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GENERAL AMHERST HIGH SCHOOL

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VALUE TO THE STUDENT

Student Outcomes at the School

Over the past three years, has the trend of the EQAO test scores been greater than, equal to, or less than the Board's average?

Grade 9 Reading Greater Than

Grade 9 Writing Greater Than

Grade 9 Mathematics Greater Than

Grade 10 Literacy test Greater Than

How does the school Graduation rate compare to the system rate? Greater Than.

Range/Variety of Staff and Program Offerings

Does the school have a Principal?

Yes, 100% administrative time

Does the school have a Vice principal?

Yes, 100% administrative time

Does the school have office staff?

Yes, 3 secretaries

What is the time allotment for office staff?

35 hours each per week

Is there staff to support a yearly program in the following? (Clarify Intermediate, Senior or both divisions) All are both unless otherwise indicated.

- Media/Video/Audio yes (tech communications, senior)
- Science yes
- Physics yes
- Biology yes
- Chemistry yes
- History/Geography (Canadian studies) yes
- Social Sciences yes
- Mathematics yes
- English yes
- Business yes
- Family Studies yes
- Health and Physical Education yes
- Theatre Arts yes



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- Visual Arts yes
- Instrumental Music yes
- Vocal Music yes
- Co-operative Education (opportunities) yes
- Construction no (homebuilders program offered board wide to all students, we have 3 shared SHSM construction students at Western SS)
- Transportation yes
- Manufacturing yes
- Design yes
- Hospitality no (Community kitchen offered board wide to all students, we have 1 shared hospitality and tourism SHSM student at Western SS)
- English as a Second Language (ESL) no, no formal program but we have had ESL students
- French yes
- Other Modern Languages (specify) no

Does the school have a full time or more of the following?

- Librarian yes
- Health and Physical Education teacher yes
- Music teacher yes
- Guidance teacher yes
- Learning Support teacher (LST) yes
- Student Success teacher yes

How much system "support staff" time per week is allotted for:

- Educational Consultant half day every two weeks
- Psychologist half day per week (GAHS/WSS/WCI share that time)
- Social worker one and a half days each 2 week period

When is the library available?

5 full days a week

Clarify the range of Special Education programming:

LST, SST and CYW support

What specialized programs or opportunities are offered?

International student program. SHSM: Arts and Culture, Business, Manufacturing, and we have an application in to the MOE for Law and Security for 2015. OYAP manufacturing. Concert Band.

Is this the only school within the municipality to offer such programs?

yes, some of them.



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Can all the compulsory courses be scheduled annually for grades 9-12?

yes

Over the past five years, how many optional courses have been taught on an annual basis?

Each year we offer electives: 8 in grade 9, 16 in grade 10, 31 in grade 11 and 38 in grade 12.

Does the school provide Locally Developed Courses (LDC) for grade 9 and grade 10:

- Math yes
- English yes
- Science yes

Is there school program for all four Pathways (workplace, apprenticeship, college, university)

yes

What multi-level courses are offered?

Music- instrumental, concert band and vocal), Phys Ed, Dance, Visual Arts, Business, Learning Strategies, Tech (Design, Communication, Manufacturing, Transportation, Welding, Animation), Concert Band, Civics, Careers, Computer Studies, Food and Nutrition, Drama, Travel and Tourism, Fitness, Parenting, Co-op, Literacy, Personal Life Management.

At what level(s) are the multi level courses offered? (eg applied, academic, university/college)?

Open to all students, all levels.

Which multi grade courses are offered?

Concert Band

What specialist high skills major(s) does the school offer?

SHSM: Arts and Culture, Business, Manufacturing. What is the level of participation? SHSM: Arts and Culture 30, Business 10, Manufacturing 15 (We also have shared students with Western SHSM- Construction 3, Health and Wellness 2, Hospitality and Tourism 1, and Transportation 2)

Does the school offer co-operative education opportunities?

Yes

What is the level of participation?

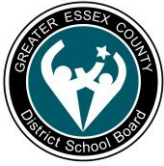
96 credits per semester.

Which second language credits are offered?

French Grade 9 applied/Academic, 10 academic, 11 U/C, 12 U/C

What is the level of participation?

All students take grade 9 French (unless exempted Spec ED), We have 2 grade 10 classes, 2 grade 11 classes and 1 grade 12 class.



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Average classroom size:

785 sq.ft

Size, condition and amenities of library: (office, computer area etc)

Large library area – 3,680 sq.ft. Satisfactory Condition;

Open area with tables and chairs and shelving for display purposes; small computer area; adequate perimeter book shelving; two offices and storage/work room.

Existence, size and condition of vocal music room:

No

Existence, size and condition of instrumental music room:

Yes. 1,381 sq.ft. Satisfactory condition

Existence, size and condition of instrument storage for music room:

Yes 198 sq.ft. Satisfactory Condition

Existence, size and condition of theatre studies room:

Yes. 2,560 sq.ft. Satisfactory condition

Existence, size and condition of technology area(s):

Technological Design – 2 rooms – 2,038 sq.ft. Satisfactory Condition

Manufacturing – 2,419 sq.ft. Satisfactory Condition

Communications – 2,213 sq.ft. Satisfactory Condition

Welding – 2,638 sq.ft. Satisfactory Condition

Transportation – 3,411 sq.ft. Satisfactory Condition

Size and condition of other specialty rooms:

nil

Existence, size and condition of auditorium:

No

Size of gymnasium, type and condition of divider (if any):

2 Gyms – Double 6,750 sq.ft. Single 3,962 sq.ft; Folding door divider Satisfactory Condition

Dimensions of basketball and volleyball main courts:

Basketball 50 ft. x 82 ft.10 in; Volleyball 30 ft x 60 ft in double gym

Size and condition of gym amenities including office, dressing rooms, showers, exercise room, pool, etc.):

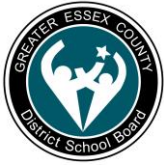
stage in double gym; male and female dressing rooms with showers for both gyms; double gym

M – 782 sq.ft. F – 1,026 sq.ft. Satisfactory Condition

single gym M – 882 sq.ft. F – 847 sq.ft. Satisfactory Condition

office off double gym – 220 sq.ft. Satisfactory Condition

six small storage areas – 920 sq.ft. total



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Existence, size and condition of visual arts area:

Yes 1,467 sq.ft. Satisfactory Condition

Does the school have an area which can accommodate the total school population for assemblies etc?
double gym

Does the school have designated space for Special Education (STEPS) programming and Learning resource Teacher (LST) staff?

No STEPS. LST=yes

Is there designated space for scheduled "system support" staff use?

Staff Room

Does the school have designated/designed Guidance Department space? (describe)

Yes, open area with tables and chairs and shelving for display purposes; meeting room off of main office area; five counsellors offices

Does the school have access to nearby facilities related to program?

Yes: baseball diamond, track, football field, soccer field, tennis courts. We have a partnership with LIBRO credit Union, we play our Sr. Boy's football games there and one bowl game for our juniors.

Does the school have scheduled Library programming? (grades allotted)

All grades: orientation, software presentation and familiarization, Destiny training (catalogue), Power Point training and Access to Resources. All scheduled according to teacher/student demand.

Does the school have a scheduled Vocal Music program? (grades taught)

yes, grades 9-12

Does the school have a Special Education (STEPS) program? (number of classes)
none

What specialized programs or opportunities are offered unique to this location?

International Student Registration.

Is this the only school within the Family of Schools to offer any programs?

Only 3 schools in the board offer International Program. Neither of the other 2 are in Amherstburg.

Can all the compulsory courses be scheduled annually for grades 9 to 12?

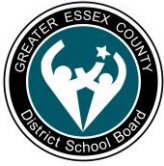
yes

How many optional courses have been offered on an annual basis based over the past 5 year average?

Grade 9- 8, Grade 10- 16, Grade 11- 31, Grade 12- 38

Which multi-level courses are offered? (applied/academic/university/college)

English, French, Geography, Math, Science, Computer Science, Anthropology (HSP)



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Which multi-grade courses are offered?

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What specialist high-skills major(s) does the school offer?

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Does the school offer co-operative education opportunities?

yes What is the level of participation? 96 credits each semester

Does the school support On-line Learning?

yes

Which second language credits are offered?

French Grade 9 applied/Academic, 10 academic, 11 U/C, 12 U/C What is the level of participation? All students take grade 9 French (unless exempted: Spec Ed), We have 2 grade 10 classes, 2 grade 11 classes and 1 grade 12 class. We also support a French language exchange program.

What community partnerships exist that enhance student achievement? (e.g. Health Unit, business, etc.)

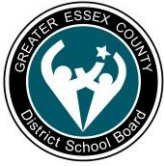
86 Co-op placements and we provide OYAP students to: Unique Tool and Gague, Centreline Tool, Redoe Mold, Calframax (Electromac, Crest Tool and Mold and Cannon Automotive have just requested OYAP students). All seven companies partner with our tech department. Windsor Essex First Robotics is going to partner with us in the launch of our Robotics Team this semester.

What is the level of participation?

96 Co-op credits per semester and 13 OYAP students
Girls in Motion (Program offered by Leadership Advancement for Women in Sports, Community Organization) 8 girls participate per year (objective keep females interested in physical activity.
Student Art show at Gibson Gallery, Remembrance Day contests at the Legion, and our dance class dances at The Amherstburg Children's Festival. Our band plays at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day.

Extra Curricular Programs/Activities and Student Participation

Please complete the chart, identifying all extra -curricular programs and activities at the school, whether sports related or otherwise.

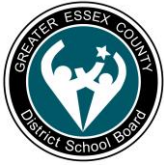


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Activity	Girls or Boys Intramural	Girls or Boys Interschool	No. of student participants
Cross Country		Both	12
Jr Basketball		Girls	11
Sr Basketball		Girls	10
Jr Volleyball		Boys	10
Sr Volleyball		Boys	8
Tennis		Both	10
Jr Football		Boys	22
Sr Football		Boys	25
Golf		Both	5
Badminton Jr. / Sr.		Both	20
Jr Basketball		Boys	10
Sr Basketball		Boys	10
Curling		Both	8
Figure Skating		Girls	4
Gymnastics		Girls	4
Hockey		Boys	18
Hockey		Girls	18
Jr Volleyball		Girls	12
Sr. Volleyball		Girls	10
Wrestling		Both	10
Sr. Soccer		Boys	17
Sr. Soccer		Girls	26
Track and Field		Both	50
Baseball		Boys	18
Slo-pitch		Girls	15
Dog House Drama		Both	15
Environmental Club		Both	12
Nerd Herd (Science)		Both	30
GSA		Both	12
Radio Club		Both	12
Peer Helpers		Both	23
Prom Committee		Both	17
Semi-Formal Committee		Both	15
Student Council		Both	25
Website Club		Both	8



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Yearbook Club		Both	6
Interact Club		Both	10
Dodgeball		Both	30

What is the percentage of school staff actively participating in extra-curricular programs?
 62%

School Grounds

Size of existing site?
 3.5 acres

Amount of asphalt (square footage) and condition rating:
 63,215 sq.ft. Satisfactory Condition

Number of parking spaces (excluding handicap):
 211

Number of parking spaces required by municipality:
 186

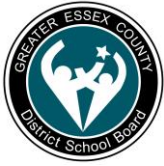
Condition rating of paving for parking:
 Satisfactory Condition

Size of busbay (number of buses) and location:
 6 buses. South of school on west side of adjacent town park

Existence, size and condition of soccer pitch?
 No

Existence and condition of baseball diamond?
 Yes, in adjacent Town park

Existence, size and condition of football field?
 No



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Description of specialty areas such as outdoor learning centre, greening project etc.

No

Does the school have an outdoor track?

No

Does the school have access to nearby facilities related to program?

Yes: baseball diamond, track, football field, soccer field, tennis courts. We have a partnership with LIBRO credit Union, we play our Sr. Boy's football games there and one bowl game for our juniors.

School Building

Size of existing building (square footage):

154,133 sq.ft.

Condition of Windows and roof:

Windows: Years: 1922/1953/1966/1963; double hung and horizontal sliders; -aluminum thermo pane; installed between 1988 to 1999; Years: 1953/1963/1965; horizontal slides; aluminum thermal pane; installed in 2007

Roofs:

All roof areas except for 2 areas (1965 addition) have new roof membrane with R20 insulation
Years completed: 1989/2004/2006/2007/2009/2010/2011

Note: 2 areas (1985 addition) had roofs re-saturated in 1996 and 1997

Number of handicap accessible entrances:

3

Which exits have auto operators?

None

Number and size of handicap washrooms and amenities for students and staff?

None

Does the school have an elevator or lift?

No

Is the entire building wheelchair accessible?

No

Does the school have community "partnerships" facilities? (e.g. community centre, health clinic, etc.)

School uses adjacent Town park for Phys. Ed. classes

What special facilities does the school building contain?

PASS Program



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Does the school have an area which can accommodate the total school population for assemblies etc?
Double gymnasium

Parental/Community involvement

Does the school have a School Council?

Yes

Are there other groups working in the school? (describe their roles/contributions)

No

Do volunteers work on a regular basis within the school? (describe their roles and number of volunteers)

parent council makes popcorn on Wednesdays, 23 volunteer coaches, 2 community volunteers for drama and Interact clubs.

Is the school involved in community projects/programs?

Our students developed videos and a website for the Amherstburg Family Health Team. Our leadership class assists with Special Olympics, our music students visit local nursing homes to perform.

United Way Think Global / Act local recipient – Project to benefit Windsor Residence for Young Men

Rotary Youth Leadership Conference

Rotary Peace Prize Recipient for GSA

Can drive for Amherstburg Food Bank

Sparky's Toy Drive

Are there partnerships with other government programs? (eg OEY etc)

We were asked to provide a strong student to do the French translation for Municipal Election Information.

Jump Start Nutrition Program (OSNP)

We have served over 14, 000 pieces of fresh fruit to student body while also maintaining an emergency food cupboard for students in need.

Are any daycare services available on site? (eg full day, latchkey etc)

no



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VALUE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

General

What is the current year Facility Condition Index (FCI) rating of the school?

20.56

What is the dollar value of building renewal backlog?

\$5,716,935

What is the projected FCI in ten years' time?

129.92

What is the projected dollar value of building renewal backlog in 10 years' time?

\$36,120,888

Does the school have air conditioning? Strategic locations such as offices, library, computer labs.

Not typically in classrooms.

Potential operating efficiencies realized without this facility re:

- Current dollar value of school operations:
\$562,248
- Current dollar value of school maintenance:
\$227,808
- Current dollar value of school renewal backlog:
\$7,027,020

Enrolment vs. Available Space

What is the utilization rate for the school compared to the On the Ground (OTG) capacity?

ADE = 656.5 OTG = 1146 therefore Utilization Rate = 57%

What is the out of district enrolment at the school?

13 students presently in school from Out of District

What is the enrolment from the school at other schools, due to programming needs not available at the home school?

13

What specialized programs or opportunities are offered unique to this location?

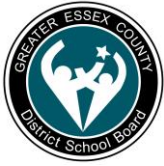
Dance, Music, Animation, SHSM programs: Arts and Culture, Business, Manufacturing

Five year historical need of portables:

None

Maximum number of portables that could be accommodated based on parking and washrooms?

Parking = 8 portables; Washrooms = 50 portables



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What is the 5 year historical and projected enrolment trend at the school?

Enrolment has been declining slightly and is anticipated to continue to around 50% utilization

Does enrolment at the school exceed surplus space in adjacent schools?

yes

Culture at the School

Does staff remain at the school for 5+ years on average?

yes

Is there an impact on the school due to student transience?

minimal

Does the facility have historic value in the broader community?

Yes. It is a landmark in the Town of Amherstburg. People in town have been attending GAHS since 1922. School has rich tradition and history of high academic achievement and provincial sports championships.

VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY

Is this the only school within the municipality?

Only school in town of Amherstburg (WSS is for identified students)

Is this the only school within the immediate community?

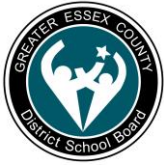
yes

Does the school offer programs that serve both students and community members?

Yes, OYAP, Co-op, Tech does welding for Amherstburg River Lights, Art paints community fire hydrants and Giant Christmas Cards which are displayed in the community,

What student and community member programs are offered? (clarify: e.g. programs, participation, frequency, length of required time, program length, etc.)

Interact Club is associated with our local Rotary Club.



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Are the school building or grounds used on a regular basis by community groups? List group, number of participants, space used and length of time required per week.

Programs	Participation	Frequency	Hours used	Activity
Essex County Womens Volleyball	100	October to end of March	Mondays-6:30 to 10:30 pm	Volleyball
Amherstburg Minor Baseball	40	October to end of April	Mondays-6:30 to 8:30 pm Tuesdays-8:30 to 10:30 pm Thursdays-6:30 to 8:30 pm	Baseball
Amherstburg Heroes Athletic Club(handicapped children and adults)	60	October to end of May	Wednesdays-6:30 to 8:30 pm	Basketball
Town of Amherstburg	40	January to end of April	Fridays-6 to 8 pm Wednesdays-6:30 to 8:30 pm	Pickleball
Buchanan Group	16	October to mid May	8:30 pm Wednesdays-8:30 to 10:30 pm	Volleyball
Windsor Valiants Basketball	200	October to end of May	10:30 pm	Basketball

Is this the only facility in the vicinity that could be used for indoor community activities? (clarify)
Libro Centre also available but not walking distance in a town with no public transport.

Is this the only green space that could be used for community activities?

No

Does the school site provide the only available parking for local parks and community use?

Our parking lot provides parking for Community events, Art by the River, Shores of Erie events, Canada Day fireworks, Riverlights, Run for Heros

Is the school a partner in other government initiatives within the community?

no

Are there partnerships with other student related government programs? (e.g. OEY, etc.)

no

Are day care services available within the school? (e.g. full day or latchkey)

no

Does the school have partnerships that might be lost if the school closes?

Yes, tech and Co-op partnerships, partnerships with local Rotary Club and Food bank.



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Have students/grades/programs been relocated by past accommodation?
no

VALUE TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Does the school and community provide Co-Op programming opportunities? (clarify)

We have 61 Co-op placements in the town of Amherstburg itself.

Does the school provide area secondary students opportunities for volunteer work to meet graduation requirements?

Yes. Many local organizations: Alheimers, Miracle League, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Riverlights Festival, St. Vincent de Paul, Knights of Columbus, Verdi Club, local senior citizens, House of Shalom, Black History Museum reach out to our school for volunteers.

How easily accessible is the school? (eg public transit, urban locale, etc)

Walking distance for people who live in town. No public transit though.

Is the school involved in other partnership arrangements with local employers/businesses?

OYAP partnerships.

What local business impact occurs by school contact? (i.e. What direct business dealings does the school/students have with local businesses?)

No Frills is our partner for supplies for Foods classes and our Nutrition program.

Grade 12 Child Psychology does mentoring at Amherstburg Public School – Literacy and Numeracy with Grades 4-6 students.

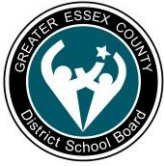
Creative Child Centre – Mentoring with young children from local daycare for a one month school based Playschool program.

What may be the impact of the school on:

- Attracting/retaining families in the community
Potential impact if secondary students are bussed to secondary schools in neighbouring towns
- Real estate values
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- Local existing/planned housing development
Potential impact on local residential development rates and planned housing development, if secondary students are bussed to secondary schools in neighbouring towns

What potential future use of the school site may exist if closed?

Strategically located along Sandwich Street North in close proximity to historic downtown and adjoining commercial rea expansion north of the school



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Redevelopment for community use, seniors' residence or apartments and/or a mixed use commercial, residential, community use project located on busy Sandwich Street corridor
Redevelopment potential for municipal/community use is high due to centrally accessible location and current joint community use of athletic facilities

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