

Incoming 9th Grade Question and Answers

How big will classes be?

Class sizes depend on which course you are in, CORE classes are generally under 32 students, PE/Health and Electives can range from 25-100 students.

First day of school?

According to the PPS district calendar we return to school September 2, 2020.

Open campus logistics?

Yes, you are allowed to leave campus for lunch. However, there are not many options to choose from so students may have minimal time to eat upon returning to campus or returning back to campus in time for their next class.

What time does school start and end? What kind of schedule does Grant follow?

Historically school starts at 8:30 AM and ends at 3:30 PM. Grant follows an A/B schedule. This is the perfect time to tell you about the Grant bell app. Download it and it will be updated in the Fall with our new schedule.

Can I take a study hall?

Yes, students can forecast for a study hall but it should be noted that study halls are not worth any credit and do not advance you towards your graduation requirements.

When do you get your schedule?

Students receive their schedules in August when they attend registration on their set date. Dates TBD.

Do you need a locker?

It is up to each student if they need a locker, some students like the experience of having a locker while others don't find them necessary.

What is the shift in homework amount from middle school to high school like?

There does tend to be more homework than middle school, but using your planner and establishing a homework routine at home will help you manage your work.

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What does the first day of school look like?

On the first day of school you can expect a modified schedule. The first half of the day is dedicated exclusively to 9th graders. This allows you to navigate the building and your schedule without other students. You will briefly go through all your classes and meet your teachers. The second half of the day begins with a school wide assembly and going to all your classes one more time.

Are there clubs?

Yes, Grant has SO MANY clubs. A full list of clubs is listed online on the Grant website...In the Fall we will have a club fair, which will allow you to walk around and meet club members and hear about all the different opportunities available at Grant. If you don't see a club you like then you can propose to start a new one, Ms. McNulty is activities director and can help guide you through the process.

Who can you ask for help if you get lost or not sure where to go?

Any staff member is always happy to help and often other students are happy to help as well. The first week of school we make sure to be around campus during passing time to support you learning the lay of the land.

What is passing time like?

Passing time is 5 minutes in between classes, most of the time this is plenty of time.. It will just take some time to get used to knowing your best route to class.

Will I have friends in my classes?

Possibly, Grant is growing more every year...Don't forget we have more than one middle school feeding into it, thus you might not be able to have classes with friends. Sometimes you are lucky to have a couple..Don't worry your teachers will create opportunities for community bonding and this often leads to new friendships.

Do you get a bus pass?

Yes, your student ID will be your year long bus pass. So make sure to keep it in a safe place because it will cost money to replace.

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Can you get help if you are struggling in class?

Yes of course! All your teachers are willing to help, sometimes some teachers prefer you connect with them during their office hours or flex. Teachers will go over all this on your first day.

Can you switch classes?

Great question, you might be able to request a schedule change for an elective but are not guaranteed these changes as classes fill up quickly.

When can you go to the Library?

Typically, the library is open during lunch and school. Also, your teachers may schedule a time for your class to visit the library.

What are sports like? Do you have to have experience for tryouts?

Some sports recommend experience but this is not a requirement for most sports. There are Fall, Winter, and Spring sports. We recommend you take some time to go over the sports page on the Grant page and connect with the coaches directly. You will need to have a body physical for a sport so make sure to have your parents or guardians look at requirements early on.. Fall tryouts start taking place over the Summer.

Can you retake a test?

It depends on the teacher and subject. Teachers will often go over testing procedures the first few weeks of school.