



**Public School**

"I like going to FHPS, as it is a generally very good school district. Subjects are covered very well and I feel prepared for college. Sports are very popular here, and are celebrated often. District-wide, I have met lots of amazing people through theater and other events."

Student

# Forest Hills Public Schools Michigan

Forest Hills Public Schools is a top-performing public district in the Grand Rapids area, offering strong academics, STEM, arts, and career-technical programs. Its three high schools are known for high SAT performance and competitive athletics.



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SPORTS



ARTS



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YEAR



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PROGRAM

## Quick Facts

**Founded: 1956**

**Niche.com Score: A+**

**Students: Co-educational**

**Climate: Cold winters / Warm summers**

**Population: 28,500**

**High School Population: 820**

**Accepting students: Grade 9-12**

**Diploma Year offered: Yes**

**English as Second Language (ESL) support: No**

**University Acceptance rate: 95%**

## Academic Excellence

Forest Hills Public Schools delivers a rigorous academic experience through **Advanced Placement, gifted courses, and International Baccalaureate programs**. Students benefit from world language immersion options and districtwide career and technical education offered in partnership with Kent ISD. The Goodwillie Environmental School provides hands-on, outdoor-focused environmental studies and is recognized as the **first LEED-certified school globally**. High schools in the district consistently score among the strongest in Michigan, with Northern High School ranked #14 statewide and recognized for high SAT performance. A student-teacher ratio of about 17:1 supports individualized instruction, strong academic outcomes, and preparation for university study.

## Student Accomplishments

- Northern High School ranked #14 in Michigan.
- District recognized for high SAT performance.
- Goodwillie Environmental School is the world's first LEED-certified school.

## Recent University Acceptances

- University of Michigan
- Michigan State University
- Grand Valley State University
- Western Michigan University
- Central Michigan University
- Ferris State University
- University of Illinois
- Purdue University
- Ohio State University
- University of Wisconsin



## Stats

19

# of AP Courses

#1

of the Best School Districts in Grand Rapids

25%

Teachers with Advanced Degrees

95%

University and College Acceptance

17:1

Student Teacher Ratio

9-12

Grades at School

30

Average ACT Score

1280

Average SAT Score

## Campus Facilities

Forest Hills Public Schools spans 18 schools across suburban and rural areas of Grand Rapids, offering **modern, well-equipped learning spaces**. Students benefit from the dedicated Fine Arts Center, which supports music, theater, and visual arts programming, as well as the district Aquatic Center for athletics and training. The Goodwillie Environmental School provides outdoor-focused environmental education supported by nature-rich surroundings. Facilities across the district include STEM labs, updated classrooms, technology-integrated spaces, and athletic complexes designed to support competitive sports and physical development.

## Athletics and Arts

Athletics are an important part of student life across Forest Hills Public Schools, with competitive programs that emphasize physical development, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The district competes in a strong athletic conference and provides structured training across a wide range of sports. Students participate at multiple levels and benefit from access to well-equipped athletic facilities.

Arts education is a major district strength, supported by the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center and comprehensive school-based programs. Students explore creativity through visual arts, performance, and music, gaining hands-on experience in both traditional and contemporary mediums. Programs encourage skill development, collaboration, and public performance opportunities.



## Highlights

**Sports:** Baseball, Basketball, Bowling, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Golf, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Rowing, Rugby, Skiing, Soccer, Softball, Swimming and Diving, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball, Water Polo, Wrestling

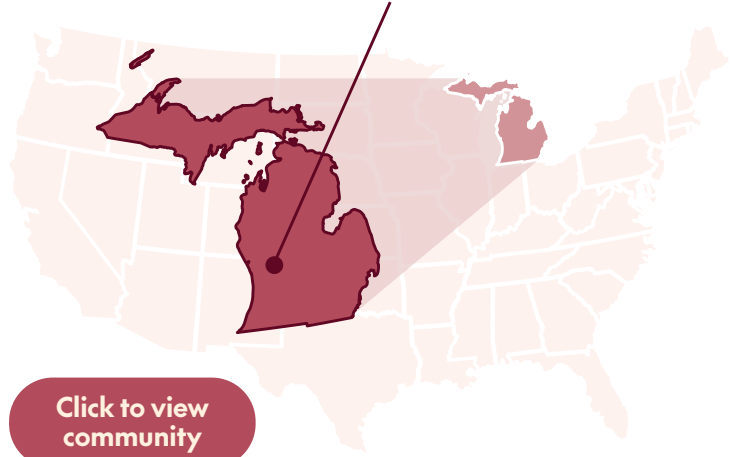
**Arts:** Art, Ceramics, Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Photography, Theater Arts, Drama Production, Band, Choir, Jazz, Orchestra, Symphonic Orchestra, Wind Ensemble

**Advanced Placement courses:** Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Computer Science Principles, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, Environmental Science, Psychology, Seminar, Statistics, US Government and Politics, US History, World History, Biology, Chemistry.

**Languages Offered:** American Sign Language, French, Spanish

## Community

Forest Hills Public Schools serves a region northwest of Grand Rapids, spanning approximately 68 square miles across suburban and rural communities. The area has a population of about 28,500 and provides access to cultural centers, athletic venues, and nature spaces. Grand Rapids is located nearby, offering **museums, parks, restaurants, and urban amenities**. The region is served by Gerald R. Ford International Airport, offering convenient travel for international students and families.



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## Climate in Grand Rapids

Traditional four-season climate with warm summers and cold winters.



### Video

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