - Johnson & Wales Univ - **Keiser University** - Kings College - Knox College - Lake Forest College - La Salle Univ - Lasell College - Lenoir-Rhyne College - Lesley University - Lipscomb Univ - Longwood Univ - Louisiana State Univ - Loyola Univ - Lynn University - Marist College - Marshall Univ - McDaniel College - Mercer College - Miami Univ, Oxford - Missouri Valley College - Monmouth Univ - Montana State Univ - Muhlenberg College - New College of Florida - New York Univ - North Carolina State Univ - Northeastern University - Northern Arizona Univ - **Nova Southeastern Univ** - Oberlin College - Oglethorpe Univ - Ohio State University - Old Dominion Univ - Olin College of Engineering - Palm Beach Atlantic Univ - **Palm Beach State College** - Pennsylvania State Univ - Polytechnic Institute of NYU - Pratt Institute - Princeton Univ - Queens Univ - **Radford University** - Reed College - Rhode Island Univ - Rhodes College - Rider Univ - Ringling School of Art & Design - Roanoke College - Rochester Institute of Technology - Rollins College - Rutgers Univ - Salem Intl University - Sam Houston State Univ - San Diego State Univ - **Santa Fe College** - St. Bonaventure Univ - St. Johns College - Savannah College of Art & Design - School of Visual Arts - Seton Hall University - Smith College - Southern Methodist Univ - St. Leo Univ - St. Mary's Univ - Stetson Univ - Stevenson Univ - SUNY Morrisville - Stony Brook College - Suffolk Univ - Syracuse Univ - Tennessee State Univ - The University of Iowa - Thiel College - Transylvania Univ - Trent University (Canada) - Trinity College - Tulane Univ - U.S. Air Force Academy - Univ of Alabama - University of Arizona - University of Central Florida - Univ of California Berkeley - Univ of California San Diego - Univ of California Santa Barbara - **University of Central Florida** - Univ of Cincinnati - Univ of Colorado - Univ of Connecticut - University of Delaware - Univ of Denver - **University of Florida** - Univ of Hartford - Univ of Georgia - Univ of Hawaii - Univ of Illinois - Univ of Kansas - Univ of Kentucky - Univ of Louisville - Univ of Maine - Univ of Massachusetts - **University of Miami** - Univ of Michigan - Univ of Nevada - Univ of New Hampshire - Univ of New Mexico - Univ of North Carolina Asheville - Univ of North Carolina Wilmington - Univ of North Colorado - **University of North Florida** - Univ of Oklahoma - Univ of Rochester - Univ of South Carolina - **Univ of South Florida** - Univ of Southern Maine - Univ of Tampa - Univ of Texas - Univ of Toronto - Univ of Vermont - Univ of Virginia - - Virginia Tech University - Vanderbilt University - Wake Forest University - Warren Wilson College - Wellesley College - Western Univ (Canada) - West Virginia University - Wheaton College - **Wheeling Univ** - Wheelock College - Wichita State Univ - Wingate University - Webster University - Winthrop University - Wofford College - Xavier University - Yale University - Yale NUS Singapore

• *Italics indicate the Class of 2020 matriculations.*

GRADING SCALE

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| 93-100= 4.0 | 80-82 = 2.7 | 67-69 = 1.3 |
| 90-92= 3.7 | 77-79 = 2.3 | 65-66 = 1.0 |
| 87-89 =3.3 | 73-76 = 2.0 | 60-64 = 0.7. |
| 83-86 =3.0 | 70-72 = 1.7 | |

Academic grade point average is determined by calculating the average of all final grades, utilizing a 4.0 grade point average scale. Honors courses have a weight factor of +.5 applied, and Dual Enrollment, Innovation Program and Advanced Placement courses have a weight factor of +1.0 applied in determining grade point averages. All failing grades are reported. Class rank is not assigned, but valedictorian and salutatorian are recognized.

DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 24 credits are required for either the Honors Diploma or the Standard Diploma. To qualify for the Honors Diploma a student must graduate with an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher with the following distribution to include a minimum of 5 Honors, IP, or Dual Enrollment level courses: 4 credits of English, 4 credits of Mathematics, 4 credits of Science, 3 credits of History, .5 credits of U.S. Government, .5 credits of Economics, 3 credits of Foreign Language, 1 credit of PE/Health, 1 credit of Fine Arts & 3 credits of Electives. To qualify for the Standard Diploma a student must graduate with the following distribution: 4 credits of English, 4 credits of Mathematics, 3 credits of Science, 3 credits of History, .5 credits of U.S. Government, .5 credits of Economics, 2 credits of Foreign Language, 1 credit of PE/Health, 1 credit of Fine Arts & 5 credits of Electives. We also offer a Core Diploma, primarily for student athletes who train extensively daily. To graduate the student must earn 18 credits with the following distribution: 4 credits of English, 4 credits of Mathematics, 3 credits of Science, 3 credits of History (including US Government and Economics), 1 credit in the Fine Arts, and 3 additional Elective credits.