

2016-2017

# SELECTION CRITERIA CITY HIGH/MIDDLE



## GRADES 7-9

### SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

- Selection is based on number of sections offered, anticipated class size, and building capacity.
- As the Grand Rapids Public Schools, our obligation first and foremost is to those that live within our boundaries. Therefore, we are changing our process, effective immediately, to accept students for all theme schools and Centers of Innovation in this order:
  1. GRPS district residents with a sibling currently attending the applied for school (not including test-in schools).
  2. GRPS district residents, regardless of the school they are currently attending; non-residents currently attending a GRPS school; and children of GRPS employees, who reside within the GRPS boundaries.
  3. Non-residents with a sibling currently attending the applied for school (not including test-in schools); and children of GRPS employees, who are non-residents.
  4. Non-residents with a sibling currently attending any GRPS school.
  5. After groups 1-4 have been selected, if seats remain, up to 15% non-resident students will be selected.
- Qualifying math and reading test scores are used for selection.
  - A random number is given to all applicants and will be used if there is a tie.
- Selection is done 'blind' – no student name is used; special education students and students receiving language support are included in all phases.
  - *Categorical special education students, if selected, are reviewed by the special education staff to ensure IEP services are provided at this location.*

### ROUND ONE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR CITY HIGH/MIDDLE

All students with a qualifying score will be placed in a pool and randomly selected for an available slot. Selections will be ongoing until all slots have been filled. Selection is based on a combination of qualifying scores of 50 NP or higher in both reading and math. A score of less than 50 National Percentile in either test will not qualify.

### ROUND TWO SELECTION CRITERIA FOR CITY HIGH/MIDDLE

All students with a qualifying score will be placed in a pool and randomly selected for an available slot. Students who were not selected in round one based on their MAP math and reading scores are considered in the round two Selection process. Selections will be ongoing until all slots have been filled. Selection is based on a combination of qualifying scores of 50 NP or higher in both reading and math. A score of less than 50 NP in either test will not qualify. Other nationally normed reference tests such as Discovery, IOWA, PSAT and SAT, Stanford, Explore, PLAN, ACT, etc. may be used in this round of selections. The 85% Grand Rapids residents, 15% non-Grand Rapids residents rule does not apply once selection moves to round two. *NOTE: Only the math and reading test scores relevant for the grade to which the student is applying will be considered. (Example: Submit 7th grade scores for 8th grade selection)*

### IF ALL SLOTS ARE FILLED

- The remaining eligible applications will be placed on a wait list by school, by grade, and by qualifying test scores. Students with the same test scores are sorted by application date and random number.

### NOTIFICATION

- Students who are selected will receive notification by mail within a week.
- Students who do not meet selection requirements are notified by mail of ineligibility within a week. Ineligible students may appeal to the Appeal Committee. Parents will be asked to submit documentation such as more recent test scores and/or extenuating circumstances that effected eligibility.

## GRADES 10-12

### SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

- Students must have successfully completed the appropriate levels of English and social studies for each City grade level. Non-GRPS students must submit high school transcripts as part of their application.
- Incoming 10th grade students may begin math sequence with geometry.
- Incoming 10th-12th grade students must have completed grade level Spanish or Chinese in order to complete requirement of four years of the same world language by 12th grade. Students at City must take the same world language for the entire length of their enrollment.
- Incoming students must have completed expected science classes required for the grade level. Biology, chemistry and physics requirements must be completed by 11th grade.
- Only students coming from an IB Diploma Programme in 11th grade will be considered for entrance into 12th grade. Selection will be based on course alignment, etc.

### SECOND SEMESTER SELECTION

- Selections may occur by November 1 for enrollment at second semester **if there is capacity at grade level and no master schedule changes are required.** Eligible students awaiting selection will be taken from the wait list by school, by grade, by qualifying test scores as describe above.
- City High/Middle 7th-10th grade: Students are required to join the grade level math, science and language courses currently in progress per IB requirements; documentation will need to be provided.

### 11TH & 12TH GRADE SECOND SEMESTER SELECTION

- Once school has begun, **only students with IB Programme experience will be considered** for 11th and 12th grade selection.
- Selections of eligible students due to extenuating circumstances, as defined by the district, may be considered on a case by case basis subject to approval by the Superintendent.

### NWEA (MAP) TESTING DATES

GRPS will be offering the following NWEA (MAP) testing dates:

- Thursday, December 3, 2015
- Thursday, December 10, 2015
- Thursday, January 7, 2016
- Thursday, January 14, 2016

All testing will take place at City High/Middle School from 4:00-6:00 pm. Please contact the Student Services Department at (616) 819-2150 if you need to register for this test. For additional information regarding NWEA (MAP) visit [www.nwea.org](http://www.nwea.org).

**STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT ELIGIBLE BASED ON ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOTIFIED OF INELIGIBILITY, AND ARE PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL WITH NEW SCORES (FROM SPRING NWEA AND/OR OTHER NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED TESTS).**

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# SELECTION CRITERIA

## BLANDFORD SCHOOL, CENTER OF ECONOMICOLGY & ZOO SCHOOL

### GRADE 6

### SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

- Selection is based on openings
  - 60 openings at each school
- Students must re-apply and re-qualify for (7th grade) at City.
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- Qualifying math and reading test scores are used for selection.
  - A random number is given to all applicants and will be used for selection.
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ACT, etc. may be used in this round of selections. The 85% Grand Rapids residents, 15% non-Grand Rapids residents rule does not apply once selection moves to round two. *NOTE: Only the math and reading test scores relevant for the grade to which the student is applying will be considered. (Example: Submit 6th grade scores for 7th grade selection)*

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