



Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School

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Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School is a rural school district in Upstate New York with an enrollment of approximately 500 students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through twelve.

Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton High School is located in Otsego County with students residing in both Otsego and Chenango Counties. Gilbertsville and Mt. Upton are advantageously located within a 50-mile radius of the major cities of Binghamton, Syracuse, Utica, Cooperstown and Oneonta. A dynamic mix of business and industry that include such distinguished names as Agro-Pharma, ACCO Brands, The Raymond Corporation, OSG Norwich Pharmaceuticals, NBT Bank, Unison Industries, Kerry Bio-Science, Preferred Mutual Insurance Company, Frontier and Golden Artist Colors are just a few companies that are located in the area.

GMU prides itself on innovative courses, a high level of technological resources, and its knowledgeable teaching staff. A comprehensive program of course offerings are provided for our students. Courses are available in Art, Family and Consumer Science, English, Foreign Language, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies and Technology. College level or AP courses are offered in English, Calculus, Foreign Language, Social Studies and Science. Diplomas are designated with a New York State Regents seal upon successful completion of the Regents examinations in the required core areas of study in English, Math, Social Studies and Science. The hard work of our staff has resulted in some of the highest Regents diploma rates in the area, as well as successful results in many other areas of academic achievement.

GMU strongly believes in providing a wide range of activities for students to participate in and outside of the classroom. Fine arts and extra-curricular activities, as well as interscholastic sports opportunities are available to all of our students. The district produces a musical in the fall and a drama production in the spring. The band and chorus perform throughout the school year. Students interested in law and debate can take part in our mock trial organization. We have many opportunities in sports including soccer, basketball, volleyball and badminton, baseball, softball and track. During the winter, approximately 100 students each year take part in the district ski club. If students desire to be active, there are a multitude of activities for them to take advantage of throughout the school year.

Accreditation: New York State Department of Education Graduating Class Average Regents Diploma Rate: 80%

Credit: A unit of credit is awarded on the basis of successful completion of courses which meet 44 minutes per day, five days per week, for the entire school year. Regents science courses have additional periods every other instruction day. Half units of credit are awarded for courses meeting for 44 minutes for a 20 week period per year. Physical education is required for all students in attendance except for those with a medical exclusion.

Grading: GMU High School uses a numerical marking system. The final grade is computed as four-fifths class work and one-fifth final exam. In courses where a Regents exam is given, the Regents are the final exam. The passing mark is 65 percent. Regents, AP and college level courses are indicated on the transcripts.

Grading System: Based upon their quarterly averages, students will be recognized for their academic achievement.

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| • High Honor | 93 – 100 with no grade below 70 | • Honor | 87 – 92 with no grade below 70 |
| • Proficient | 65 -86 | • Not Passing | Below 65 |

Class Rank: Is computed for all seniors at the end of the junior year.

Post High School Placement:

- | Class of 2014 | Class of 2015 | Class of 2016 |
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| • Four Year College: 27% | • Four Year College: 33% | • Four Year College: 50% |
| • Two Year College: 40% | • Two Year College: 36% | • Two Year College: 20% |
| • Military: 3% | • Military: 3% | • Military: 0% |
| • Employment/Other: 30% | • Employment/Other: 27% | • Employment/Other: 30% |

Mission Statement: The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton School District is committed to an educational environment that assures equitable opportunity for individuals to become responsible, productive members of society. We will encourage individual excellence in students of all ages that they may gain a lifetime enthusiasm for work and learning.