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#### ACADEMICS:

- Class of 2017 completed 8124 community service hours.
- Success in Ed winners included: Cooper Curry, Tommy Driscoll, Orion Green, Aiden Holm, Jordon Heppner, Hannah Holman, Samantha Leitzke, Madalyn Massena, Elsa Mastrude, Miranda Russo, Megan Woldstad, and Jaden Yaretz.
- 22 students attended advanced technical training at Sno-Isle Skills.
- 24 students qualified for state competitions in FBLA. Congratulations: Anna Beach, Bret Benzion, Madison Cory, Aurora Denning, Orion Green, Joslyn Harding, Nida Haroon, Hannah Holman, Khasia Hopkins, Jordan Hymas, Luke Macomber, Connor Maneval, Skye McBride, Ciara Parkhurst, Miranda Russo, Mandalynn Scheffler, Mariah Spencer, Dayna Strecker, Michael Turpin, Jacob Whitt, Erich Whitley, Maia Whitley, Clayton Wise, Megan Woolstad. 9 students made the top ten winners and several students won multiple events.
- FFA competed in the State Horse Judging Career Development event in Ellensburg. This is the first time we have competed at the state level. Lacey Tolbert, Jodi Bond, Abbi McNeil, Kendal Davis, Charolette Booke and Mackenzie Hagan placed 8th overall as a team and Kendal Davis placed 9th for high individual.

## Our Accomplishments

- 26 students attended Running Start programs; 8 Part-time, 18 Full-time; 8 students completed their Associates degree as well as their high school requirements.
- Our annual Food Drive brought in 21,576 food/household items, and \$16,013, which supplied food and Holiday meals for 215 families. In addition, gifts were given to 502 children in the GF School District.
- In our 8th year of competion at the Shell Eco-marathon in Detroit, MI. 11 GFHS students with 2 cars won the prestigious Safety Award again. Over 100 student teams competed for the top mileage efficiency.

#### ATHLETICS:

WIAA Distinguished Academic Team Awards Boys Baseball 3.23 GPA Boys Track 3.01 GPA Girls Track 3.31 GPA Girls Tennis 3.31 GPA

WIAA Outstanding Academic Team Awards Girls Soccer 3.64 GPA Girls Cross Country 3.55 GPA

1st Team All-Conference Athletes <u>Girls Soccer</u> <u>Football</u>

Spencer Wirkkala Camden Landrum
Rudy Engstrom
Hunter Chapman
Sam Blacken

	Girls Basketball	Baseball
	Madalyn Messena	Rudy Engstrom
		Jordan Hepner
	Softball	<u>Track</u>
	Taylor Arndt	Daylin Pierce
	Danica West	Alexis Rackley
		Cassie Collinge
		Dayana Diaz
		Sam Lietzke
		Grace Rinaldi
		Brittnay Mayer
		Kelsey Bassett
5		Haley Hansen

2nd Team All-Conference Athlete				
Girls Soccer	<b>Cross Country</b>			
Cassie Collinge	Isaac Cortez			
Jaiden Waud	Aiden Holm			
<b>Boys Basketball</b>	Boys Baseball			
Ben Schnieders	Sammy Blacken			
	Cameron Loescje			
	John Brown			
Football	Softball			
Legend Suddarth	Iillian 7achry			

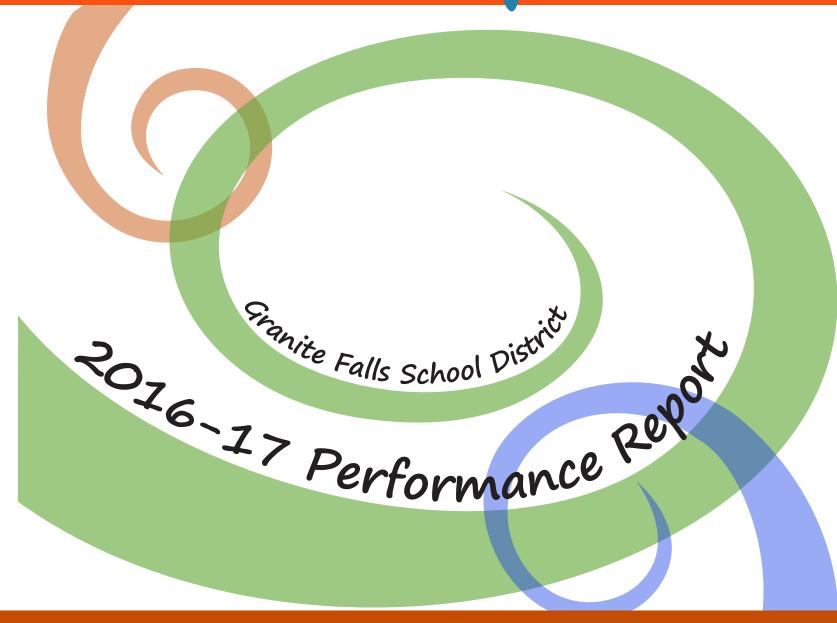
Legend Suddarth Jillian Zachry
Dakota Scherrer Hunter Lingle
Brayden Counsellor
Kory Glover
Hunter Chapman
Track

**WIAA Prep-Athlete of the Week** Taylor Arndt

Madalyn Massena

2012 & 2013 School of Distinction





#### About Our School

Granite Falls High School serves 575 students in grades 9-12. It is a comprehensive high school offering College in the High School, Running Start (Everett Community College) and Career and Technical Education (CTE) classes, as well as providing outstanding basic education classes. Through this wide variety of student choices, athletics, and school activities, students are prepared for the work place of the future.

The High School has 1 administrator, .5 CTE Director, 1 Assistant Principal/Athletic director, 30 certificated, 2 counselors and 16 support staff. We are very proud to be recognized again this year as a School of Distinction. In addition, the US News High School Rankings for 2013 has rated our high school 48th in the state, 3rd in the county.

# The Mission of GFHS

Every student, every day, every classroom. To inspire and facilitate a passion for life-long learning and the pursuit of excellence in every student every day.

## Survey Results

An educational reform bill passed by the Washington State Legislature in 2010 required that school district seek feedback from parents and community members and summarize the responses in the annual performance reports. The survey was conducted in November 2015 and provided the following results: The District scored highest (based on a five point scale) in school safety, positive district image, positive district culture, and teacher-parent communication. The District scored average or below grade level in college and career readiness for students, communication with faculty, families, and the community, as well as engaging instruction in the classroom. Full survey results can be obtained by calling Melanie Freeman at 360.691.7717.

### Our Learning Improvement Plan

#### 2016-2017 Goals

**District Goal #1:** Quality Learning. Engage and inspire every student through powerful and innovative instruction, fostering development of criticalthinking skills and motivating academic achievement through high expectations.

- Back to school with teachers on September 2nd focused on Student Agency. Staff identified ways to support student agency in the classroom, the building and the district throughout the school year.
- Assessment Coordinators are busy deciphering the new State testing requirements. Students are currently utilizing the new chromebooks to practice for these tests.
- With the implementation of the new evaluation system our teachers are continuing the dedicated work they have always done and additionally are establish these goals to focus in specific areas. Departments have selected common goals which will allow for subject, grade level or building wide results.
- High School Science teacher, Nancy Matlack, again participates in the Biology Collection of Evidence TASK Writing Committee this allows our Science departments to improve student learning of our Science standards.
- Our Social Studies teachers are meeting to discuss curriculum adoption and common assessments.

District Goal #2: Positive Image.
Strengthen our district by countering unfounded perceptions and stereotypes of Granite Falls. Celebrate student successes and civic progress, working collaboratively with district partners—including local government, the chamber of commerce, and service organizations.

- Our community veterans who attended an assembly in their honor, were once again very impressed with the student body of GFHS.
- The format for Student-Led conferences changed reach our goal of 67% participation. This is an opportunity for students to demonstrate how they are taking ownership of their learning. We have so much to be proud of our students at Granite Falls.

• Under the leadership of our Athletic Director, Doug Plucker, Athletic programs continue to build the collaborative culture of our school community. In addition, High School Athletics provided athletic trainer support at our football games. Positive comments were shared by community members.

District Goal #3: College- and Career-Ready. Ensure that every student transitions successfully between grades and schools and graduates with the knowledge, skills and attitude to excel in diverse post-secondary opportunities. Foster student achievement through active partnerships with parents, families and our community. Counselors reviewed student needs and request to provide schedules to accommodate both areas. Advisory groups were established so students have a positive contact throughout the day and school year.

- Senior students participate in the Culminating project night. Students choose an interest and pursue it at a deeper level. The topic of interest creates a foundation to extend learning and possibly confirm a decision on what path to pursue after High School. A true celebration of learning!
- Our CTE department continues to provide a variety of opportunities for students to be college and career ready.

#### **Department Leaders**

In collaboration with administration, the department leaders are coordinating the efforts of their department members to acheive department goals as well as building goals.

ARTS- Mary Karns
COUNSELING- Ginny Schlegel
CTE- Lonnie Hall
FITNESS- Tracey Bechtholdt
MATH- Mark Neuman
SCIENCE- Tony Helgeson
WORLD STUDIES- Eric Dinwiddie
SPECIAL EDUCATION- Nikki Connor



#### School Data

<b>Enrollment by Grade</b>		
9th	143	
10th	139	
11th	139	
12th	150	
TOTAL	571	

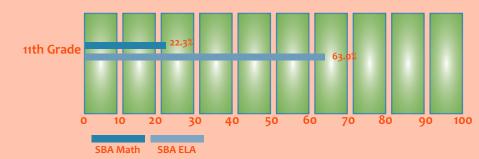
Ethnic Enrollment		
Pacific Islander	3	
Asian	6	
American Indian	8	
Hispanic	42	
Black / African American	5	
White	483	
Multi	24	

**Attendance** The average daily attendance for the 2016-2017 school years through May was 89.07%.

**Graduation Rate** The 2016-17 graduation rate was 88% (rates determined by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for federal reporting purposes).

#### **State Test Scores (Grades 10, 11)**

In the spring of 2016, students took the new Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) which is aligned with the State Common Core Standards in English Language Arts (ELA) and math. Since the SBA is new and more rigorous than previous assessments, OSPI predicted state passing rates for ELA and math to be around 35%.



#### Condition and Use of Our Building

Granite Falls High School opened in December of 2007 thanks to the community support of a bond issue passed in 2006. In 2012 a Solar panel was installed on the Southwest facing roof. This panel supplies clean energy to the building and reduces the carbon footprint. New energy efficient lighting was also added in 2013 which reduced energy costs and improved indoor and outdoor lighting. Granite Falls High School is a model for ecofriendly school design while providing state of the art teaching and learning spaces.

## Report to the Community

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), also known as No Child Left Behind Legislation, requires school districts to annually report on progress outlining specific information and include state assessment results.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has compiled all the data required by the ESEA law including schools identified for improvement. Information on the Granite Falls School District can be found at http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/

If you cannot access the report online, contact Melanie Freeman at 360.691.7717, for a hard copy.

# Participate in Our School

Parent and community involvement is the key to our success. Opportunities to become involved include:

- Tutor students in academic subjects
- Attend school functions
- Assist students with Community Service projects
- Booster Club
- Volunteer with the ECO car program
- Judging Senior Culminating Projects
- Parent Conferences
- Career and Technical Education Advisory Groups
- Career Counseling Committee
- Assist with student clubs (Drama, Art, FBLA, FFA, etc.)

### About our Financial Resources

Granite Falls High School Budget 2016-17*		
Supplies	2.3%	
Contract Services	2.3%	
Salaries	69.1%	
Travel	0.3%	
Benefits	26.0%	
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## Granite Falls School District Budget 2016-17\*

Salaries	55.8%	
Benefits	22.2%	
Contract Services	18.2%	
Supplies	3.5%	
Travel	0.2%	
Equipment	0%	
*All numbers approximate.		