



Welcome to GPLHS!

Great Plains Lutheran High School is a private school providing top-quality education to 130 secondary students in grades 9-12. Located in a small town in the American Midwest, GPLHS offers an ideal combination of a clean, quiet, and safe study environment, together with an authentic American cultural experience.

- ◆ Student enrollment = 130
- ◆ Student/teacher ratio = 9:1
- ◆ International student population = 4%
- ◆ Average class size = 15
- ◆ GPL graduates enrolled in postsecondary education = 94%
- ◆ Students involved in co-curricular activities = 97%
- ◆ Average ACT score = 24 (ACT 5-year average composite score)
- ◆ School year begins the third week of August

“Teachers and students have good relationships. Teachers are happy to help students with their school work. They listen and help if there are problems.” - Hans



Strong Academics

Great Plains Lutheran High School is committed to academic excellence and is dedicated to helping all students reach their academic and personal goals.

Exceptional Faculty

Our experienced teachers, many with advanced degrees in their content areas, insure that all students receive a top-notch education which prepares them for university and beyond.

Individualized Instruction

Small class sizes mean that teachers can interact with each individual student according to his or her academic needs in every subject area.

Planning for Success

ESL support is available for international students at all levels. In addition, ACT and TOEFL support help make sure students succeed.

Expanded Class Options

GPLHS is able to offer students the opportunity to take career exploration classes through Northeast Technical High School in Watertown. Areas of exploration include: Health Sciences, Human Services, and STEM courses.

University Acceptance

International student graduates of GPLHS have gone on to study at Columbia (NYC), Penn State, George Washington, Stanford, University of Wisconsin–Madison, and other prestigious schools.



Campus Life

International students in grades 9 and 10 can live in the dormitory or with American host families, learning culture and language in a personal, caring environment. Students in grades 11 and 12 live in the dormitory with their American peers, with supervised study periods and test prep opportunities. A small student body offers a friendly, family environment in every aspect of school life.

Spiritual Focus

Daily instruction in the Christian faith is an important part of life at GPLHS. Teachers make it a priority to encourage students' spiritual development.

Activities

GPLHS offers a wide range of sports, music, fine arts, and academic activities in addition to the daily curriculum. Cultural excursions, shopping, and other planned activities are included with tuition.

Watertown, South Dakota

Our small-town setting offers a clean, healthy, quiet, and safe environment conducive to study and intellectual growth, while offering convenient access to larger cities and the American West. For more information about Watertown, SD go to - <http://visitwatertownsd.com>.



Application Procedure & Cost

- ◆ **Step One: Online Application**
Fill out an international application at www.gplhs.org/international-students, and submit a US\$150 application fee.
- ◆ **Step Two: Upload Documents**
GPLHS will contact the agent/student to confirm receipt of application and arrange a Skype interview and/or writing sample.
- ◆ **Step Three: Enrollment Fee**
After the interview, an admission decision will be sent via e-mail. Further instructions will be sent, and a \$2000 enrollment fee will reserve a place at GPLHS.
- ◆ **Step Four: I-20 Form**
Upon receipt of the enrollment fee, the I-20 form (necessary for the visa application) will be sent from GPLHS. The student's academic schedule will also be made.
- ◆ **Step Five: Visa Application**
Follow instructions received from GPLHS and the US Embassy in your home country to apply for an F-1 student visa. Visit www.ice.gov/sevis to pay the \$350 SEVIS fee. Everything should be submitted in time for our mid-August intake.
- ◆ **Total Cost: US\$22,700 per year**
(Health insurance is required but not included in this cost.)



Get Started!

Great Plains Lutheran High School welcomes students from all over the world seeking an excellent Christian secondary education in a caring environment. Families interested in enrollment can find out more about our school and begin the admission process by contacting:

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*"This is the greatest school I've ever gone to.
They really know what love is." - James*

