



FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL

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MISSION

Fairfax High School’s mission is to engage a community of creative, diverse learners through high expectations in academically challenging and socially responsible programs, in a safe and secure environment, while providing support for each learner in preparing for a productive future.

VISION

Build one community committed to lifelong learning for all.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

FHS has a rich history and tradition that dates back to 1935. The current high school was built in 1972 and renovated in 2007. While it is operated by Fairfax County Public Schools, it is owned by and located in the City of Fairfax. The student population comprises approximately sixty-five percent county residents and thirty-five percent city residents. The high school enjoys the positive benefits of a special relationship with the city school government and the county school government.

FHS has approximately 2280 students in Grades 9 through 12 with approximately 550 seniors. We are a majority minority school with students from diverse cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Approximately 13 percent of all students, are projected to receive services for English learners (EL) with around 12 percent, are projected to receive special education services. More than 725 FCPS students, or 32 percent of all students, are eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced-Price Meals Program (FRM). The school met all state and federal requirements for the 2020-2021 school year.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

It is the student’s responsibility to disclose discipline infractions to postsecondary institutions. FCPS does not disclose students’ disciplinary information without express written consent from the parent or guardian or eligible student.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

<https://www.fcps.edu/academics/graduation-requirements-and-course-planning>

FCPS PROFILE

<https://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/postsecondary-profile>

FCPS FEATURES

Six high school academies offer technical and specialized courses not found at all high schools. Career and Technical Education (CTE), fine arts, and world languages courses are accessed by students from all high schools. CTE courses offer numerous credentialing opportunities for students who pass industry certification exams.

FHS houses the Fairfax Academy which offers career-oriented, advanced, and specialized courses in the fields of arts and communication.

STATISTICS FROM 2020-2021

Through an annual survey of all seniors, the class of 2021 reported 83% of FHS students are pursuing higher education:

60% attend four-year colleges
23% attend two-year colleges

TESTING INFORMATION (CEE Code 470785)

ACT Score Averages – Class of 2020

| | Composite |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Fairfax HS | 25.0 |
| FCPS | 26.8 |
| Virginia | 24.4 |
| USA | 20.6 |

SAT Score Averages – Class of 2020

| | Composite | ERW | Math |
|-------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| Fairfax HS | 1220 | 611 | 609 |
| FCPS | 1211 | 604 | 549 |
| Virginia | 1119 | 567 | 551 |
| USA | 1051 | 528 | 607 |

GRADING SCALE & GPA

Grade point average (GPA) is calculated on the basis of all high school courses for which credit has been earned, attempted, and previously awarded. **FCPS high schools do not rank students.** High school courses taken in middle school may be expunged from the high school transcript.

A (93-100) = 4.0 C (73-76) = 2.0

A- (90-92) = 3.7 C- (70-72) = 1.7

B+ (87-89) = 3.3 D+ (67-69) = 1.3

B (83-86) = 3.0 D (64-66) = 1.0

B- (80-82) = 2.7 F (50-63) = 0.0

C+ (77-79) = 2.3

P: Pass WP: Withdrawal Pass

WF: Withdrawal Fail NM: No Mark (No Credit)

T: Audit (No Credit)

Weighting:

- Honors courses are weighted with an additional 0.50 quality points.
- AP Courses, Dual Enrollment, and post-advanced courses are weighted with an additional 1.0 quality points.

Grading Policy Changes Affecting the 2020-21 School Year

To provide increased flexibility to students and ensure they were not penalized by the challenges of distance learning, FCPS made the following changes to the high school grading policy for the 2020-21 school year only. These changes were announced in March of 2021. They included:

- Use of No Mark (NM) instead of F grades for all courses. No credit was awarded, and the course was not factored into the student's grade point average (GPA).
- Students/families could choose a mark of "P" (pass) instead of passing letter grades as their final mark in up to two current high school courses. Students had the opportunity to choose this through fourth quarter. This flexibility is in addition to the allowances for designating courses as pass/fail at the beginning of the school year. Therefore, a student's transcript may include more marks of "P" than typically seen on an FCPS transcript.

Additional information can be found on the Secondary Grading and Reporting website at <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/grading-and-reporting/secondary>.

Dual Enrollment & Post-Advanced (+1.0)

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Adv Computer Science AB | Geospatial Analysis |
| Computer Systems | Latin DE |
| English 12 DE | Matrix Algebra |
| Entrepreneurship DE | Multivariable Calculous |
| French DE | |

Advanced Placement (+1.0)

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Art 2D | Latin Lang |
| Art 3D | Micro/Mac Econ* |
| Art Drawing | Music Theory |
| Biology | Physics 1 |
| Calculus AB | Physics C |
| Calculus BC | Physics C E&M |
| Chemistry | Psychology |
| Computer Sci A | Spanish Lang |
| English Lang | Statistics |
| English Lit | US Comp Govt |
| Enviro Science | US Govt/Pol |
| French Lang | US History |
| German Lang | World History |
| Human Geography | |

Honors & Advanced Courses (+0.5)

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|---------------|-------------------------|
| Algebra 2 HN | Geosystems HN |
| Biology HN | Latin 4* & 5 |
| Chemistry HN | Physics HN |
| English 9 HN | Pre-Calculus HN |
| English 10 HN | Spanish 4 & 5 |
| English 11 HN | STEM & Adv STEM |
| English 12 HN | US/VA History HN |
| French 4* | US Gov HN |
| German 4 | World History/Geog 1 HN |
| Geometry HN | World History/Geog 2 HN |

**Not offered in-person at FHS for SY21-22*

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