GRAHAM LOCAL SCHOOLS
SUCCESS TODAY, PREPARED FOR TOMORROW
OUR TEACHERS ARE HEROES, STRIVING WITH STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS TODAY SO THEY ARE PREPARED FOR TOMORROW!

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OUR MISSION

Graham 2020 is about preparing future ready students through a personalized learning experience.

OUR VISION

Our vision for our students is Success Today, Prepared for Tomorrow.
GRAHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WELCOME

Graham Elementary, we serve students in preschool through fifth grade. Currently, there are approximately 890 students with each grade level having around 140 students with the exception of preschool. The close cooperation between families, faculty, administration, and community partners lend itself to a school environment where students enjoy personalized environment conducive to learning and success.

WE ARE VERY EXCITED FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR!

Recently, Graham Elementary joined a select group, 1 of 9 elementary school buildings across Ohio by earning the STEM designation from the Ohio Department of Education. This STEM designation is a reflection of our focus on integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math into the daily practices of everything we do at GES.
LITERACY COLLABORATIVE

At Graham Elementary, our literacy instruction is delivered using the Literacy Collaborative framework. Literacy Collaborative is a nationally recognized, comprehensive school literacy model. This proven model increases student achievement, improves teacher expertise, and builds a school community where students enjoy and value reading and writing. Personalized instruction ensures every child receives what he or she needs.

MATH INSTRUCTION

GRAHAM ELEMENTARY USES DREAMBOX, AN ADAPTIVE, ONLINE K-8 MATH PROGRAM DESIGNED TO COMPLEMENT CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION.

An engaging, game-like environment motivates students to persist, progress, and achieve success. This platform provides an opportunity to close gaps where students need further skill development, while also allowing for acceleration. DreamBox allows teachers to monitor the progress of each student. This is one more tool that teachers use to personalize for individuals or small groups to meet all student needs. DreamBox Learning is a recognized leader in educational technology solutions.
Through problem-based challenges, our students begin to learn and explore career interests and pathways. As part of this designation, we focus on providing a problem-based learning environment that is based on increased student choice and inquiry learning. Inquiry is a method of instruction that engages our students in the learning process with their teachers serving more as a facilitator. Students work to recognize and develop patterns, functional relationships, and discover rules that can be applied to other models. Students work in small groups engaged in higher level problem solving tasks.

STUDENTS ENGAGED IN THIS TYPE OF LEARNING SHOW:

- GAINS IN THEIR ATTITUDE
- CONFIDENCE
- THE CONTENT
- REASONING SKILLS

We at Graham Elementary are proud to be in our 1st year as a Leader in Me School. Leader in Me is a whole-school improvement process based on the idea that everyone can be a leader. This evidence-based approach empowers students with the leadership and life-skills they need to thrive in the 21st century.

WHAT TO EXPECT NOW WE’RE A LEADER IN ME SCHOOL?

- INCREASED USE OF 7 HABITS LANGUAGE BASED ON DR. STEPHEN COVEY’S 7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE PEOPLE
- LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES
- SCHOOL-WIDE EVENTS

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Graham Middle School is dedicated to meeting the needs of all students through personalized learning with a focus on hands on STEAM Education. GMS works to ensure that our students experience success today and are prepared for tomorrow.

Graham Middle School is proud to be one of the 53 schools across Ohio to be recognized with the prestigious STEM Designation from The Ohio Department of Education.

Through creativity and exploration, students learn about career pathways and the 3 E’s: **Enlistment, Enrollment, and Employment**.

The close cooperation between parents, faculty, administration and community partners lends itself to a learning environment that is truly student focused. We call that **Career Gears**.

**What are the special things at Graham Middle School?**

- PLTW
- Outdoor and Environmental Education
- Accelerated Coursework
- Career Exploration
- Clubs / Activities
- Field Trips / Class Trips
- Job Shadowing
- Life Skills
- Middle School FFA
- Service Learning
- Technology Education
- Arts
- Athletics
STEM DESIGNATION

Graham Middle School is one of just 53 schools across the state of Ohio with the prestigious STEM Designation. This designation is obtained through the work we do every day to prepare our students for college and career.

We engage our students through nationally recognized Project Lead the Way (PLTW) curriculum as well as teacher self designed STEM curriculum. We encourage students to be innovative, creative problem solvers leaving them to be prepared for the future, no matter what pathway they eventually choose.

GMS has been recognized for their intentional pathway exposure in AGRICULTURE, AERONAUTICS, COMPUTER SCIENCE, ENGINEERING, AND MANUFACTURING.

GRAHAM STEAM

Graham Middle School is proud to offer many STEAM courses that align to our Ohio Department of Education STEM Designation and to further expose students to future ready pathways.

- STEAM 101
- DESIGN AND MODELING (PLTW)
- COMPUTER SCIENCE FOR INNOVATORS AND MAKERS (PLTW)
- FLIGHT AND SPACE (PLTW)
- MEDICAL DETECTIVES (PLTW)
- DESIGN THINKERS
- ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
- GOOGLE APPS
- CODING AND ROBOTICS
- INTRODUCTION TO AGRICULTURE
GMS MAKERSPACE

A MakerSpace is a collaborative work space inside our school for learning, making, exploring, and sharing that uses both high tech and no tech tools.

These spaces have a variety of maker equipment including:

- 3D PRINTERS
- CODING KITS
- SNAP CIRCUITS
- RECYCLED MATERIALS
- BUILDING BLOCKS/MATERIALS
- TINKERING TOOLS
- A LEGO WALL

The MakerSpace is helping to prepare students who need critical 21st century skills in the fields of science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math (STEAM). MakerSpaces provide hands-on learning, help with critical thinking skills and even boost self-confidence.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

OUR STUDENTS HAVE A TRULY UNIQUE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT TO EXPLORE THE AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES PATHWAY.

The Graham Middle School Falcon Farms cross-curricular PBL is going to continue to push the boundaries for outdoor education and be a shining example in the state, region, and national place-based network of schools.

GMS students have access to 43 total acres of sustainable lab space, 25 of which is tillable, that includes a greenhouse, chicken coop, food plot, commodities, specialty crop, and honey bees. All of these components are immersed into student curriculum.
PROBLEM - BASED LEARNING (PBL)

PBL focuses on a blended learning environment where students use problem-based learning and technology with a focus on secondary and future-ready preparation.

Teachers work with students to present challenges and thematic issues to cover content and motivate students to take ownership of their learning, from start to finish. While students learn to plan, prepare, present, and evaluate their work independently or with peers, their teachers provide support and feedback to improve and deepen learning.

NAVIANCE

Naviance is a college and career readiness tool that is used to help students in grades 7-12 plan for a successful transition of high school through postsecondary and career exploration.

Students use Naviance to access information on careers and colleges, to complete self-directed surveys to align strengths and interests, and to apply to colleges.
Graham High School is dedicated to prepare every student for a future in the 3 E’s **EMPLOYMENT INTO THE WORKFORCE OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL, ENLISTMENT INTO A BRANCH OF THE US MILITARY, OR ENROLLMENT INTO HIGHER EDUCATION.**

**CAREER GEARS**

Through career pathways, service hours, and internships with community partners, our young adults have the opportunity to begin exploring potential career fields.

Graham High School has also partnered with several area colleges/universities to provide our students the opportunity to take courses for college credits, **COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS PROGRAM.**

Through this program, graduating Seniors could earn over 20 hours of college/university credits for **FREE.** These programs, along with the traditional courses, allow students to personalize their high school career to their own wants and needs.

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INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES

The students at Graham High School are required to complete on average 7 ½ hours of Intentional Job Shadowing during each of their 4 years at Graham High School. Along with this graduation requirement, students are encouraged to participate in community internship opportunities.

The purpose of these internship opportunities is to immerse the students into their anticipated career field prior to leaving high school. This will provide the students a safe experience as to what this anticipated career field is like prior to attending a college/university.

NAVIANCE

As mentioned earlier, Graham High School is dedicated to preparing our students for the future they wish to pursue, EMPLOYMENT INTO THE WORKFORCE OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL, ENLISTMENT INTO A BRANCH OF THE US MILITARY, OR ENROLLMENT INTO HIGHER EDUCATION.

Our students and parents have access to this college and career readiness tool to prepare, organize, provide information, complete self-directed surveys to align strengths and interests, and to apply to colleges.
SERVICE LEARNING

Service Learning is a lifelong skill the students at Graham High School are taught. Through United Service Day, Club/Organization Volunteer opportunities, and community needs, our students learn what “Leadership through Service” is about.

The students will need to complete on average of 10 hours of Service during each of their 4 years of high school. Our students are able to reflect on how they have positively impacted their community, additional ways to help moving forward, and why it is increasing important to continue providing their time to benefit our society.

FUTURE READY STUDENTS

To tie in with the Graham Local School Districts Vision of “Success Today, Prepared for Tomorrow,” our students have very unique learning experiences throughout the school year. A Graham Future Ready Student not only excels in the traditional academics, but also is immersed in career programs being brought into the building.

THE FOLLOWING EVENTS HELP DEVELOP THE FUTURE READY.

- MANUFACTURING JOBS WEEK
- HOUR OF CODE WEEK
- REVERSE JOB FAIR
- LEAN SIX SIGMA CERTIFICATION
- IN-DEMAND JOBS WEEK
- COLLEGE AND CAREER FAIRS

The Graham High School Staff is dedicated to working hard to allow the young adults in our building the many experiences needed to prepare them for success. Through the experiences listed above, a Graham Graduate is leaving high school exposed to many more opportunities than other high schools students in the county and the state.
GRAHAM HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

We provide our students with many different opportunities to become involved in part of Graham High School. Below are lists of Student Experiences and Interscholastic Sports we offer. We are excited to share that many of our Student Groups, Organizations, and Athletics are not only successfully competing locally, but are receiving state and national recognition and awards.

- **STUDENT SENATE** - COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH GRADE LEVEL.
- **BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA (BPA)**
- **EDUCATORS RISING**
- **FAMILY, CAREER, COMMUNITY, LEADERS OF AMERICA (FCCLA)**
- **HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA (HOSA)**
- **SKILLS USA**
- **THE NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION (FFA)**
- **STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE (SMD)**
- **YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT**
- **ECHO (YEARBOOK)**
- **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**
- **MARCHING, CONCERT, JAZZ AND PEP BANDS SPRING MUSICAL**
- **MIXED AND VARSITY CHOIR FALL PLAY**

**INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS**

**MALE FALL SPORTS**
- CHEERLEADING
- CROSS COUNTRY
- FOOTBALL
- SOCCER
- GOLF

**MALE WINTER SPORTS**
- CHEERLEADING
- BASKETBALL
- WRESTLING
- SWIMMING

**MALE SPRING SPORTS**
- BASEBALL
- TRACK & FIELD

**FEMALE FALL SPORTS**
- CHEERLEADING
- CROSS COUNTRY
- VOLLEYBALL
- SOCCER
- GOLF

**FEMALE WINTER SPORTS**
- CHEERLEADING
- BASKETBALL
- SWIMMING

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- SOFTBALL
- TRACK & FIELD
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