August 19, 2020

RE: SCHOOL PROFILE UPDATES DUE TO COVID-19 CONCERNS

Please see the information below regarding changes to grading policies and learning opportunities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The information about our learning situation was last updated 8/19/20. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or if you would like more up to date information.

**Spring 2020 Changes**

Due to COVID-19, D214 adopted a policy to ensure that no student's grade becomes negatively impacted as a result of circumstances out of their control. All schools in D214 offered opportunities for students to only enhance their academic grade as of March 16, 2020. Rather than F grades, students were given the opportunity to audit (AU) or take a grade of an incomplete (I) except in the case of dual credit courses.

**Fall 2020 Changes**

District 214 students are currently working remotely to start the school year with the plan to bring in pods of students gradually. Please see the District 214 Return to School Plan for updated details.

Many students did not have the opportunity to take a standardized test during their junior year. As of 9/1/2020, students in the class of 2021 were given the opportunity to sign up for a SAT exam on September 23, 2020 or October 27, 2020 or to wait for an exam to be delivered in the spring of 2021.
Buffalo Grove High School and Community

- Buffalo Grove High School is one of six four-year comprehensive public high schools in northwest suburban Township District 214
- Located 28 miles northwest of downtown Chicago, IL
- Serves The Village of Buffalo Grove and portions of Arlington Heights & Wheeling
- The school community is primarily middle income and residential
- Faculty: 148 licensed staff with 87.7% holding a Masters or above
- All District 214 schools are fully recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education and are members of NACAC, IACAC and College Board

Enrollment and Student Population Class of 2020
Total Enrollment: 1962 with 465 seniors

- 16.3% Low Income
- 97.3% Graduation Rate
- 7.2% Limited English Proficiency
- 27% First Generation

Class of 2019 Data* *Due to the school closings in 2020 and accurate data being unavailable, this data is from the 2019 graduating class.

Total College Bound 92.4%

- 55.8% 4-year
- 75.5% Total Public
- 64.1% Total Private
- 38% Out of IL Public
- 43.2% Total IL
- 18.8% Out of IL Private
- 17.1% Total Out of IL
- 35.9% Total Private
- 56.8% Total Out of IL Private
- 26.1% IL Public
- 17.1% IL Private

Percentage of Students Attending 4 Year College/University

Township High School District 214

District 214 is a Redefining Ready school district with the goal of graduating students who are college ready, career ready and life ready.

- Every student chooses 1 of 16 nationally recognized career clusters to explore their potential postsecondary path
- Students follow a multi-year academic program within their career pathway
- Students are encouraged to have one or more workplace learning experience, industry credential, plus dual credit and/or AP classes
Graduation Requirements

21 units of credit, including:

- 4 English
- 3 Mathematics
- 2 Science
- 2 Social Science
- 1 World Language OR Career and Technical Education class
- .5 Health Education
- .25 Physical Education (for each semester of attendance except when in Health Education)
- Fine Arts (pass one of several approved courses)
- Consumer Education (pass one of several approved courses)
- Constitution exam
- All juniors are required to take the SAT exam
- All seniors must complete or waiver out of the FAFSA/Alternate application.

Curriculum Levels

- **General Education**
  Courses designed to prepare students for postsecondary education and careers.

- **Honors**
  BGHS offers 19 traditional rigorous honors courses for students with an outstanding record of achievement in a subject.

- **College credit: Advanced Placement (AP) courses**
  BGHS offers 35 AP courses.

- **College credit: Dual Credit courses**
  District 214 offers over 79 dual credit courses associated with several local and regional universities.
  Dual credit course numbers begin with a 6 and are weighted as AP level courses including:
  - College Calculus 3 & Differential Equations (AP weight)
  - Experiential Medical Physiology & Biochemistry (AP weight)
  - PLTW Courses (AP weight)

*All courses are listed in the Academic Handbook: [https://www.d214.org/academics/academic-handbook/](https://www.d214.org/academics/academic-handbook/)*

Standardized Testing Class of 2019

818 students took 1656 exams

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District 214 Grading Scale & Policies

- Grading Scale: A 90-100; B 80-89; C 70-79; D 60-69; F 0-59. Grades earned in physical education and driver education are not included in GPA.
- Both weighted and unweighted GPA are reported on a student's transcript with honors level courses weighted on a 4.5 scale and AP courses on a 5.0 scale.
- GPA is calculated by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the total number of credits attempted. GPA is reported on a 4.0 scale.
- District 214 does not report class rank, top GPA or GPA deciles.
- District 214 schools do not post ACT or SAT scores on transcripts.
- District 214 staff are legally permitted to respond only to the personal questions concerning information contained in a student's permanent record.
- If a course is repeated for a higher grade, both courses are listed on the transcript. The initial grade is replaced with "RE" and only the higher grade is factored into the GPA.
- PE, Driver's Ed, Pass/No Credit (P/NC) and Audit (AU/AT) are not included in the GPA.