

**GRAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**“Grand Traditions.... Great Expectations”**

Welcome to Grand Valley High School!!! The faculty, staff, and students of Grand Valley High School are excited about this year, and we are looking forward to sharing the building with you as you support the efforts of our Grand Valley Cardinals.

**Mission: Together we will continue to build purposeful relationships that will enhance the lives of students.**

**Vision: We are dedicated to defining and creating optimal learning environments, which will provide our students an individualized well-rounded education.**

Please take the time to make yourself familiar with the policies and expectations that are published in this handbook. This handbook summarizes our expectations, rules and policies that govern students, staff, parents and patrons within the Grand Valley High School community. Each student and each parent has a responsibility to understand and uphold the procedures and policies that are in place. All policies will be administered fairly and equitably and each person will be given an opportunity to be heard.

Our objectives continue to be:

- Maintain a safe and enjoyable school setting.
- Enhance a climate, which fosters the teaching of each student, and inspire each student to be “The best I can be!”
- Encourage participation by all students in extra-curricular activities
- Facilitate and develop school spirit.

Complete policies are available for inspection by students or parents in the principal’s office or at the superintendent’s office at the district administration building.

**Daily Class Schedule**

1st/5th Period 7:40 – 9:15  
2nd/ 6th Period 9:19 – 10:49  
Lunch A 10:49– 11:14  
Lunch B 11:22 – 11:47  
3rd/7th Period 11:51 – 1:21  
4th/8th Period 1:25 – 2:55

Grand Valley High School is an equal opportunity education institution and does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its educational programs or activities. Inquires concerning Title VI, Title IX, Section 504 and ADA may be referred to Ryan Frink, principal, P.O. Box 68, Parachute, CO, (970) 285-5705 or to the office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Region VIII, Federal Office Building, 1244 North Speer Blvd., Suite 310, Denver, Colorado 80204, (303) 844-2991.

## GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to pursue their educational program and behave in such a way that their presence does not detract from their own education or the education of others. A safe and orderly school is critical to student success and achievement. The following guidelines are designed to ensure a positive environment.

Academic Integrity: Plagiarism and/or cheating may result in failure of the assignment and possibly failure of an entire course of work as well as possible discipline referral.

Cellular Telephones, Pagers or non-academic Technological Devices are not allowed to cause a disruption during school hours. Cell phone use is not allowed during the day. Students violating this policy will have their devices confiscated, and placed in the office. Students may also be subject to disciplinary action. First offense: cell phone returned to student by teacher. Second offense: cell phone sent to office and returned after school. Third offense: cell phone sent to office and parent/guardian needs to pick up from administrator. Forth offense: cell phone is no longer allowed on campus.

Grand Valley High School is not responsible for devices that are lost or stolen.

Closed Campus: Students are expected to remain on campus from the time they arrive until the close of the academic day. Students are not to enter parked cars during the academic day without permission from the office. Students may only leave campus with a written note from their parent given to the office.

Lunch: Grand Valley is a closed campus. Students, with the exception of: work study, or off campus service, are expected to eat here. There are two lunch periods, A and B. Other than a home packed lunch, students are not allowed to bring food from off campus to campus, except with permission from the building principal. Students need to deposit money in their accounts in the morning before the school day begins. The cafeteria does not give change so any money given will be deposited in your lunch account. During lunch, students are allowed to be in the cafeteria, the commons, or the outside designated eating area.

Food and Drink: Teachers will determine whether or not food or drink will be allowed in their classroom. Please be responsible for cleaning up after yourselves or else food and drink privileges may be lost. Sunflower seeds will not be allowed on campus.

Hallway Behavior: Running, shouting, rude behavior and public displays of affection are unacceptable behaviors. Hallways are off limits during scheduled class time without an approved hall pass. Students are not allowed to get pop during class, only during passing periods.

Loitering: Students are expected to remain in areas, which have been designated as appropriate. Students are not permitted to loiter in the hallways, parking areas, on athletic fields, perimeters of campus, or in cars.

Harassment: Harassing behavior will not be tolerated, whether in the form of sexual harassment, bullying or hazing. Legal steps and discipline referrals will be followed in persistent occurrences.

Lockers are made available for student use during the school year as a privilege. Students accepting usage of the lockers must also accept the related responsibilities, including keeping the assigned locker clean both inside and out, and paying for any damage to the locker. Because of the number of lockers, more than one student may be assigned to a locker for a short period of time at the beginning of the school year. As soon as is feasible, each student will be assigned his own locker. Lockers are school property. Grand Valley High School assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen property or money kept in lockers and reserves the right, consistent with state law, to search lockers when necessary to ensure safety and enforce school and district policies.

Fan Behavior: Students and parents are reminded that they represent the school when they are fans at an athletic event. Be a good sport, model exemplary behavior and be enthusiastic. Students or parents not following these guidelines may be asked to leave.

Skateboards, In-line Skates and Scooters are not permitted on campus due to safety issues. These items will be confiscated and held in the office.

Tobacco, Alcohol, Drugs: Possession and/or use of any tobacco product are prohibited on all Garfield School District # 16 property. In addition, the possession and/or usage of an alcoholic beverage, narcotic, controlled drug (other than prescription drugs) or intoxicant at any school activity is strictly prohibited.

#### Medication at School

For medication to be given at school, the following procedure will be followed:

1. The medication must be brought to school in the original prescription container with the label intact.
2. The medication will be kept in the office.
3. Written permission from the parent or guardian of the student requesting that the school district comply with the physician's order must be brought along with the medication to the school office.
4. No over the counter medication will be given at school unless the previous conditions are met or unless a parent comes to school to administer it.

### **DRESS CODE**

The following items are deemed disruptive to the school environment and are not acceptable to be worn at school: Shorts, dresses/skirts shorter than the first knuckle with hands placed at your side, inappropriate tight, sheer, or low cut clothing that may bare or expose the under garments, midriff, buttocks, back or chest; tank tops or similar clothing with straps narrower than 1.5 inches in width; any sunglasses, gloves, chains, hats, bandannas, or any clothing, jewelry, or paraphernalia that contain any advertisement symbols, words or slogans promoting gangs, drugs, alcohol, violence, sex, or anything deemed inappropriate by the school administration.

**If students are in violation of these, they will be sent to the office for final judgment of dress code violation and asked to change clothing, be provided clothing to change into, or sent home with parent permission to change. Continued violations may result in discipline referral.**

**Student Conduct which may result in suspension or expulsion of a student who engages in one or more of the specific activities while in school, on school grounds, in school vehicles or during a school sponsored activity:**

1. Causing or attempting to cause damage to school property or stealing or attempting to steal school property of value.
2. Causing or attempting to cause damage to private property or stealing or attempting to steal private property.
3. Causing or attempting to cause physical injury to another person except in self-defense.
4. Commission of any acts which, if committed by an adult, would be robbery or assault as defined by state law. Suspension shall be mandatory, in accordance with state law.
5. Violation of criminal law.
6. Violation of district or building regulations
7. Violation of the district's policy on dangerous weapons in the school. Suspension or expulsion shall be mandatory (possession, in or on school property, of a knife with a three inch or longer blade is a violation of state law).
8. Violation of the district's alcohol or drug policy. Suspension shall be mandatory for sale of drugs or controlled substance.
9. Violation of the district's smoking and tobacco use policy.
10. Throwing objects outside of supervised school activities that can cause bodily injury or damage property.
11. Directing profanity, vulgar language or obscene gestures toward other students, school personal or visitors to the school.
12. Engaging in verbal abuse, i.e., name-calling, ethnic or racial slurs, or derogatory statements addressed publicly to others that may precipitate disruption of the school program or incite violence.
13. Committing extortion, coercion or blackmail, i.e., obtaining money or act through the use of force or threat of force.
14. Lying or giving false information, either verbally or in writing to a school employee.
15. Scholastic dishonesty that includes, but is not limited to, cheating on a test, plagiarism, or unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work.
16. Continued willful disobedience or open and persistent defiance of proper authority.
17. Behavior, which is detrimental to the welfare, safety or morals of other student or school personnel.

## **DISCIPLINE**

When a student is misbehaving at school, we will make every effort to keep in close communication with the parent or guardian. A behavior system is in place to help with this process.

If a student is misbehaving in class, the teacher may send home a behavior report indicating what the issues are with the student and what has been done at school. The behavior report should be signed by the parent and returned to school. If a student receives a second behavior report the teacher will send the report home to be signed and will also call the parent. The result of a third behavior report will be an office referral.

The behavior reports are meant for behavior issues of a minor nature. If a student is defiant, disruptive, or is a threat to themselves, or others, the student will be referred to the office for discipline.

Grand Valley High School will have lunch and after school detention as part of consequences for behavior. If a student is to serve after-school detention, the parent will be given notice before hand so as to arrange transportation, if needed. After school detentions will be scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays for one and one half hour after school. Bussing after the detention will be arranged for students living in Battlement Mesa. Students who serve an after school detention are expected to report with homework or a reading book.

In school and out of school suspensions are also consequences for more significant behavior. If a student is suspended out of school, they are not allowed to participate in school activities or be on school campus during the length of the suspension.

## **ATTENDANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

Students who attend school regularly and punctually learn more and enjoy a more successful academic experience than those who do not. At Grand Valley High School, consistent attendance and promptness are expectations.

Parents will receive a phone call from the office any day that their student is absent without the office being notified by phone or in writing. . The school must have correct telephone numbers for both home and work. If either telephone number changes please notify the high school office at 285-5705 immediately and advise them of the change (office hours: Monday through Friday 7:10 AM to 3:30 PM).

If students miss an excessive amount of school due to illness or unverified or unexcused absences, the student may be placed on an attendance contract and possibly could need to make up school time missed in order to fully catch up. After 3 unexcused absences in any one class, the parent will receive a phone call. After 6 unexcused absences in any one class, a meeting will be scheduled with the student and parent/guardian. After 9 unexcused absences, in any one class, the student could receive a withdraw/fail and be removed from the class.

Attendance at the high school will be calculated on a period-by-period basis.

Excessive unexcused tardiness may also be calculated as part of attendance concerns.

Truancy is defined as a student absent from school or class without parent or school official's knowledge: being other than in the class or place assigned during school attendance hours and without checking out from the office when leaving. Truancy will be disciplined with either in school or out of school suspension.

Tardy Policy:

Students who enter class or school after the bell has rung are considered "tardy." Students may be admitted late to class if they present a note from another teacher explaining why they are late. Three incidents of tardiness will equal one unexcused absence.

### **SCHOOL SAFETY**

Students are not allowed to carry pocketknives of any length on campus for any reason. If a student arrives at school and discovers that they have brought a knife to school by accident, they can turn the knife into the office without any further discipline. If a student knowingly brings a knife to school however, and does not turn it into the office, that student will face suspension and possible expulsion from school.

Students are the first line of defense to help keep Grand Valley High School a safe place. If you know of any situation that you believe to be potentially unsafe or that could bring harm to others, please report it immediately to an adult or staff member.

### **MAKE-UP WORK**

Make-up work shall be provided for any class, in which a student has missed, unless otherwise determined by the building administration.

- It is the responsibility of the student to arrange for and pick-up class work on the day they return from an absence.
- Parent/Guardians are encouraged to call for homework in the event of an extended illness: to be collected in the office for pick-up as arranged by the parent or guardian.
- The student is permitted two-class period days for each day they are absent, to complete Make-up work. Long-range due dates (two weeks or more) may not be effected by the "make-up" policy.

Students will also have additional responsibilities regarding homework that will be explained by your classroom teachers.

## COMPUTER LAB ETHICS

Access to the Computer Lab is limited to availability (when not scheduled for a class) and at times when supervision is available. Open Lab times will be regularly posted to assist student and staff usage. The cooperation of staff and students in following the guidelines of use is necessary to facilitate the availability of these Labs.

### 1. When students arrive at Lab:

- Enter only through the hallway to Lab doors (Lab is open only if there is a supervisor present, otherwise, return to your classroom.)
- Check in with Lab Supervisor and present a pass from the classroom teacher, which specifies assignment for which Lab will be used.

### 2. Students shall:

- Work on assignment for which they came to the Lab.
- Work individually; unless supervised by classroom teacher.
- When work is completed, return to classroom.
- Respond to and follow directives of the Lab Supervisor.

### 3. Students shall not:

- Bring food, headsets or CD's into the Lab
- Use Chat Lines
- Use Internet sites other than related to specific assignment
- Use E-mail (unless specified in assignment by classroom teacher)
- Print Internet pages
- Use data disks until approved and disinfected (See Supervisor)
- Access files belonging to other persons or share passwords
- Use inappropriate language
- Be disrespectful to other students or Lab Supervisor
- Work in groups (more than one) unless supervised by classroom teacher

Violations of any of these computer lab rules may result in loss of computer privileges for one week up to the remainder of the year. Students will be given an Internet usage policy that will need to be signed by both parent and student, and returned before Internet usage will be granted.

## CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students are encouraged to participate in co-curricular activities (school related activities, outside of the regularly scheduled classes). Research demonstrates a strong correlation between students active in co-curricular activities and their academic achievement and future life success.

### Academic and Citizenship Eligibility

Students involved in co-curricular activities OFF CAMPUS AND/OR IN INTERSCHOLASTIC COMPETITION shall have his/her academic performance and citizenship monitored on a weekly basis during his/her participation season. Grades of "D" or "F" are turned into the Office weekly. One failing grade will result in ineligibility for the following week. Negative citizenship may result in ineligibility at any time. (For further clarification, reference eligibility in the District Athletic Code)

The following are clubs and activities students may participate in at Grand Valley High School.

## ATHLETICS

### Athletics Offered

#### Fall Sports

Boy's and Girl's Cross Country  
Football  
Volleyball  
Boy's Golf  
Boy's Soccer\*  
Girls Softball\*  
Cheerleading

#### Winter Sports

Boy's Basketball  
Girl's Basketball  
Wrestling  
Cheerleading

#### Spring Sports

Boys Track  
Girls Track  
Baseball  
Girls Golf  
Girl's Soccer

\*Denotes sports students can participate in at Rifle High School. See the athletic director if you are interested in this opportunity.

### Requirements for Participation

The Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) establishes general rules for participation and eligibility.

1. Physical examination
2. Proof of insurance
3. Emergency card
4. Assumption of Risk
5. Athletic Code Form
6. Sports Fees paid or a waiver approved

All of the above must be completed in order to participate.

## CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

### F.B.L.A.

(Future Business Leaders of America)

The organization serves as preparation for business as a career. FBLA is involved in community and school service, competition, leadership education, and social activities.

### F.C.A.

(Fellowship of Christian Athletes)

This organization made up of athletes formed to support one another in athletics as they also support each other in their Christian faith.

### **F.C.C.L.A.**

(Family, Career, & Community Leaders of America) This is a state and national organization of students who have taken or are taking a family and consumer science course in high school. The over all goals of FCCLA members are to help individuals improve personal, family and community living now and in the future.

### **Key Club**

This is a junior organization of our local Kiwanis. Its purpose is to provide community service in a variety of ways and for a variety of people.

### **N.H.S**

(National Honor Society)

Members are selected by a faculty advisory committee on the basis of a required minimum 3.7 grade point average, community service and character ratings from the faculty. NHS works to exemplify the qualities of scholarship, leadership character, and service.

### **Plays and Musicals**

Students meet after school to put on the plays and musicals at GVHS. Try outs take place for each production and all students are encouraged to participate.

### **Snow Factor**

These students participate in winter activities, waxing clinics and fundraisers to provide money to attend skiing, snowboarding and winter events.

### **Student Council**

Student Council officers are elected each school year. The Council along with class and student organization representatives meets during the Leadership class and all council members must enroll in the Leadership class. They act in a support role to the building administration in the decisions regarding policy and the planning of student activities.

There are always opportunities for new clubs to be developed. To start a new club:

- There must be a high school staff member willing to sponsor the club.
- The new organization will be created when a statement of purpose, and a constitution are submitted. The involvement of a minimum of ten students is recommended when forming a new organization.

### **Academic eligibility and Citizenship Eligibility:**

Every student athlete will have his/her academic performance and citizenship monitored on a weekly basis during his/her participation season. Grades of "D" or "F" are turned into the office weekly. One failing grade will result in ineligibility for the following week. Negative citizenship may result in ineligibility at any time. Any incomplete grades shall be considered as failing grades. See the District Athletic Code for more specific information.

## **General Eligibility**

Students must carry at least five classes in the current semester. Classes from the previous semester must have all been passed. Students shall not have turned 19 years old prior to August of the current school year.

Additional information is listed under the athletic section of this handbook.

## **STUDENT PICTURES**

We will assume that all students will not mind their pictures or information about them being printed in the newspaper or yearbook. If parents do not wish to have this information about their children shared in this way, they need to contact the school office at 285-5705 to let us know.

## **STUDENT GUIDANCE AND GRADUATION**

Mrs. Crowhurst is here to serve you in any way she can and is always willing to listen if you have questions or concerns. If you need guidance for personal or academic reasons, her door is always open.

Students need twenty-six credits to graduate including:  
4 English, 3 Math, 3 Science, and 3 Social Studies. Other required classes include Keyboarding (Business Tech), Health, P.E., Fine or Industrial Arts, Economics, and Foreign Language.

Students who are junior and seniors will have the opportunity to attend dual credit college classes with Colorado Mountain College or technical classes with Utech in Grand Junction.

Internship opportunities, campus service, peer tutoring, and work-study are also classes open for juniors and seniors. See the counselor for more details.

Scholarship information will be posted in the counseling center to be reviewed. Also the link [www.garcoschools.org](http://www.garcoschools.org) Counselor's Corner will have important information as well.