

# SPECIAL COURSES

The following courses are offered at Grandview High School for **ELECTIVE** credit only. They help to fulfill the 5.5 elective credit required for graduation in the Cherry Creek School District. All AVID classes and Student Leadership require an application and interview.

**ADVISORY  
(Year)**

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**Prerequisites: None**

**Grade Level: 9 – 12**

**Year: 0.25 credit**

Advisory is an opportunity to create space and time within the school environment to allow students and staff to build caring, stable, trusting relationships that support the social-emotional and academic growth of students.

**FRESHMAN  
SEMINAR  
(Year)**

**SOPHOMORE  
SEMINAR  
(Year)**

**JUNIOR  
SEMINAR  
(Year)**

**SENIOR  
SEMINAR  
(Year)**

**GRADE LEVEL SEMINAR**

**Prerequisites: None**

**Grade Level: 9 – 12**

**Year: 0.125 credit**

Grade level seminars are provided by a student’s counselor. While students are enrolled in this course all year, there are no regularly scheduled meetings. Students complete MyCAP (My Career and Academic Plan) tasks on the Naviance website throughout their four years in high school.

**AVID 9  
(Year)**

**AVID 10  
(Year)**

**AVID 11  
(Year)**

**AVID 12  
(Year)**

**AVID (ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION)**

**Grade Level: 9 – 12**

**Year: 1.0 credit**

**Prerequisites: By application and interview only. AVID is a four-year program.**

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is an elective class designed to support students in their future academic pursuits. This program is provided for students who are dedicated to pursuing an advanced degree and desire extra support to acquire the skills necessary. This four-year program focuses on organizational skills, study skills, test taking skills, inquiry learning, reading, writing, mathematics, speaking skills, and standardized test preparation. Tutors work in the classroom with students on a weekly basis.

**PEER  
TUTORING  
(Semester)**

**PEER TUTORING****Grade Level: 10 – 12****Semester: 0.5 Credit****Prerequisites: Successful completion of Geometry or higher**

Peer Tutors should have a desire to help younger students with academic tutoring and organizational skills. They will begin with training at the beginning of each semester to develop and enhance their communication, problem solving and tutoring skills. Peer Tutors must make a semester commitment to the Peer Tutoring Program for the class period that they are assigned.

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**STUDENT  
ASSISTANT  
(Semester)**

**STUDENT ASSISTANT****Grade Level: 9 – 12****Semester: 0.25 credit****Prerequisites: Teacher approved**

Students wishing to work as an assistant in a school office may do so in addition to their normal load of courses. Permission and approval as an office assistant begins in the Counseling Office where interested students can pick up an “Assist Permission Slip” which must be filled out by someone in the sponsoring office and then returned to the Counseling Office. The following school offices need and will use Office Assists: Activities, Athletics, Attendance, Counseling, Deans' and the Media Center.

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**STUDENT  
LEADERSHIP  
(Year)**

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP****Grade Level: 9 – 12****Year: 1.0 credit****Prerequisites: Application, interview, and acceptance to program**

Student Leadership is a great opportunity for Grandview students of all grade levels to represent their student body within the school and community. Students in this class serve as Grandview’s student body officers and class representatives, with officer elections held the spring of the preceding school year. Students will experience numerous opportunities for leadership training throughout the school year and summer months, including a district conference and class retreats. Students will learn about leadership styles and skills and use leadership techniques in order to successfully plan and carry out a wide range of events and activities, including school-wide activities such as Homecoming, Prom, Miracle Week, and community service projects.

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