

W C N R

BC-126
June 1975

Educational-FM

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed NOVEMBER 16, 1981

Call letters W G N R

Station location Grand Rapids, Michigan

Name of licensee GRAND RAPIDS SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE AND MUSIC

Transmitter location 1331 Franklin S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan

Main studio location SAME AS TRANS. SITE

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call Letters **WGMR**
NEW FM EDUCATIONAL

Name **Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music**
Grand Rapids, Michigan (PO 1331 Franklin S. E. Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BPED-2651 R&F PRESS: JUL 10 1978 PN FILED	3-1-78	Construction permit for new Educ FM on:	GRANTED	8/3/79
	3-8-78	Frequency: 88.9MHz #205		
	4-28-78	ERP: .0089KW HAAT: 171'		
		trans GATES BFE-10C		
AMENDED		Ant: GATES FMC-2A, 2 sections		
		TL&SL; 1331 Franklin S.E. Grand Rapids, Michigan		
		42o 56' 56" 85o 38' 09"		
		ATTY: -----		
		E NGR: Harold Munn (Coldwater, Michigan)		
	7-13-78	revised section V-G		
BLD-791010AC PRESS	JAN 24 1980	License to cover (BPED-2651, as mod.) for new station. Atty; None	GRANTED	11-16-81

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APPLICATION RECORD-BROADCASTING

Call Letters: WGNR

Name: GRAND RAPIDS SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE AND MUSIC

Station Location: GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

File No.	Date	Description	Action and Date
BPED-800111AC (C)		CP Incr ERP: 3KW H&V HAAT: 171'	DISMISSED 8-19681--
PN Recd.	2-29-80		UNACCEP--FOR-FILING

About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

