

2017-2018

# SELECTION PROCESS

## THEME SCHOOLS & CENTERS OF INNOVATION

### THEME SCHOOLS

Theme schools follow a distinctive curriculum based on a special theme or method of instruction, encourage voluntary selection by the student and parent and may, when appropriate, provide access to students who live outside of the school district. Theme schools also promote and encourage a diverse student population.

- **C.A. Frost Environmental Science Academy** (K–11th)
- **Coit Creative Arts Academy** (K–5th)
- **Gerald R. Ford Academic Center** (K–8th)
- **Grand Rapids Montessori** (PK3–8th)  
*Students who have Montessori experience will be given preference after sibling preference based on space availability.*
- **Grand Rapids Public Museum School** (6th–8th)  
*One grade will be added per year until school is grades 6-12. Grand Rapids Public Museum School applicants will be required to complete a parent/student interview as part of the selection process.*
- **North Park Montessori** (PK3–8th)  
*Students who have Montessori experience will be given preference after sibling preference based on space availability.*
- **Ridgemoor Park Montessori** (PK3–6th)  
*Students who have Montessori experience will be given preference after sibling preference based on space availability.*
- **Early Middle College Program at Ottawa Hills High School** (10th grade only for Fall 2017)  
*Please see reverse for selection process*
- **Sherwood Park Global Students Academy** (K–8th)
- **Southwest Community Campus** (K–8th)  
*Please see reverse for selection process*
- **University Preparatory Academy** (6th–12th)

### CENTERS OF INNOVATION

- **Academy of Business, Leadership & Entrepreneurship at Innovation Central High** (9th & 10th)
- **Academy of Design & Construction at Innovation Central High** (9th & 10th)
- **Academy of Health, Sciences & Technology at Innovation Central High** (9th & 10th)
- **Academy of Modern Engineering at Innovation Central High** (9th & 10th)
- **Grand Rapids Montessori High** (9th & 10th)

### OVERVIEW OF SELECTION PROCESS

Students are eligible to participate by completing an application and submitting supporting documentation Such as, transcripts for grades 10th and up for those applying to a Centers of Innovation. Selections are done using a computerized lottery process, one application per student. Selections will depend on space availability in a program. Theme school and Centers of Innovation applications can be located at the following locations:

- [grps.org/enrollment](http://grps.org/enrollment)
- **Student Services Department**  
*1331 Franklin St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49501*
- **At your neighborhood school**

When applying to **C.A. Frost Environmental Science Academy (PreK)** or **Gerald R. Ford Academic Center (PreK)**, please contact the Early Childhood office at 616.819.2111

### WAIT LIST

If there are more applicants than available seats, those students will be placed on a wait list. If additional seats become available after the lottery has been conducted, the seats will be filled from applicants on the wait list.

- Students who are selected will receive notification by mail.
- Students who are not selected are placed on a wait list, notification will be sent by mail.

### TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is provided only within the District theme school guidelines for every eligible child attending a theme school. (See transportation policy)

## SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY CAMPUS

Procedures for accepting students at Southwest Community Campus our dual immersion program after the 1st grade:

### 2ND GRADE

Students need to be bilingual

### 3RD-8TH GRADE

- Parent meets with the Principal to go over Dual Program, which include the SWCC Facts sheet.
- If the parent states their student is not Bilingual and Biliterate, then they would be advised that our Dual Immersion Program would not be the best placement for their student. We always give parents other GRPS options.
- If the parent states their students are Bilingual and Biliterate, then according to their grade level we have students read a script and they are assessed on their reading comprehension. Scripts dependent on age can be taken right from our Spanish Reading Street.

## EARLY MIDDLE COLLEGE PROGRAM AT OTTAWA HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

Grand Rapids Public Schools is providing a collaborative project between Grand Rapids Public Schools (GRPS) and Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC) as a school-within-a-school five year entity offering students attending Ottawa Hills High School the opportunity to experience the best of high school and college simultaneously. The project will allow students to complete the requirements for a high school diploma by completing a rigorous college preparatory course of study while gaining valuable college readiness skills, and earning up to sixty transferable college credits towards their undergraduate degree and/or an Associate Degree program from Grand Rapids Community College FREE OF CHARGE. This opportunity provides each Ottawa Hills High School student enrolled in the Early Middle College Program a free “jump start” on their four (4) year college education, or completion of an Associate’s degree, or a certificated program of study. The program enrollment is limited to 50 high school sophomores in the Fall of 2017.

The Early Middle College at Ottawa Hills High School is a unique program that will eventually be comprised of Sophomores (grade 10), Junior (grade 11), Seniors (grade 12) , and 5th year (grade 13) students who are maturing, self-motivated, and demonstrate a readiness to learn in a college setting. The Early Middle College students are offered an academically challenging environment providing an opportunity for students to exhibit their best academic work. Enrolled students will have full access to GRCC’s onsite and/or online range of student support offerings and opportunities, and will be able to be involved in all aspects Ottawa Hills High School life, including opportunities for leadership, honor society, student government and fine and performing arts. The program of study traditionally will lead students toward acquiring a liberal arts degree, but will work towards assisting each student in working towards their individual area of interest.

After grade 13, students have the opportunity to acquire a high school diploma and an associate’s degree from college free of charge.

Grade 10 (Fall of 2017) only.

### SELECTION REQUIREMENTS

- Selection is based on cohorts of 25 students. There will be a maximum of two cohorts (50 students) in the first year.
- Students and parents must agree to completing the program through “year 13”
- As the Grand Rapids Public Schools, our obligation first and foremost is to those that live within our boundaries.
- Students must have a minimum of 2.5 Grade Point Average at the end of first semester 9th grade year.
- Students must have a positive behavioral and attendance history that is reflective of a college-going culture
- Students must also take the Accu-placer , facilitated by Grand Rapids Community College to assist predicting college readiness and success

### NOTIFICATION

- All students with a qualifying score will be placed in a pool and randomly selected for an available slot. Selection will begin March 15, 2017 to allow for acquisition of college faculty and scheduling.
- Students and parents will be notified by mail within a week of being chosen
- Students not chosen, and who do not meet selection requirements are notified by mail of ineligibility within a week.