

## GROSSE POINTE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Promote Innovation → Maximize Potential → Embrace Community

# North 2016-17 Annual Report

## Introduction

Situated close to Lake St. Clair, Grosse Pointe North High School first opened its doors in the fall of 1968. More than forty years later, rich traditions have been established in the areas of academic excellence, uncommon parental support, exemplary staff, rigorous studies, and a comprehensive activity and athletic program. North is a nationally recognized school of excellence, and today it stands on the solid foundation built by those who went before and some of whom still remain.

As many of you know, I have served here since my student teaching days. Like everyone who has the opportunity to walk through our doors, I was immediately drawn into the family-like atmosphere and the commitment to all students. Cultivating that atmosphere of high expectations while feeling welcoming to all, is a focus area for all our staff and families. This annual report is designed to share data about our school as required by Michigan's Public Act 25 and in alignment with our expectations. Unfortunately, a number of last year's data points have yet to be released by the State. We look forward to both receiving and sharing the MSTEP, ACT and SAT scores with you.

Principal Kate Murray

### Mission Statement

The Mission of Grosse Pointe North High School is to provide excellent instruction in every class every day.

**Student Average Attendance Rate:** 96%

**Parent-Teacher Conference Participation:**

2016-17 69% (954 students)

2015-16 69% (946 students)

**Dual Enrollment:**

11th & 12<sup>th</sup> graders enrolled concurrently in H.S. & post-secondary classes (2015-16): 9 Students

**Completion/Graduation**

**Rate:** High school students who graduate in 4 years

Class of 2016: 95.03%

**Dropout Rate:** Percentage of students who do not complete GPPS H.S. program  
Class of 2015 (1 student)  
0.29%

**Retention Rate:** District average (100% of high school enrollment minus high school dropout rate)  
99.71%

**Earned Credit by Test-Out of a Course:**

10 students

## THIS is what we do here



ENGAGE CHALLENGE CONNECT INSPIRE

ENGAGE in our Education CHALLENGE ourselves to Grow CONNECT w/Classmates & Staff INSPIRE others to be their Best

During Arrival/Departure	In the Hallways & Stairwells	In Classrooms	In Bathrooms/Locker Room	In the Cafeteria	During Activities On & Off School Grounds	When using Technology/Social Media
Drive responsibly	Own our behavior	Own our learning	Move with purpose to and from	Polite to all	Take responsibility for missed work	Follow technology policy
Arrive prepared	Move with purpose	Are present & active	Respect property of others	Use Inside voices	Honor the expectations of our environment	Treat equipment with care
Leave prepared	Are courteous of others	Connect with each other	Respect privacy of others	We are patient	Respect all competitors, performers, spectators, and officials	Respect privacy of others
Depart on time	Leave hallways open	Persevere	Clean up after ourselves	Keep food in the cafeteria	Engage in positive sportsmanship	Engage in respectful collaboration
Remove hats & hoods upon arrival	Keep hallways clean	Are a positive influence in our class	Clean up after ourselves	Clean up after ourselves	Talk to/invite others to join	Maintain a positive public image
	Look up and are aware	Challenge ourselves				

### Universal Expectations

Follow dress code Be where we are supposed to be Be on time Follow phone policy Use appropriate language  
Inspire others using kind language that is accepting of race, gender, religion, sexuality, disability or economic status.

### PROTECT THIS HOUSE

When conflict arises:

Connect with an adult.  
Invite others to join you and walk away.  
Intervene and offer support.  
Put your phone away and do not record instances.  
Report to a person of authority any upsetting behavior you observed.

### THINK:

What's your message?  
Is it...

True? Helpful? Inspiring? Necessary? Kind?

## **Assignment of Studies**

The Board has determined attendance areas and students shall be expected to attend school within that area. A parent may request a transfer or appeal a placement decision on behalf of their student.

The principal shall be responsible for assigning students to classes. In the elementary schools, the principal, in determining the grade level for any new student, may take into consideration the previous schooling of the student but may assign the student to a lower grade level or higher grade level, if in the principal's judgment such an assignment would be in the best interest of the student. In middle school and high school students will be assigned to counselors, classes and instructors by the building principal.

The district also has in place policies and guidelines which guide promotion and retention.

## **Nondiscrimination Statement**

Grosse Pointe Public School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

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For further information on notice of nondiscrimination, visit:

<http://wdrerobcolp01.ed.gov/CFAPPS/OCR/contactus.cfm> for the address and phone number of the office that serves your area, or call 1-800-421-3481.

## **Core Curriculum**

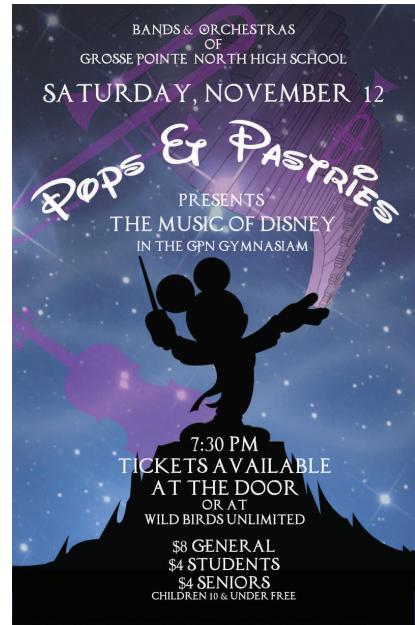
The Grosse Pointe Public School System's core curriculum is developed under the auspices of the Educational Programs Leadership Council (EPLC), a group of teachers, parents, students, and administrators who meet monthly. The core curriculum is based upon state standards in all subjects and extends beyond those by incorporating exemplary local and national standards. Reports of the curriculum committees, which are submitted first to the EPLC then to the Board of Education, include recommendations regarding assessment, professional development, integration of technology, and differentiated instruction to accommodate academic diversity, as well as the curriculum itself. The district also offers a wide array of advanced placement and challenging enrichment courses and a comprehensive special education program.

During the 2016-17 school year, EPLC led the curriculum review for English Language Arts, Math, Science, Lifeskills, Drama, Multi-Tiered System of Support, Art, Counseling 6-12, Physical Education/Health, Inter-Departmental Technology, and TV Production. Teachers doing the review examined assessments, textbook usage, and alignment to Michigan Department of Education requirements.

During the 2017-18 school year, the following curricular areas will be in the review process:

- K-12 English Language Arts (Phase 2-construction of goals and objectives)
- K-12 Mathematics (2)
- K-12 Science (2)
- K-12 Art (2)
- Drama (2)
- Lifeskills (2)
- Multi-Tiered System of Support (2)
- PE/Health (2)
- TV Production (2)
- K-12 Performing Arts (Phase 1-study)
- K-12 World Languages (1)

District wide professional development is part of a comprehensive plan that uses teacher choice as well as mandatory training in areas identified by our district professional development team.



## **School Improvement Plan**

During the 2016-17 school year, our focus on improvement was driven by our Professional Learning Communities' commitment to being REAL. This staff-driven initiative means that we are actively Responsible: for Education, Atmosphere and Leadership at North to prepare students for college, career and cultural competency in the real world and success on high-stakes testing.

Teachers worked in PLC's that focused on specific teaching strategies to enhance student success. These teams conducted collaborative action research projects that were connected to relevant literature in their fields and everyday practices in their classrooms. As examples, Online Assessment PLC examined how Schoology can increase student learning and engagement. Another group analyzed how to increase student performance in writing in Social Studies. The Learning Spaces PLC researched how classroom design can impact student learning. Our action research teams shared and modeled their findings during our professional development time throughout the school year and culminated in our Norsemen Learning Festival. Our ongoing professional learning helps support the learning of all our students.

Professional Learning Communities (PLC) were first implemented during the 2004-05 school year. These collaborative teams are made up of teachers who meet weekly to develop common content/learning essentials and common assessments to determine if students have learned the material. These department PLC teams continue to make use of data to improve learning for all and to identify those students who are in need of intervention and support. Faculty then use the data to help with decisions regarding future instructional strategies and methods. The goal of the PLC process is to improve student achievement and learning. School improvement efforts paid off as we saw a large gains across board. School improvement is an ongoing process, and North High School is committed to a data driven model.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (cont.)

NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN ONE OR MORE AP COURSES								
YEAR	GRADE 9 # and % of Students		GRADE 10 # and % of Students		GRADE 11 # and % of Students		GRADE 12 # and % of Students	
2016-17	0	0.0%	107	31.5%	192	53.9%	194	63.8%
2015-16	0	0.0%	86	23.2%	138	44.2%	186	54.5%
2014-15	0	0.0%	75	23.0%	167	48.5%	163	54.7%

RESULTS OF ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) TESTS *			
Year	Number of Tests Taken	Number of Tests Passed	Percentage of Tests Passed
2016-17	803	500	62.27%
2015-16	763	477	62.52%
2014-15	721	488	67.7%

- Passing an Advanced Placement Test means becoming eligible for early college credit before high school graduation.
- There were 25 AP courses offered at Grosse Pointe North High School in 2016-17.

2016-17 ACT RESULTS 12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE COHORT STUDENTS						
	Number Tested	English Mean Score	Math Mean Score	Reading Mean Score	Science Mean Score	Composite Mean Score
North	205	24.7	23.9	24.6	24.0	24.4
GP District	539	25.7	25.0	25.6	25.0	25.5
Michigan	29,944	24.1	23.7	24.5	23.8	24.1
Nation	2,030,038	20.3	20.7	21.4	21.0	21.0

2016-17 SAT RESULTS 12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE COHORT STUDENTS			
	Number Tested	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Mean Score	Math Mean Score
North	306	557	536
GP District	720	573	557
Michigan	106,496	507	493
Nation	1,834,515	538	533



**FERPA Notice**

The Grosse Pointe Public School System may, upon request, release the following directory information: student name, grade level, graduation date, height and weight if an athlete, participation in school activities, honors and awards, photographs and videos of students in school activities, and student name, addresses and telephone numbers when requested by military recruiters. GPPS also publishes student information via school sponsored or school-related media, including activities of the Grosse Pointe Foundation for Public Education.

Parents or students, 18 years or older, who do not wish this information made public should click the FERPA directory information button during K-12 online registration.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (cont.)**

2016-17 SAT MME RESULTS 11 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS			
	Number Tested	Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Mean Score	Math Mean Score
North	345	556	531
GP District	731	572	557
Michigan	106,498	509	497

M-STEP MME SCIENCE			
Year	All	Female	Male
2016-17	34% (34%)	29%	40%
2015-16	38% (33%)	32%	43%

M-STEP MME SOCIAL STUDIES			
Year	All	Female	Male
2016-17	66% (46%)	61%	70%
2015-16	61% (43%)	54%	68%

Spring 2017 M-STEP MME TEST Grade 11	
Test	% Tested
Science	98%
Social Studies	98%

Spring 2017 M-STEP MME TEST Grade 11			
Test	Black, Not of Hispanic Origin	Economically Disadvantaged	Special Education
Science	14%	8%	6%
Social Studies	40%	42%	29%

M-STEP / MME Data is not reported by other Racial/Ethnic minority groups because no other group is large enough to report M-STEP results without revealing the identity of individual students.

\*State of Michigan M-STEP results have been shown above in parenthesis for comparison to school results.

