

Central High School

2020-2021 Profile



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Community

Central High School is located in Grand Junction, Colorado. Grand Junction serves as the hub of business and recreational activities on the western slope of the Colorado Rockies, about 250 miles west across the mountains from Denver. Grand Junction is the largest city between Denver and Salt Lake on the I-70 corridor, making it the regional business and commerce hub. It is the county seat with an area population over 130,000. Situated 4600 feet above sea level at the junction of the Gunnison and Colorado Rivers, it is a fruit-producing oasis surrounded by Grand Mesa (the world's largest flat top mountain), the Bookcliffs, the Colorado National Monument, and the Uncompahgre range.

Schedule

Central is operating on an alternating block schedule beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. Prior to the 2013/2014 year, Central was on a "flex-eight" schedule. Our flex schedule consisted of four 90-minute blocks per day, as well as four 45-minute split-block classes. Students may have had a combination of block and split-block classes in a term. The school year is now divided into two eighteen-week semesters. Four credits per eighteen-week semester comprise a full course load. Students can earn up to four credits per term, or eight credits per school year.

Graduation Requirements

Students must meet the following criteria in order to earn a diploma :

- Earn 25 credits in standards-based approved courses
- Earn a 2.0 or better cumulative G.P.A.
- Demonstrate a score of "Proficient" or "Advanced" on the Colorado state testing assessment or demonstrate proficiency on other approved measures

Graduating Class	Class Size
Class of 2021	335
Class of 2022	362
Class of 2023	448
Class of 2024	454

Grading Scale	Percentage	Weight	*AP
A – Excellent	100 – 90	4.0	5.0
B – Above	89 – 80	3.0	4.0
C – Average	79 – 70	2.0	3.0
D – Below Average	69 – 60	2.0	2.0
F – Failure	59 or below	0.0	0.0

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Academic Schedule and Curriculum

Students have the opportunity to enroll in 8 year long credits. These credits are scheduled into an alternating block schedule in which students see all 8 teachers on Mondays, and alternate red and white days with each of their four classes. All students are also enrolled in an advisory class for all four years. The school year is divided into two eighteen week semesters. However, due to COVID, we have switched classes for the 20-21 school year back to a 4X4 block so that students might be able to concentrate more fully on 4 classes at a time in the event of switching from in-person learning to remote learning. Thus, students will earn two credits at the end of each 9 week quarter, totaling the potential of earning 8 credits per year.

Students are required to earn 25 credits in the following academic areas:

Language Arts	4 Credits
Social Studies	3 Credits
Mathematics	3 Credits
Science	3 Credits
Physical Education	1 Credit
Computer Literacy	1/2 Credit
Fine Arts	1/2 Credit
Electives	10 Credits

Central High School does not rank students. Latin Honors are used to recognize and distinguish high academic performance.
Summa Cum Laude with highest honors: 3.9 or higher
Magna Cum Laude with great honors: 3.7 or higher
Cum Laude with honors: 3.5 or higher

STEM and Enrichment Opportunities

Designed to provide relevancy and challenge for all students, Central High School is the first Nationally Certified STEM High School in Colorado. Students in the STEM Program have a variety of pathways available to them including four year college preparatory pathways, career and technical pathways, military pathways, and PTECH (Pathways in Technology Early College High School) pathways (Associate's Degrees options in: manufacturing, welding, mechanical engineering technology, and mechatronics.) 30% of the school's faculty have become STEM certified through the National Institute of STEM Education, and our school is working to move from a program to STEM FOR ALL students. Concurrent enrollment courses through Western Colorado Community College and Colorado Mesa University are available to all student, and Central High School offers English 111, 112, and Math 113 on campus taught by approved instructors; Career Center courses are available to students in grades 9-12 to explore a variety of vocations such as automotive, horticulture, culinary, medical careers, and small animal care; Career Wise Internships are available to all students grades 10-12; JROTC is available to all students, in grades 9-12.

Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement courses are open to all students, grades 9-12 and are offered in the following subjects: English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Statistics, Calculus AB/BC, US History, US Government and Politics, Human Geography, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Environmental Science, Spanish Language, and Computer Science Principles. Honors courses are available for students in the 9th and 10th grade levels in English Composition, Environmental Science, Biology, and Math 1 and 2.

37% 2020 seniors matriculated to a four-year college or university

9% attend two-year colleges

44% choose military enlistment, entering the workforce or technical instruction

American Indian/Alaskan Native	.2%
Asian	.5%
Black/African American	.6%
Hispanic	33.7%
White	60.1%
Multiple	4.4%
Free/Reduced Lunch	51.1%
Special Education	13%