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To: Heart of Iowa Activities Conference Member Schools

From: Mark Lane, Superintendent, Shaylena Bell, Activities Director, and Mark Finken, High School Principal

Date May 20, 2025

Re: Formal application for membership in the Heart of Iowa Activities Conference

Please let this memorandum serve as a formal request for membership in the Heart of Iowa Activities Conference beginning July 1, 2026.

The Woodward-Granger Board of Directors unanimously approved the application for membership during the May 19, 2025, regular board meeting. We recommended approval to our board because we believe the Heart of Iowa is an excellent activities conference fit for our district. Current and projected enrollments, central Iowa proximity, and aligned academic, athletic, and fine arts visions and values are the primary drivers of our interest in joining your conference.

We would be happy to join a representative group of your current membership to discuss our membership application.

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Current 9-12 enrollment

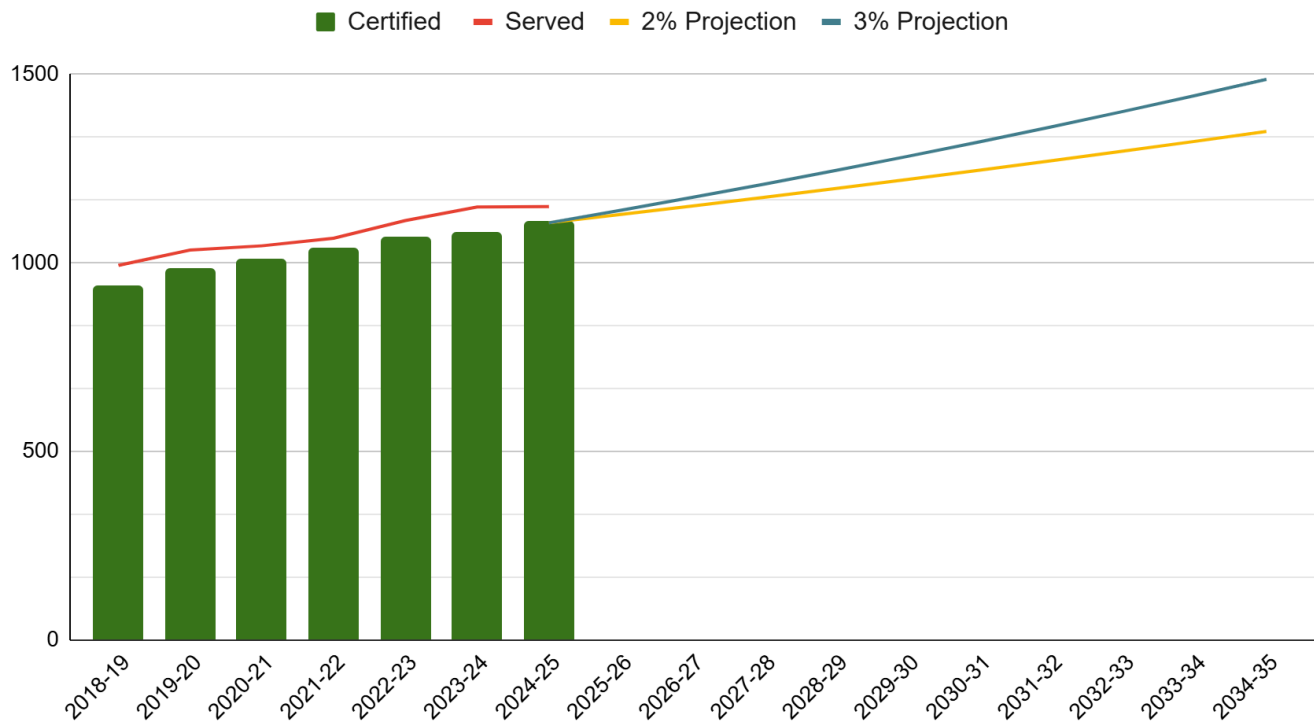
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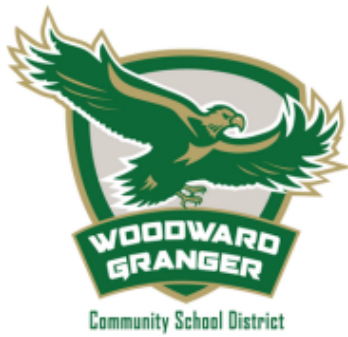
Projected 9-12 enrollment

285 to 325 over the next five to ten years

Woodward-Granger CSD is a growing district. The graph below shows potential growth at both a 2% and 3% rate through 2035. We are currently building a new 82,000 sq. ft. middle school on the north edge of Granger. Our 10-15 year vision is a three-phase project that will become our WG High School campus. At the time our high school transitions to the Granger campus, our middle school will move to the vacated campus in Woodward.

Woodward-Granger Enrollment 2019 to 2035





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Sports offered and level of competition:

- Football (7-12)
- Volleyball (7-12)
- G/B Cross Country (7-12)
- Football / Basketball / Wrestling Cheerleading (7-12)
- Dance Team (9-12)
- G/B Wrestling (7-12)
- G/B Basketball (7-12)
- G/B Track (7-12)
- G/B Golf (9-12)
- Baseball (7-12)
- Softball (7-12)
- E-Sports (9-12)

Fine arts offered:

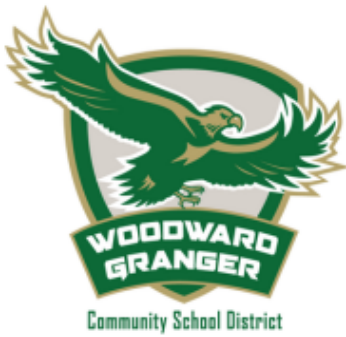
- Band (7-12)
- Choir (7-12)
- Jazz Band (7-12)
- Jazz Choir (9-12)

Academic competitions offered:

- Battle of the Books

Other activities offered:

- FFA (9-12)
- NHS (11-12)
- Speech (Group and Individual) (9-12)
- Drama (Fall and Spring Play) (9-12)
- Lego League (6-8)
- Student Council (6-12)



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Types of HOIAC events in which your district wishes to participate:

- Honor Choir
- Honor Band
- Fine Arts Festival
- Conference AD Meetings
- Conference Principal Meetings
- Conference Superintendent Meetings
- Student Leadership Opportunities

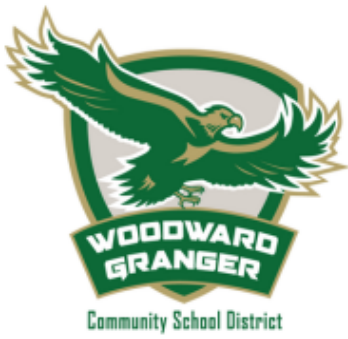
Admission prices (all levels):

- \$7.00 High School
- \$5.00 Middle School
- These prices are new as of the 2025-2026 school year

Other information the HOIAC should consider:

- We have a co-op agreement with Madrid for our Middle School and High School Boys and Girls Wrestling programs.
- New programs that are in conversation to add to Woodward-Granger’s activity list are Bowling (9-12) and Soccer (9-12)
- Travel distances between the current HOIAC schools are reasonable and are a good fit. See below for mileage from Woodward-Granger to HOIAC schools.

Heart of Iowa	Travel Miles
Perry	10.3
Nevada	37.8
Saydel	28
Greene Co	36.8
PCM	61
Roland Story	42.1
West Marshall	51.2
Grandview Christian	32.9
South Hamilton	45.1
Average	38.4



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We are grateful for your consideration.

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