

About the

Granby

Public Schools

Prospectus

2009-2010

Granby.....

Population:	6,382 (2007)	Under 18:	1,361
Location:	17 miles northwest of Springfield; easy access to major highways; rural/suburban		
Income:	Middle income		
Employment:	Wholesale, retail, trades, services, government, manufacturing, finance, insurance and real estate		

About the Schools...

School	Location	Phone #'s	Grades	Enrollment
Granby Jr./Sr. High School	385 East State St.	467-7104	7-12	475
East Meadow School	393 East State St.	467-7198	4-6	255
West Street School	14 West St.	467-9235	PK-3	261

Granby is a member of the Pathfinder Regional Vocational-Technical School district attended by 22 Granby students.

Granby participates in school choice. There are currently 137 students from surrounding towns attending Granby schools. For more information please call (413) 467-7193.

- Total Enrollment 1128 (excluding vocational programs)
- Approximately 95% of students living in Granby attend Granby-funded programs.
- Per Pupil Integrated Cost: \$9,023 (MA Department of Education 2007)

School-Entry Information:

- Children must be 5 years of age on or before August 31st to enter kindergarten.
- Children must be 6 years of age on or before August 31st to enter first grade.
- Students transferring into the school system must bring academic and discipline records from previous school, proof of required immunizations, birth certificate and proof of residency.
- Official records must be sent directly to the school.
- For information regarding which school a child will be attending, call the Office of the Superintendent at (413) 467-7193.

Prospective homeowners and school choice parents are invited to visit the schools their children may be attending in Granby. Please call the Principal's office to make arrangements for a visit.

Parent Organizations

- System-wide District Learning Team
- School Councils in every school
- PTO, Elementary Level K – 6
- Special Education Parent Advisory Council PK - 12
- Booster Club, 7-12
- Title I Parent Advisory Committee
- Granby Music Parents Association K – 12

Student Services (all K-12 unless otherwise noted)

- Department of Guidance and Counseling
- Integrated Preschool/Kindergarten
- A continuum of Special Education services that supports inclusive education
- Health Services Department with three registered nurses
- Nurse Leader
- School Social Worker at both the Elementary and Secondary level
- Part-Time Community Resource Officer in the Jr./ Sr. High School
- Student Assistance and Crisis Teams
- “Second Step” (Pre K- 8)
- Commitment to Character (4 – 6)
- Student Against Destructive Decision (SADD)
- Gay-Straight Alliance (9 - 12)
- Amnesty International (9 - 12)
- Health Programs (K-12)

Technology

- K-8 computer awareness and applications units
- Computer-based electives at high school level
- IBM-compatible labs at all schools
- Computerized Music Theory Course
- IBM-compatible CAD lab (high school)
- Computerized guidance information resources
- Computerized library information resources
- Cable in the classroom
- Classroom video resources
- Computers in all classrooms (K – 12)
- Satellite program access
- Networking resources (Internet, all schools)
- Technology Committee
- Granby Public Schools website <http://granbyschoolsma.org>
- Laptops availability Media Center

Interscholastic Athletic Programs for both Males and Females

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cross-Country
- Ice Hockey (cooperative team with South Hadley, Holyoke & Dean Voc.)
- Soccer
- Softball
- Swimming (co-op with Holyoke Catholic)
- Golf (co-op with Holyoke Catholic)
- Skiing (co-op with Holyoke Catholic)
- Wrestling

Unique and Special Programs & Services

- Title I Reading & Math – West Street School
- ASAP – West Street & East Meadow Schools-After School Activity Program
- Member Western MA Learning Center for Children
- Jr./Sr. High School accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges
- DARE, Grade 6
- Community resource police officer on duty part-time
- Student exchange programs
- Student Government Day – State House, Boston
- Team teaching, grades 7-8
- Department of Public Health Grant
- Granby Arts Project – Spring Musical
- Local cultural council – PASS Program
- Intergenerational program – Christmas Dinner for Elderly
- Presidential fitness awards

- Academic fitness awards
- Staff development programs
- CPR certification course for teachers, coaches, and students
- Crisis prevention and response teams
- Sexual harassment policy – prevention training for staff and students
- Civil rights policy – prevention training for staff and students
- Nature’s Classroom Program, grade 6
- School newspaper published by Journalism and Graphic Arts Class, grades 9 – 12
- After-school chorus, grades 4 – 12
- MCAS tutoring
- On campus driving school
- Instructional-recreational ski program, grades 4-12, Bromley, Mt., VT.
- After-School Study Club, grades 4-6
- Volunteers in the Granby Public Schools Program
- Boys State-Girls State
- Science Club
- America Reads and America Counts Tutoring Program, grades K-3
- Helping People Everywhere (H.O.P.E.)
- Grade 9 Student Mentoring
- Grade 7 & 9 Advisories - TNT - Teen and Teachers
- Grade 9 Academic Teams
- Grade 9 Student Mentors
- Grade 7 – Health, Wellness
- Grade 8 – Health, Wellness

Related Programs and Programs Shared With Others

- Education and Financial Aid programs – College Night, for Senior Parents
- Memorandum of Understanding with police department and District Attorney’s office relative to civil rights issues. (Violence Prevention)
- Cooperative programming with Granby Council on Aging - Noon meal program
- Newspaper in Education – *Daily Hampshire Gazette/Springfield Republican*
- Mt. Holyoke College Off-Campus Community Service Program
- Cooperation with area colleges for student practicums
- Fire prevention program – SAFE
- Police Department Safe Schools Program
- *On The Ram Page*, student newspaper, grades 9 -12
- Granby Arts Council
- Unlisted Teen Board – Springfield Republican
- School to Work
- Community Service
- Rotary Club Representation

K-12 Career Development

- Jr. High Career/College Exploration Program
- Sr. High college/career workshops
- 9th Grade Orientation
- 7th Grade Orientation

Honors and Awards A Representative Sampling

- High School As Schools Match Wits
- Girls State - Boys State
- Superintendent’s Award

- Honors College-U.Mass. Amherst
- Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award
- All – Academic Sports Team - The Republican
- Chancellors Award – U. Mass. Amherst
- National Honor Society
- State Winner, DAR History Essay Contest
- MCAS – Certificate of Mastery Awards, John & Abigail Adams
- Tomorrow's Teacher Scholarship Award
- Commended student in the 2004 National Merit scholarship program
- Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching Award
- East Meadow Principal, Jim Pietras, nominated as MESPA Principal of the Year

MCAS

One hundred percent of the students in the 2005 and 2009 graduating classes attained MCAS competency determination and were eligible to receive a high school diploma.

Competitions

- Yale Quiz Bowl
- As Schools Match Wits
- National Geography Bee
- Poster and Essay Contests
- MASS Music Educators Choral & Instrumental Programs
- Math Counts
- D.A.R.E. Essay Contest
- MASS State Art Competition
- Scholarships – Graves, Durant, Randall
- Bausch & Lomb Award
- Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship
- Rensselaer Medalist Award
- Lions Club – Speech contest
- Worcester Art All State Festival
- Kodak Young Leaders Award

Future Plans of Graduates – Class of '09

Four-year colleges	42%
Two-year colleges	48%
Other education	1%
Work	8%
Military	1%
Other	0%

Test Scores

Class of 2009 SAT Scores

Critical Reading	538	Writing Mean	508
Math Mean	503		

Schools and Colleges at which Graduates have been accepted in the Past Five Years
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Albany College of Pharmacy
American International Coll.
American University
Assumption College
Bay Path College
Bard College
Bentley College
Boston College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Brigham Young University
Brown University
Bryant College
Champlain College
Colby-Sawyer College
Colgate University
Curry College
Elmira College
Elms College
Endicott College
Fitchburg State
Framingham State College
Franklin Pierce College
Gettysburg College
Greenfield Comm. College
Hampshire College

Harvard University
Holyoke Comm. College
James Madison University
Keene State
Lesley College
Mass College of Liberal Arts
Michigan State University
Mount Ida College
Mount Holyoke College
Northeastern University
Norwich University
Pitzer College
Post University
Quinnipiac College
Regis College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst.
Russell Sage College
Sacred Heart University
Salem State College
Simmons College
Smith College
Southern New Hampshire Univ
Springfield College
Springfield Tech. Comm. Coll.
St. Joseph College
St. Michael's College

Stonehill College
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Tufts University
University of Arizona
University of Connecticut
UMASS – Amherst
UMASS – Dartmouth
UMASS – Lowell
University of Hartford
University of Maine
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of New Haven
University of North Texas
University of Rhode Island
University of Texas A & M
University of Vermont
Utica College
Vassar College
Virginia Polytechnic University
Wentworth Institute of Tech.
Western New England College
Westfield State College
Worcester Polytechnic Inst.
Worcester State College

Administration

Patricia A. Stevens, Superintendent
John Robert, Associate Superintendent
Daniel Lynch, Principal – Jr./Sr. High School
Jonathan Cavallo, Vice-Principal – Jr./Sr. High School
James Pietras, Principal – East Meadow School
Pam McCauley, Principal – West Street School
David Lukaskiewicz, Technology Coordinator
Karen Szlosek, Health Coordinator
Jessica Boardway, Athletic Director – Jr./Sr. High School

School Committee

Mrs. Deborah Buckley, Chairperson
Dr. Arthur Krulewitz, Secretary
Mr. Michael Quesnel
Mrs. Dawn Cooke
Mr. Kevin Boisselle

In recognition of the diversified characteristics and needs of our students and with the keen desire to be responsive to them, the School Committee will make every effort to protect the dignity of the students as individuals. It also will offer careful consideration and sympathetic understanding of their personal feelings, particularly with reference to their race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, religion, nationality, physical and intellectual differences, homelessness, and disability.