

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)**

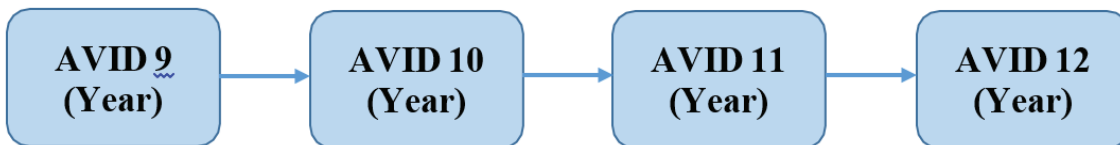
GRADE LEVEL SEMINAR

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 (ADVANCEMENT VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION)

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

Grade Level: 9 – 12

Year: 1.0 credit

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.

SOURCES OF STRENGTH (Year)

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Prerequisites: None

Grade Level: 9 – 12

Year: 0.5 credit

Sources of Strength is a wellness program designed to help youth identify and strengthen protective factors in their lives and leverage their voice to help create positive change in their school. Sources of Strength is a diverse evidence-based, peer-led program designed to facilitate positive culture and community for our Grandview students. Students in this class will be formally trained through a strengths-based model for suicide, violence, bullying, and substance abuse prevention. Students will design school wide campaigns aimed at supporting individual and all- school positive resiliency. Students are supported by a team of adult advisors in order to facilitate maximum success in their work. Lessons will be created for Advisory with the message of hope, help, and strength in order to allow all students access to their campaign work at Grandview High School. The class will meet during a regularly scheduled period throughout the school year for 45 minutes of the 90 minute period. Students who successfully complete the course will receive .5 elective credit and receive a pass/fail on their transcripts.

**PEER
TUTORING
(Semester)**

PEER TUTORING**Grade Level: 10 – 12****Semester: 0.5 Credit****Prerequisites: Teacher recommendation**

Peer Tutors will begin with training at the beginning of each semester to develop and enhance their communication, problem solving, and conflict resolution skills. They will also learn about academic skills necessary to support student learning and core academic areas. Students will be assigned as a Peer Tutor during one class period for the entire semester. Services provided by peer tutoring include academic tutoring and organizational skills. Students may also provide supervised and appropriate personal/social support. Peer Tutors must make a semester commitment to the Peer Tutoring Program.

**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.

**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 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 league, state, and national conferences. Students in this class will plan major school-wide activities such as Homecoming, Prom, and school and community service. Students will learn about leadership styles and use leadership techniques in order to successfully plan and carry out a wide range of events and activities.
