

“At this school teachers care if you learn. They are always encouraging us to take on new challenges and opportunities inside and outside of school.”

—Joselyd, UPrep Senior



“The staff took the time to make sure that we understood things academically. Now that I'm in college I understand why they pushed us so hard. College is no joke, but I feel so much more comfortable because we discussed it so much. I know I am here because of UPrep.”

— Whitney, 2014 UPrep Graduate



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“Teachers have been really supportive. They encourage me to do more—robotics, green team, wrestling. Because of them, I applied to Ivy League Schools, and now have an interview with Harvard.”

—Khalil, UPrep Senior



“Smaller classrooms are the reason why I developed so much as a student. That environment helped me get my work done and be successful in school.”

—Jeremy, 2014 UPrep Graduate

Grand Rapids University Prep Academy

DEMONSTRATING SUCCESS



FINDING THEIR STRIDE, FINDING THEIR PASSION, FINDING THEIR PATH

At UPrep...

We believe all students are capable of academic success. They should be college ready with a wealth of experiences on which to base their college and career decisions.

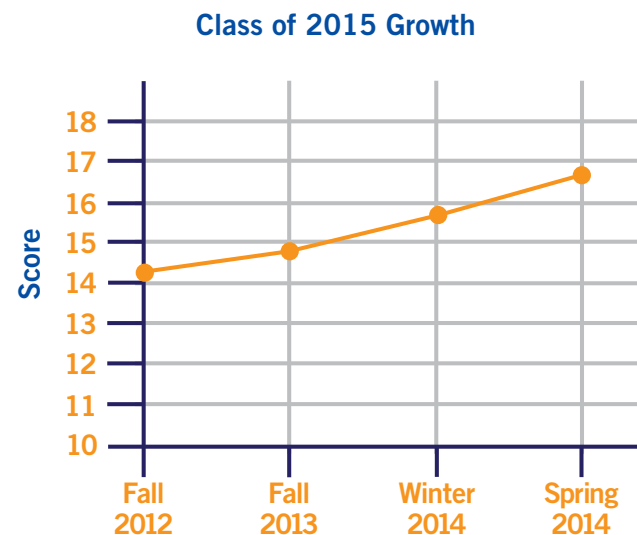
We focus on academic excellence for all, and provide support to achieve it. Through data reviews, our teachers identify areas where students are struggling and then tailor instruction to target that need.

We value engagement. We promote participation in school and community programs to develop skills in leadership, collaboration, critical thinking and problem-solving. As a result, we have one of the highest rates of participation in athletics and other extra curricular activities such as robotics, Upward Bound and WMCAT.

We know our students are on a trajectory towards success. Our students enter UPrep at or below grade level. Every year we see solid growth. And each consecutive class is gaining ground faster and achieving better results sooner.

ACT (American College Testing)

We focus on preparing our students for college. We track ACT scores as most colleges use this when considering admission. A minimum score of 16 suggests college readiness. Our students begin taking practice ACT tests in 7th grade. Each consecutive class continues to score higher than the previous one.



Engagement

Experiential learning prepares students for college and life. We provide opportunities for students to explore careers, visit colleges, test interests and discover their passion.

Kent Career Technical Center (KCTC)

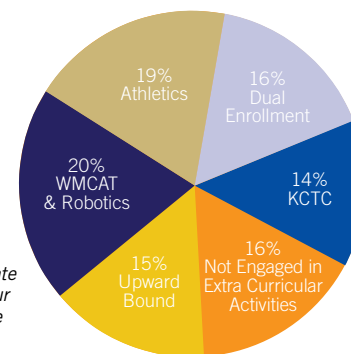
UPrep offers a robust career exploration program that includes Job Shadowing (6th–8th grades) and Internships (9th–10th grades). Juniors and seniors can elect to take classes at KCTC and receive training in a specific career field.

Dual Enrollment at Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC)

Our students earn college credit while still in high school. GRCC professors teach college classes right at UPrep to participating 9th and 10th graders which allows us to more fully support them as they begin experiencing college-level classes. Eligible juniors and seniors transition to classes offered on GRCC's campus.

High School Engagement

**A few students participate in multiple activities. Our percentages only include one activity/student.*



Graduation

At UPrep, we stake our success on the fact that at least 90% of all students will graduate from high school and that at least 90% of those graduates will go on to attend college, university or other career-related programs.

Class of 2014: Our First Graduating Class



100% Accepted to a College or University, Including:

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| Aquinas College | Johnson & Wales University |
| Calvin College | Kendall College of Art & Design |
| Central Michigan University | Lansing Community College |
| Cornerstone University | Northern Michigan University |
| Davenport University | Northwood University |
| Defiance College | Olivet College |
| Eastern Michigan University | Spring Arbor University |
| Everest Institute | Trine University |
| Ferris State University | Wayne State University |
| Grand Valley State University | Western Michigan University |
| Grand Rapids Community College | |