

## Theme Schools & Centers of Innovations Q & A

1. Where can I find more information regarding high school options, the application, and where I should send the application?
  - [www.grpublicschools.org](http://www.grpublicschools.org)
  - Community & Student Services  
Reverend S. Lyman, Administrative Building  
1331 Franklin St SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49506
  - Any of our schools
2. Is there an open house for prospective families?
  - Saturday, January 16, 2010 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm @ Creston High School.
  - Thursday, January 21, 2010 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm @ Ottawa Hills High School
  - Some schools will have individual Open Houses, please contact the school for further information.
3. Where should I send the application?
  - You can drop off the application at your neighborhood school or,
  - Mail/drop off the application to:  
Community & Student Services  
1331 Franklin St SE  
Grand Rapids MI 49506
4. Can you give me a list of the Student Success Centers (Alternative Schools) in the Grand Rapids?
  - Yes, you can contact Community & Student Services at 819-2150.
5. I was wondering if the passport materials were only sent out to GRPS parents.
  - The Passport was mailed to everyone home, and business within the Grand Rapids city boundaries
6. Is there a fax number where I can send the application directly?
  - While you may fax your application we would prefer you mail or drop off the application in order to confirm receipt.
  - The fax number to Community & Student Services is 819-2017
7. When will the applications be available?
  - The application will be available December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009
11. How and when will I be contacted regarding the status of my child's enrollment/selection?
  - Parent/guardian will receive a post card or email with acknowledge receipt of application
12. Is there an appeal process?
  - There will be an appeal process only for the following schools; Blandford, Zoo, Economicology, City High/Middle and GRAPCEP
  - All other programs are done by random computer selections.
13. How much involvement should the building principal have in this process?
  - The building principal is not involved in the selection/appeal process they are to designate an individual in the building to accept applications and answer questions pertaining to their school.
14. When will Schools of Choice be available for out of district students?
  - The Schools of Choice window opens the second week of April thru the last day of school. Applications will be accepted prior to the April window.
15. What if applications are received after the deadline date?
  - Applications received after February 1<sup>st</sup> will be included in the second round of selections
  - Any application received after the March 1<sup>st</sup> will be placed on a waiting list.
  - Any selections after the second deadline will be determined based on seat availability and random selection.
16. Can students transfer into the Centers of Innovation?
  - No, application only

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Blandford Zoo School Economicology City Middle School	<p>Selection Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completed Application with choices indicated</li> <li>- Copy of <u>this year's</u> MEAP test scores or nationally normed test scores (Ex. NWEA, Terra Nova, Iowa, etc...) only if MEAP is not available (If non-GRPS student, submit at least two of the aforementioned)</li> <li>- MAP Testing (this testing is available to non GRPS students) on the following dates: 2/17/09, 2/18/10, 2/23/10, and 3/20/10 (call 819-3276 to register for a testing date).</li> <li>- Writing Prompts (this testing is available to non GRPS students at City High/Middle School on the following dates: 1/30/10, 2/13/10, 3/20/10, and 4/17/10 (call 819-2380 to register for a testing date).</li> <li>- For 6<sup>th</sup> grade programs only, a copy of all pages of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Report Cards (for information use only)</li> </ul>
GRAPCEP	<p>Selection Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completed Application with choices indicated</li> <li>- For 9<sup>th</sup> grade, a copy of current transcripts with GPA (Middle School cumulative GPA of 2.5) and this year's MEAP scores.</li> <li>- For selection into Grade 10<sup>th</sup> grade or above must have successfully completed the appropriate levels of Algebra and Biology for that grade level, see curriculum guide.</li> </ul>
City High School	<p>Selection Criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Completed Application</li> <li>- For 9<sup>th</sup> grade, a copy of this year's MEAP test scores or another nationally normed test scores (Ex. NWEA, Terra Nova, Iowa, etc.) only if MEAP is not available (If non-GRPS at least two of the aforementioned). A writing prompt score is also required see testing tests under middle school.</li> <li>- MAP Testing (this testing is available to non GRPS students) on the following dates: 2/17/09, 2/18/10, 2/23/10, and 3/20/10 (call 819-3276 to register for a testing date).</li> <li>- For selection into grades, 10 and above, a copy of current transcripts (<i>GPA in core subjects must be 3.0 or higher in place of testing data</i>) Must have successfully completed the appropriate levels of math and science for each grade level and world language, see curriculum guide</li> </ul>