

Laurel High School



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"...offers an academically challenging environment, where our diverse student population works, learns, and prepares together for opportunities ahead of them as lifelong learners in a global community."

School and Community

Laurel High School, a suburban public high school founded in 1899, midway between Washington, DC and Baltimore, MD is one of thirty-two academic and alternative high schools in Prince George's County and the oldest in the county. Accredited by the Middle States Association of College and Schools, Laurel High School is a 9-12 comprehensive high school serving a diverse population of approximately 2256 students composed of 48% African American, 4% Caucasian, 3% Asian, 43% Hispanic, and 2% other.

Curriculum

Operating on an A/B, four-period day schedule, Laurel High School offers an Honors program, special education, Advanced Placement program, International Baccalaureate Diploma program, and a Career & Technical Education program offering certifications in Cosmetology, Automotive Technology, Automotive Body Repair, Nursing, Computer Networking in CISCO, AFJROTC, Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement, and Child, Growth, and Development. Students are also encouraged to enroll in dual enrollment options at the local colleges in the junior and senior year of high school.

Student Activities

Laurel High School sponsors an excellent program of co-curricular activities. Opportunities exist in student publications, community service, academic competitions, music, theater, and athletics in baseball, track, basketball, football, swimming, softball, dance, lacrosse, and wrestling.

Honors Courses

Laurel High School offers weighted honors level courses in most academic subjects. LHS currently offers eight honors

courses. Placement in honors courses depends on student achievement, standardized test scores, teacher recommendations, and the student's post-secondary goals; students are not tracked into any one program or level. Prince George's County Public Schools no longer recognizes Honors courses on the transcript. Honors courses can be determined by the fifth digit in the course number as a "9" (*i.e., English 10 - 104193*).

Pre-Diploma (PDP) Program

The PDP program offers five accelerated courses for 9th and 10th grade students accepted into the Pre-IB program from Laurel High School's feeder middle schools and from the areas of Laurel, Beltsville, Hyattsville, Adelphi, and Silver Spring that are within the attendance boundaries of LHS. Accelerated courses are offered in English 9, English 10, Biology, Chemistry, and Art History in preparation for entry into the Diploma program in 11th grade.

Advanced Placement Program

Laurel High School's offering of AP courses varies year-to-year based on student interest. Open enrollment exists within the AP Program, however, students must obtain a teacher recommendation and are required to complete summer work. LHS currently offers twelve AP courses: AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP French Language, AP Spanish Language, AP Psychology, AP U.S. History, AP U.S. Government, AP Modern World History, AP Calculus, AP Computer Science Principles, and AP Studio Art 2D & 3D.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

The IB Program at Laurel High School was established in 1989. There are ~ 250 students from Grade 9 - Grade 12 in the program. There are currently twenty-five courses available in the IB Diploma (11th and 12th grade): World Literature 1 & 2,

IB French A & B, IB Spanish A & B, IB World History, IB History of Americas, IB Math 1 & 2, IB Chemistry 1 & 2, IB Environmental Systems, IB Sports & Health Science, IB Art 1 & 2, IB Theatre 1 & 2, IB Dance 1 & 2, IB Music 1 & 2, Theory of Knowledge 1, IB Research Practicum, and IB Adv. Research.

Graduation Requirements

To meet Maryland graduation requirements, students must earn a minimum of 21 credits, pass the state's High School Assessment Examinations and MCAP assessments in LSN Gov't., Algebra 1, English 10, MISA, and earn 24 independent service learning hours. In addition to completing the state requirements, Prince George's County requires all students to complete four years of high school beyond grade eight and take at least four courses in their senior year of high school. Graduation requirements include the following:

<i>Courses</i>	<i>Credits</i>
English	4
Social Studies	3
Science	3
Mathematics	3 (enrollment in math each year)
Fine Art	1
Technology Education	1
Health Issues	½
Personal Fitness	½
Financial Literacy	½
Foreign Language <i>or</i>	2
Advanced Technology <i>or</i>	2
State Approved Career & Technology Program	3-9
Electives	3

Grading and Ranking

Students take a maximum of eight courses per year with ½ credit earned after successful completion of a semester course or 1 credit after successful completion of a year-long course. All high school classes are included in computing grade point average. IB and AP courses are weighted with an additional 1.0 quality point in GPA calculations. For example: A=5.0, B=4.0; C=3.0, D=2.0 and E=0. Honors courses are weighted with an additional .5 quality point in GPA calculations.

Grade	Grade Description	Scale	Quality Points
A	Excellent	90-100	4
B	Above Average	80-89	3
C	Average	70-79	2
D	Below Average	60-69	1
E	Failure	0-59	0
P	Pass	60-100	0
F	Fail	0-59	0
W	Withdrawn	n/a	n/a
N	No Grade	n/a	n/a

Note: Prince George's County Public Schools no longer provide senior rank or student descriptive rankings on student transcripts. Please see the ranking table for the Class of 2024 for admissions purposes only.

Ranking for Class of 2024 Total seniors: 390

GPA	%
4.0	5%
3.807	10%
3.574	15%
3.384	20%
3.169	25%
3.000	30%
2.755	40%
2.363	50%

The highest GPA in the class is 4.384

Standardized Test Results (2022-2023)

ACT Composite: 18

SAT ERW: 461

SAT Math: 420

Advanced Placement (3 or better): 37%, 86 exams given

Post-High School Placement (Class of 2023)

Total seniors: 401

Four-year colleges	33%
Two-year colleges	32%
Technical school	5%
Military	6%
Work/other	24%

Students at Laurel High School matriculated to some of the following schools:

- Anne Arundel Community College
- Bowie State University
- Coppin State University
- Delaware State University
- Frostburg State University
- George Mason University
- Hampton University
- Howard Community College
- Howard University
- McDaniel College
- Montgomery College
- Morgan State University
- Notre Dame of Maryland University
- Old Dominion University
- Pennsylvania State University
- Prince George's Community College
- Salisbury University
- Stevenson University
- Towson University
- University of Maryland Baltimore County
- University of Maryland College Park
- University of Maryland Eastern Shore

Awards and Distinctions

Members of the Class of 2023 were offered approximately \$6 million in college and academic scholarships.