

Grand River Prep named one of the nation's most challenging high schools

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In a recent announcement, The Washington Post ranked Grand River Preparatory High School among the nation's top public high schools in its list of America's Most Challenging High Schools.

Grand River Prep, located at 650 52nd Street in Kentwood, ranked number two in Michigan, number three in the Midwest region and 51st nationwide.

“We're honored to be recognized by The Washington Post,” said Jason Bannister, principal of Grand River Prep. “Ranking among the best schools in the country is a testament to our dedicated teachers, students and families.”

America's Most Challenging High Schools ranks schools through an index formula of the number of Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and Advanced International Certificate of Education tests given at a school each year, divided by the number of seniors who graduated that year. A ratio of 1.000 means the school had as many tests as graduates. Only nine percent of the approximately 22,000 U.S. public high schools managed to earn placement



on [The Washington Post 2013 America's Most Challenging High Schools](#) list.

Grand River Prep earned a [6.524 index](#) with its rigorous curriculum, including 22 Advanced Placement courses. All graduates have accepted the challenge to earn college credit while still in high school. Having graduated its first class of seniors last year, this marked the first time Grand River Prep was eligible for consideration in the ranking.

This spring, Grand River Prep will graduate 80 seniors. The entire senior class is anticipated to be accepted into college and they have already earned over \$3.8 million in college scholarships.

The class of 2013 has earned an average ACT score of 23.1 and students have been accepted into such prestigious colleges such as Carnegie Mellon, Columbia College in Chicago, Purdue University, and the University of Michigan.

Opened in 2008, Grand River Prep promotes academic excellence that directly leads to college entrance and success. Employing a college-prep curriculum and an emphasis on moral character, Grand River Prep fosters high achievement, personal growth, and character development for every student. For more information on Grand River Prep, visit <http://www.grandriverprep.com/>.