



ADMISSIONS PROCESS 2025 – 2026

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Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year will begin in January 2025. All application materials must be submitted before an admissions decision can be made. Applications received after April 1, 2025, will be reviewed based on class size and the availability of open courses and student support resources. Late applications will not be received after July 1, 2025. *Please see the reverse for information about applying to Inclusion.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Parents and/or guardians are required to complete, sign and submit the **Application for Admission**. Once submitted, GRCHS will request the following academic records from the applicant's current school:

ACADEMICS:

- Copy of current course list
- Copy of current progress report
- Copy of current high school transcript or report cards for grades 6th - 8th

SUPPORT | ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING:

- Accommodation Plan (504, IEP, etc.)
- Most recent medical/psychological evaluation with diagnosis
- Any other supporting documentation

TESTING | MOST RECENT STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES

- NWEA MAP, PSAT, SAT, ACT, etc.

ATTENDANCE | CURRENT ATTENDANCE REPORT

BEHAVIOR | DISCIPLINARY HISTORY REPORT

2. **Eduator's Evaluation**

Applicants will be asked to provide contact information for three current teachers, administrators, counselors, etc. to complete a Confidential Student Evaluation Form.

3. **Student Admissions Questionnaire**

Student applicants are required to complete the online questionnaire.

4. **Family Meeting**

Once the above materials have been received, the GRCHS Admissions Director will schedule a time to meet. Meetings should include at least one parent/guardian and the applicant.

5. **Variable Tuition**

Grand Rapids Christian Schools is committed to making a Christian education accessible to all families. We offer a range of tuition rates called Variable Tuition. You may apply for a Variable Tuition rate through FACTS beginning December 2, 2024. More information and the FACTS application can be found at www.grcs.org/variabletuition.

ACCEPTANCE

Once a student has been accepted, you will be invited to complete the Continuous Enrollment Agreement. Continuous Enrollment is a one time process and your student's enrollment is secure until 12th grade graduation.

1. **Enrollment Deposit**

There is a required \$200 per student enrollment deposit that will be collected upon submission of the Continuous Enrollment Agreement. The deposit will be applied to the 2025-2026 tuition.

2. **High School Assessment Fee**

This annual \$250 fee for all high school students covers the costs associated with: textbooks, licenses, laptop insurance, parking and student admission to home athletic events and student theater productions. This fee is added to your tuition account.

ENROLLMENT

Once officially enrolled, the following are required:

1. ParentVUE Verification

Parents/guardians will have access to the ParentVUE portal to view grades, update contact information, etc. Parents/guardians are required to verify their ParentVUE account yearly.

2. Blackbaud Tuition Management Account

Payment arrangements for your students' tuition will be made through your Blackbaud Tuition Management Account. You will receive an email from customerservice@blackbaud.school in late spring/early summer 2025 to set up your account.

3. Course Registration

Once enrolled, students along with their parents/guardians will be invited to complete course registration for the 2025-2026 school year with their assigned counselor.

4. Orientation

Prior to the start of school all students will attend a grade level/new student orientation. Orientation dates and important back to school information will be emailed over the summer.

*APPLYING TO INCLUSION

Grand Rapids Christian Schools strongly desires to be an inclusive community reflective of God's Kingdom and provides individualized services to learners of differing abilities. Therefore, students in kindergarten through 12th grade who have mild to moderate physical, cognitive, and/or emotional disabilities are valued members of our school communities.

Because we are committed to having the resources to serve all students well, we regretfully cannot accept all students who will require inclusion services. Applications, including all required supporting documentation, to Inclusion at Grand Rapids Christian Schools for the 2025-2026 school year must be received by March 1, 2025. Applications received after March 1, 2025 will be considered for the 2026-2027 school year.

VIST OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS

Showcase 2024: November 19, 2024 | www.grcs.org/showcase

See how our **Christ-centered, student-focused** approach to learning has made us one of the West Michigan's top-performing high schools —and a place where each student is **prepared for more**.

Future Eagle Days: Multiple Dates to choose from! | www.grcs.org/futureeagleddays

Join us for a Future Eagle Day campus visit. Prospective students and parents will have the opportunity to participate in an admissions presentation and building tour. Guest students will also interact with current GRCHS students through classroom observations as they discover what it is like to be a Grand Rapids Christian Eagle for a day. Light refreshments are provided on arrival and students will receive lunch.

2024-2025 School Year Future Eagle Days

- Friday, January 31, 2025
- Friday, February 7, 2025
- Friday, February 21, 2025
- Friday, March 14, 2025
- Friday, March 28, 2025
- Friday, April 18, 2025
- Friday, April 25, 2025
- Friday, May 2, 2025

Individual Family Meetings and Tours | www.grcs.org/inquire

Informational meetings and tours are available on request. Please contact the Director Of Admissions to schedule a time that is convenient for you.

Grand Rapids Christian Schools values diversity and nurtures the lives of a spiritually, culturally, and economically diverse student body of over 2000 students. Enrollment at GRCS is open to all families who desire a comprehensive Christian education for their children, regardless of race, color, sex, national origin, family structure, or denominational affiliation, and agree to have their children educated according to GRCS' Statement of Faith.

Visit Opportunities and Events

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- Friday, November 17, 2023
- Friday, December 1, 2023
- Friday, February 2, 2024
- Friday, February 9, 2024
- Friday, February 23, 2024
- Friday, March 8, 2024
- Wednesday, March 13, 2024
- Friday, March 22, 2024
- Friday, April 19, 2024
- Friday, April 26, 2024
- Wednesday, May 1, 2024

INDIVIDUAL FAMILY MEETINGS AND TOURS www.grcs.org/inquire

The Director of Admissions would be happy to set-up a Family Meeting with you to discuss any questions you may have about Grand Rapids Christian High School, give you an opportunity to learn more about the school, tour the facilities, and give the Director of Admissions the opportunity to learn more about your family as well. Please feel free to contact the Director of Admissions to let her know some available date and time options that work best for your schedule, and she would be happy to accommodate.

Admissions Criteria

ADMISSIONS NOTE

Grand Rapids Christian Schools focuses on attracting students prepared to thrive in a rigorous academic program designed to help every student discover and develop his or her God-given abilities, and interested in becoming a citizen of our school community through their development in academics, arts, athletics, leadership and spiritual life. Grand Rapids Christian Schools' model applicant will challenge himself or herself to grow in all these areas.

Graduates of Grand Rapids Christian Schools will be creative solution finders, thoughtful neighbors, communicators and collaborators, lifelong explorers, culturally competent, justice seekers, and disciples of Christ who are prepared to use their unique gifts to glorify God, pursue personal faith, and bring about shalom in the world.

CRITERIA

Admission to Grand Rapids Christian High School is based on many criteria including application, family meeting, student interview, the academic transcript, test scores, participation in extracurricular activities, and a visit to Grand Rapids Christian High School. While each piece of the application plays an important role in assisting the admission committee in making a decision, no one piece — neither student interviews nor test scores, for example — will be the deciding factor.

We understand that every student who applies is unique and has strengths and weaknesses in many areas that are different from one student to the next. We examine the following areas when making our decision:

ACADEMICS

- The applicant having successfully completed the appropriate levels of core subjects including but not limited to English & math.
- The applicant's academic performance including grades and standardized testing scores.
- The applicant's ability to meet the academic rigor of Grand Rapids Christian High School.
- The applicant's academic goals.

INTEGRITY & CHARACTER

- The applicant's previous conduct with regards to his or her previous school(s), authority figures, and/or peers.
- The applicant's emotional stability and behavior record.
- The applicant's demonstrated character qualities of integrity, self-discipline and motivation, consistent effort, obedient spirit, positive attitude, and respectful behavior.
- The applicant's stated ability to adhere to the Grand Rapids Christian High School Parent-Student Handbook & Code of Conduct.

INVOLVEMENT & COMMUNITY

- The applicant's eagerness to fully participate in school, home, and church activities.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

- The applicant and his or her parents stated understanding and willingness to adhere to the Grand Rapids Christian Schools' mission to provide students with a faith-based education and that all subjects are taught through the lens of a Christian world view.

OTHER

- The applicant's previous school attendance – the applicant should have minimal tardies and/or absences on his or her record.