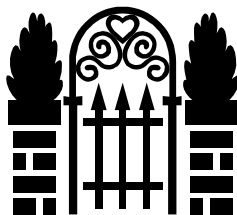


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Grosse Pointe South
Accredited with NCA 1928



High School

Publishing Date: 9/17/08
June, 2008 Enrollment: 1,660

Grosse Pointe South High School

MISSION STATEMENT

The community of Grosse Pointe South High School is committed to ensure that all Grosse Pointe South High School graduates demonstrate the knowledge, creativity and skills necessary to establish self-worth as independent, contributing members of society, prepared for life-long learning and success in a changing world.

OUR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

One of the primary recommendations of the High School Study is to “develop collaborative faculty teams and provide faculty members time to collaborate”. With the onset of the 2003-04 school year, the staff embarked upon the development of a **Professional Learning Community** (referred to as PLC). Professional Learning Communities are developed with a primary focus on improving student achievement.

Collaborative teams in a PLC are comprised of teachers who teach the same course and meet regularly to develop common learning objectives and common assessments for students taking the same course. Working collaboratively, staff members use the data from their instruction to improve learning for all students and to quickly identify and address the needs of those students who require additional teacher support and intervention. Consistency of delivery of high quality instruction and systematic improvement of instruction and learning are demonstrable advantages of the collaborative teams.

The PLC initiative in 2006-07 superceded the prior emphasis on North Central Accreditation. South High School maintains its “fully accredited” status and will begin a new evaluation cycle during the 2008-09 school year. South’s school improvement plan includes strategies and objectives that are aligned with the district and school mission. Staff development is an integral component of the ongoing school improvement process.

CORE CURRICULUM

A core academic curriculum, appropriate learning processes, sufficient access, and special assistance are provided so that every student has a fair opportunity to achieve learning standards and earn a state-endorsed diploma at the completion of graduation requirements. All students are required to participate in programs offering reading, writing, math, and science as well as other components of the district’s instructional plan.

MICHIGAN SCHOOL REPORT CARD

GRADE: A

Michigan Department of Education

This report card provides an assessment of several measures of South student performance.



The *Composite Grade* is the overall grade for the school, arrived at by combining the following factors. When data is available, it combines results over 2 or 3 years.

- **Student Achievement** measures student test attendance, participation, and performance and when it has improved.
- **Indicators of School Performance** combine several factors, such as school facilities, attendance and graduation rate.
- **AYP Status** is a measure used to hold schools and districts responsible for student achievement in English language arts and mathematics based on MME test results.

Required Enrollment Data

Dual Enrollment- number of students enrolled in a post-secondary program: 3

Actual Days = Hours of Instruction: 176 days = 1,116 hours

Average Daily High School Attendance Rate: 94%



The following rates are compiled by the Michigan Department of Education.

Completion/Graduation Rate – High school students who graduate in 4 years (grades 9-12): 96.55%

Dropout Rate – Percentage of our students who do not complete the district’s high school program: 2.65%

Retention Rate – (Enrollment minus dropout rate): 97.35%

Site-Based Decisions

- Administrative Selection Committees
- Educational Program Leadership Council
- School Improvement Teams

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Grosse Pointe South High School, is a community of individuals who work in partnership to provide a broad based program of academics, athletics, and activities for ALL students. It is the dedication of those listed below that are the foundation for student success:

4 Administrators	Computer Support Personnel
108 Teachers (73% with advanced degrees, 1 inducted into National Honor Roll of Outstanding American Teachers)	15 Plant Personnel
5 Counselors	8 Paraprofessionals
1 Social Worker	15.5 Class Asst (incl. spec. ed)
1 Psychologist	8 Office Personnel
A.I., SRC and EI Teachers	5 Monitors/Attendants
2 Speech/Bilingual Specialists	100 Athletic Coaches
	8 Parent/Booster Organizations
	Community Volunteers

PARENT PARTICIPATION

In the 2007-08 school year, parent participation in teacher conferences equaled 96% (1,593 students) Volunteer opportunities abound at South High School. Parent involvement remains crucial to the overall success of the students at South.

State Code Number: 1512



We are Proud of Our Students!

“The single most common characteristic among successful people is that they were involved in student activities.” (NASSP Research on Student Activities) Please see highlights on the following page.

Student Highlights from 2007-08:

- Top AP school in Michigan: GPSHS ranked highest of any public school in Michigan by College Board for AP success
- MASSP 2007- 2008 Principal of the Year – D. Allan Diver
- Newsweek’s 2008 “America’s Best High Schools” #356
- S.E. Mich Sci & Engineering Fair: First & Third
- National Council of Teachers of English Writing Competition: Three students, one winner
- NCTE Winners: 3
- Student Literary Magazine: 2006 Superior NCTE rating
- 1,802 college applications processed for 2007-08
- 3 South Interior Design Students invited to DSO “Prelude to Summer” Professional SE Mich Tablescape Comp
- 2008 MSTA HS Teacher of the Year
- 2008 Siemens AP Foundation Mich Teacher of the Year
- 142 National AP Scholars
- Individual scholarship book winners (Xerox, Cornell, Brown, Marie Walsh Sharp Foundation, Princeton, Society of Women Engineers, Harvard, Smith)
- National Award winners in German, French, Spanish and Latin National Exams
- 2008 Detroit Free Press Wring Award Winners: 9
- Mich Interschol Press Assn Awards: 37 + Spartan Award
- Girls’ Lacrosse 4th straight State Champs ’03, ’04, ’05, ’06
- “Final Four” Girls’ Field Hockey 2006-07
- Girls’ Cross Country State Record: 27 yrs straight years qualifying for States
- Girls’ Tennis – State Champs 2007-2008
- Girls’ Hockey : 9 State Championships and 2 runner-up finishes since 1997
- Baseball: 6 straight District Championships , ’01 State Champs; ’03, ’05 & ’06 State Semifinals
- Boys’ Tennis: 4th in State ’05, 3rd in ’06
- Boys’ Hockey State Champions: 2006-07
- Girls’ Soccer 5th District Championship in 6 years
- 2 MHSAA Scholar Athlete Finalists 2008
- Boys’ Diving – State Champion 2007-2008
- Football: Academic All State Team Member
- Girls’ Track MAC White Division Champions
- Girls’ Lacrosse : 4th State Championship Title
- Boys’ Tennis: 3rd Place in State
- Boys’ Soccer: “Final Four” 2006-07
- Girls’ Golf: 2007 State Finalists
- State All Academic Team Award: Football 3.71 GPA
- Tower: Columbia Scholastic Press Association Awards & Top Ten in USA
- CAD & Tech Competition: State Winners
- Championship Quiz Bowl Team
- Key Club: Pennies for Peace Project
- Math & Science: 2007 Presidential Awards for Excellence
- Mich Math Prize Comp: 18 finalists, 2 in top 200, 1 in top 50 and selected for National Competition
- Art: 1 National Gold Metal Winner; Regional Scholastic Art Award Winners; 2 Gold Key, 10 Silver Key, 10 Certificates: 31 Scholastic Art award winners
- Robotics Team: 2007 Mich Spirit & Imagery Award
- Grand Award Winner: Intel Int’l Sci & Engineering Fair
- DECA: 31 top 10 for their event in State
- DECA: 6 qualified for international competition in Florida
- Washington DC Close Up Program Participation
- National Junior Classical League: Latin
- National Italian Exam: Fedele & Brigida Bianco Award
- Pointe Players – International Thespian Festival – 3 Scholarship Recipients; Michigan State Thespian Festival – 5 Individual Events Superior Ratings
- Vocal Music: State Finalists (The Tower Bell Ensemble)
- Top Ten Best Choral Group in Michigan; State Finalist Solo Singer; First Division Ratings at Michigan State Solo and Ensemble; Freshmen Men, Freshmen Women, Freshmen Mixed; Pointe Singers Women, Pointe Singer Men, and Chamber Singers; 23 Soloists receiving Division I Ratings.
- Mich Youth Arts Fest Winners: 15 soloists, 10 ensembles
- DSO Holiday Performances, State and District Finalists: MSVMA -- National Show Choir Champs
- Symphony Orchestra: 1st Division MSBOA 2006 Festival
- Concert Orchestra: 1st Division MSBOA 2006 Festival
- Symp Band & Orch: Silver Ratings at London (UK) March 2008
- 72: 1st Div, 20 2nd Div ratings in MSBOA Dist & State Solo/Ensemble Festivals + MSBOA State Jazz Festival 2008
- Detroit International Jazz Festival -- selected 3 of 4 yrs
- Mich Assn of Broadcasters HS TV Competition: 1st Place
- Armed Service Radio Network Holiday Choir Broadcast
- Int’l Thespian Society 2008 Inductees: 10



RECORD OF STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The effectiveness of an individual schools’ curricular and instructional program must be viewed from a multiple measure analysis. To provide a comprehensive picture of our students’ learning and achievement level and thus our effectiveness, we are listing MEAP/ High School Test (HST), MME*, college entrance examinations including ACT and SAT, and Advanced Placement (AP) testing statistics. (*Percentage of students achieving PROFICIENT passing scores / Scholarship levels*). *MME began with the 2006-07 school year. It is a much more comprehensive test than previous HST tests and results are not directly comparable.

MEAP HST/MME READING – Grade 11			
	2006	2007	2008
South	87%	87%	87%
District	88%	83%	85%
State	61%	60%	62%
MEAP HST/MME WRITING – Grade 11			
South	76%	72%	71%
District	75%	66%	69%
State	46%	40%	41%
MEAP HST/MME ELA – Grade 11			
South	83%	83%	81%
District	84%	77%	78%
State	52%	51%	52%
MEAP HST/MME MATH– Grade 11			
South	71%	78%	77%
District	71%	72%	72%
State	46%	46%	46%
MEAP HST/MME SCIENCE – Grade 11			
South	81%	85%	85%
District	79%	79%	81%
State	52%	56%	57%
MEAP HST/MME SOCIAL STUDIES – Grade 11			
South	97%	96%	97%
District	95%	96%	95%
State	79%	83%	80%
NUMBER OF MERIT/MICH PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS			
South Class of 2006	South Class of 2007	South Class of 2008	
285*	240	296	

*Included Alternate Qualifiers



COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM RESULTS SAT RESULTS – 12TH GRADE STUDENTS 2007-2008 RESULTS

	# tested	# enrolled	% tested	Critical Reading*	Math
South	137	436	31.4%	597	606
District	204	835	24.4%	599.3	605.3
Mich	7,178	126,380	5.67%	581	598
USA	1,518,859	3,180,343	47.8%	502	515

ACT RESULTS – 12TH GRADE STUDENTS 2007-2008 RESULTS

# tested	% tested
South -- 416	95.4%
GPPSS – 809	96.9%
Mich – 123,918	98.1%
USA- 1,421,941	44.7%

	English	Math	Reading	Science	Composite
South	23.8	23.7	24.5	23.3	23.9
District	22.6	23.0	23.5	22.7	23.1
Mich	18.7	19.5	19.8	19.9	19.6
USA	20.6	21.0	21.4	20.8	21.1

COLLEGE BOARD ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTS (AP)

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL AP TEST RESULTS			
Year	# Tests Taken	# of Tests Passed	% of tests passed
07-08	962	826	86%
06-07	865	701	81%
05-06	860	691	80%
04-05	939	707	75%

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Year	Semifinalists	Finalists	Commended
2008	10	10	8
2007	11	11	12
2006	5	5	4
2005	12	11	9
2004	8	8	7
2003	11	10	7