GRANDVILLE BULLDOGS

2025 RECORD:
4-6 OVERALL
3-4 OK RED (4th PLACE)
PLAYOFFS-1st Round

Grandville Head Coach
Eric Stiegel (13th year: 77-46)
16th overall (98-66)

Coaches' Comments: **"We are a team with a lot of new starters. We have to grow up quick to get ready for a very tough schedule.**

Key Returnees: DJ Hardiman RB, Cohen Smith C, Grant Matzke DT, Carter Jaarsma - TE, Gavin Peters - OT

Returning Starters: Offense(4), Defense(1)

Key Newcomers: Keegan Deridder SS, Brady Hoffman DL -Jayce Hopewell (Jr. RB), Jr. Orin Kuyoc (Jr. RB/P), Alex Highland (Sr. QB). Jordan Terry (Soph. RB).

2026 Bulldogs Football Schedule

Fri Aug. 28	Muskegon	A
Thurs. Sept. 3	Det. Cass Tech	H
Fri. Sept. 11	East Kentwood	A
Fri. Sept. 18	Hudsonville	A
Fri. Sept. 25	West Ottawa	H
Fri. Oct. 2	Caledonia	H
Fri. Oct. 9	Rockford	A
Fri. Oct. 16	Jenison	A
Fri. Oct. 23	Grand Haven	H

WEST MICHIGAN OKSPORTS

BULLDOGS LOOK TO REPLACE STRONG SENIOR CLASS WITH NEW TALENT

Grandville Football Preview

The Grandville Bulldogs and their Head Coach, Eric Stiegel, are not afraid of a challenge. Throughout Stiegel's tenure as head coach, the Bulldogs have earned a playoff berth in 11 of the past 12 seasons while competing in one of the toughest leagues in the state, the OK RED. This past success and program culture provide optimism for 2026 as the Bulldogs will need to replace a load of talent lost to graduation. Stiegel is ready for this year's group to show what they can do.

How do you replace one of the best backs in the recent history of West Michigan HS football? Jayden Terry is now gone. However, Grandville will replace him with Senior, DJ Hardiman at RB, who filled in capably during Terry's injury last year, and finished with over 900 yds. rushing in '25. Junior, Jayce Hopewell and Soph. Jordan Terry look to also carry the ball this season. The offense will be directed by a newcomer at QB in Senior, Alex Highland. The Bulldog strength may lie with their O-Line which returns four starters in TE, Carter Janerma, C - Cohen Smith, G - Brennan Reese, and T - Gavin Peters. If the line can gel, the Bulldog running attack will cause problems for many teams this season.

Defensively, the Bulldogs only return one starter, but he is a good one. '25 All-Region selection, DT, Grant Matzke comes back to anchor the D-Line. He will get help from newcomer, Brady Hoffman who also will look to make an impact. They will be helped in the secondary by Junior, Keegan Deridder. There are still many positions to be claimed with only one starter returning, but Coach Stiegel is confident his kids will step up.

Every new season provides different challenges for area coaches. For Eric Stiegel and the Bulldogs, this season will be one for having new players grow up quickly in order to achieve success.