



General Enrollment Guidelines

1. Enrollment and full participation in all classes and co-curricular activities is open to all students who are willing to abide by the philosophy and policies of Great Plains Lutheran High School. Great Plains Lutheran High School does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin, or disability in the administration of its educational programs. Students who are admitted to the school must agree to abide by school regulations and policies and to uphold the mission of the school. Parents of students admitted to our school must agree to uphold the mission, and they must support the policies, regulations, and programs of the school. Acceptance of all policies, regulations, and procedures is implied when the student(s) and parent(s) sign the Handbook Agreement and/or Enrollment Form.
2. Although all inquiring students are welcome to apply for enrollment, unforeseen circumstances may cause overall school enrollment to be limited. In such a case, the following priority for accepting students will be applied:
 - a. Children of members of the Great Plains Lutheran High School Association
 - b. Children of Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) and Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) members from outside the Great Plains Lutheran High School Association
 - c. Children of families with no church home
 - d. OthersShould unforeseen circumstances force the school to reduce its enrollment, the above priority in reverse will be used for limiting enrollment.
3. The Admissions Committee approves the enrollment of all students. The Principal conducts a personal interview with each new student applicant and the student's parents/guardians. The purpose of this meeting is to give the family a basic overview of our scriptural beliefs and practices, to determine if the student is enrolling as a willing learner, and to share information that will help GPL best serve each student.
4. Because the mission of the school is based on the Word of God as found in the Bible, it is necessary that parents and students agree that instruction in the Word of God (through formal coursework and chapel services) is required for the student's enrollment. Because we believe that parents are an important part of a student's education, and because we believe that parents will want to be familiar with the basic teachings of the Bible as taught in our school, we offer a basic Bible information seminar for all interested families.

5. All students may sign up for any classes and programs offered by Great Plains Lutheran High School. Prerequisites and other limiting factors apply equally to all students except as outlined below. All students are required to enroll in a minimum of 6.5 units per year (3.25 per semester). Any exceptions must be approved by the Registrar in consultation with the Principal and/or Administrative Council.
6. The Great Plains Lutheran High School faculty will instruct all students in the teachings of Scripture in all classes. All students are required to enroll in religion classes and are expected to attend and encouraged to participate in school worship activities such as morning chapel services and evening dormitory devotions.
7. Christian fellowship is our unity with all those who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior. In addition, earthly church fellowship is established by joining with others who are united in belief regarding the teachings of Scripture. In keeping with the principles of church fellowship, students who have established fellowship with our church body can serve in representative roles in the worship life of the school, such as leading or accompanying for chapel services or participating in the select choir which participates in association church worship services.
8. Due to the nature of our school and our concerts, sacred music often will be selected and presented. As a class that is required (freshman music) and an elective open to all students (Celebration Choir), these choirs may include many non-WELS singers. Soloists for concerts may be drawn from all members of the student body.
9. Because Great Plains Lutheran High School's graduation ceremony is held separately from the worship service, any student at Great Plains Lutheran High School may serve as a graduation class speaker. The faculty chooses the speakers.
10. All students may be elected class officers and members of the Student Council.
11. A student should not disrespectfully argue with an instructor in the classroom setting when the student's belief and practice differ from the scriptural teaching and practice taught at Great Plains Lutheran High School. When disagreements arise, students are encouraged to meet with an instructor privately to clarify and define these differences in light of what the Bible teaches. Students desiring further information regarding the teachings and practices of the WELS may receive individual instruction from the Campus Pastor or an association congregation pastor. A more detailed summary of the main teachings of our church body are outlined in a document called *This We Believe*, available at www.wels.net/about-wels/what-we-believe/this-we-believe.