



## Drop Out Prevention - Presenting a Unique Opportunity

Grand Mesa High School (GMHS) is an accredited high school and part of Plateau Valley School District 50. It was established in 1987 with the express purpose of providing students with a high school diploma that is equivalent to any traditional public high school. The Education program has both federal and district employees working side by side to improve the education of all students who are working to obtain their G.E.D. and/or their high school diploma. The Education program offers both remedial classes such as Math 1 and Reading/Writing 1 to improve students' abilities that may not be at a high school level. GMHS offers Pre Algebra, Algebra 1, Algebra II, Geometry, Literature, Composition, Social Studies, and Science, Personal Finance, and Information Technology classes. Driver's education is a requirement prior to graduation and the student is expected to obtain, unless they are under 18 years of age, their driver's license before they are allowed to graduate from the program. This gives the student an advantage when they enter the work force that other students in traditional high schools may not have.

GMHS is an Alternative Education Campus (AEC). Our classes operate under a self-paced program rather than the traditional lecture, homework, test, etc. format. This gives a student the opportunity to go as fast or slow as is dictated by their learning abilities and previous knowledge. The Collbran Job Corps receives new students every two weeks and has a graduation ten months a year. The self-paced education approach is the only viable way to educate students when you receive new students every two weeks. GMHS is a year round program. Students are generally given a two week break during the month of July and a two week winter break in December-January. Students do not attend classes on federal holidays. The year round concept provides the continuity and consistency that benefits our students greatly. The federal government allows each student two years to complete their educational and vocational program. The year round schedule also provides the valuable time our students need to be in class to complete our curriculum.

Another added benefit to GMHS is the leadership training that takes place on Center. As there are leaders in our residential and trade areas, there are also leaders in education. Education leaders are there to help students who may be having difficulty with their assignments and to assist the teachers in maintaining the "culture" we have developed in our Education classrooms.

GMHS and Collbran Job Corps have the same goal: to educate the future leaders of our country and make each student employable. A student at GMHS must complete their vocational training in order to earn their high school diploma. The Job Corps system promotes employability, responsibility, and future opportunities.

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