



GRANDVIEW PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Profile

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School and Community

Grandview Preparatory School is an independent, college preparatory, coeducational day school accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), and the Florida Council of Independent Schools (FCIS). Grandview Preparatory School is a member of the College Board, the National Association of College Admission Counselors, The National Council of Teachers of English, The National Council of Teachers of Social Studies, The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, The National Science Teachers Association, and The Florida Kindergarten Council.

The school campus is 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 275 students are enrolled in the school, with thirty two students set to graduate in the spring of 2018. All graduating seniors are preparing for enrollment in colleges or universities.

Grandview Preparatory School's facilities include wireless internet campus-wide, a gymnasium, and an Olympic sized pool, fine arts rooms, three science labs, a maker space and a multi-purpose Great Room.

Academic Philosophy and Culture

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. To cultivate an atmosphere of service and leadership, Wednesdays at Grandview are designated as special dress uniform days with a vest and tie. On these days staff and students formally recognize the significance of this moment's contribution. 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.

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 blended high school and college level classes taught with a combination of face-to-face instruction, online learning, internships, and independent research. The IP courses include a significantly more challenging curriculum and more rigorous independent research than honors or traditional classes. IP sections are available in English, History, Science, and Spanish. Honors sections are available in Algebra I and Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Literature, Economics, U. S. Government, Ancient History, World History, and U. S. History. Grandview Preparatory School maintains a dual enrollment agreement with the University of Florida, Florida Atlantic University, Lynn University, and Palm Beach State College.

Course Load

The typical course load for seniors consists of four major subjects and one minor subject; for juniors, the typical course load consists of five major subjects and two minor subjects. Both freshmen and sophomores typically take five major subjects and two minor subjects.

Athletics

A majority of Upper School students participate in interscholastic athletics in ten sports at the varsity level. These sports include men's golf, women's volleyball, men's and women's swimming, men's soccer, men's and women's basketball, softball, and men's and women's tennis. Grandview Preparatory School is a member of the Florida High School Athletic Association.

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. Students are encouraged to explore and serve in addition to their academic course work. Opportunities include Key Club, SADD, Yearbook, Drama, Dance, Theater, Student Government, Student Senate, National Honor Society and the Environmental Club.

Mean Standardized Test Scores (2008-2018)

Mean SAT - Critical Reading - 570, Math - 535

Mean ACT - 22

Weighted GPA Range – Class of 2018

Highest 4.64 Lowest 2.46 Mean 3.64

Grading Information

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.

Grading Scale

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

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 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, 1 credit of Foreign Language, 1 credit of PE/Health, 1 credit of Fine Arts & 6 credits of Electives.

College Acceptances – Class of 2000-2017

Agnes Scott College • American University • Arizona State Univ • Auburn Univ • Austin Peay State Univ • Ave Maria Univ • Babson College • Ball State Univ • Bard College • Barry University • Barton College • Bates College • Belmont Univ • Belmont Abbey College • Bennington College • Bethune-Cookman Univ • Berry College • Biola Univ • Bluefield State College • Boston Univ • Bradley Univ • Brevard College • 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 • Cornell Univ • Culver-Stockton College • Curry College • DePaul Univ • Drew Univ • Drexel Univ • East Carolina Univ • East Tennessee State Univ • Eckerd College • Elon Univ • 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 Univ • Georgetown Univ • Georgia Institute of Technology • Goucher College • Grambling State Univ • *Guilford College* • Hardin Simmons Univ • High Point Univ • Hofstra Univ • Indiana Univ • Iona College • Ithaca College • *Jacksonville University* • James Madison Univ • Johnson & Wales Univ • King's 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 • Missouri Valley College • Monmouth Univ • Montana State Univ • New College of Florida • New York Univ • North Carolina State Univ • Northeastern University • Northern Arizona Univ • *Nova Southeastern Univ* • Oglethorpe Univ • Ohio State University • Old Dominion Univ • *Olin College of Engineering* • Palm Beach Atlantic Univ • Pennsylvania State Univ • Polytechnic Institute of NYU • Pratt Institute • Princeton Univ • Queens Univ • Rhode Island Univ • Rhodes College • Rider Univ • Ringling School of Art & Design • Roanoke College • Rochester Institute of Technology • *Rollins College* • Rutgers Univ • Salem Int'l University • Sam Houston State Univ • San Diego State Univ • St. Bonaventure Univ • St. John's College • Savannah College of Art & Design • School of Visual Arts • Smith College • Southern Methodist Univ • St. Leo Univ • St. Mary's Univ • Stetson 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 Santa Barbara • 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 • Univ 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 Vermont • Univ of Virginia • • Virginia Tech University • Wake Forest University • Warren Wilson College • Western Univ (Canada) • West Virginia University • Wheelock College • Wichita State Univ • William & Mary University • Wingate University • Winthrop University • Xavier University • *Italics indicate the Class of 2017 matriculation.*