



HEREFORD HIGH SCHOOL

A National Blue Ribbon School

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SCHOOL CHARACTERISTICS AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Hereford High School is a comprehensive public high school, which opened in 1909. It is the northernmost school in Baltimore County, enrolling over 1,100 students in grades 9-12 from the Pennsylvania line south to Cookeysville, MD, and to the eastern Harford County line and west to Carroll County. This is a total of about one-third the acreage of Baltimore County. Hereford is fully accredited by The Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and by the Maryland State Department of Education. Hereford is also a member of PCACAC and the College Board. The educational program is presented in a four-period day format (75-minute classes) on an A/B schedule with a 30-minute activity period.

Hereford has a long-standing reputation of academic excellence. Approximately 80% of the graduating class attends college. In 2016, Hereford High School achieved National Blue-Ribbon status and has been awarded the Baltimore County High School Achievement Award for several consecutive years. Hereford has also been ranked by "*Newsweek Magazine*" and "*The Washington Post*" as one of the top high schools in the nation for several consecutive years

A large majority of students at Hereford participate in a wide variety of extracurricular activities offered. The Robotics Club, The Envirothon, Math League, Mock Trial, and Forensics teams continue to win local, regional, and state awards. The vocal music group has won numerous competitions, as has the band, the orchestra, and the chamber choir. The band and orchestra continue to successfully adjudicate at level six music and have had numerous students selected to "All State" ensembles. Their musical productions have won several Baltimore Cappies. Hereford's athletic program is regarded as one of the best in the state and recent athletic teams currently hold numerous county, regional and state championships. Hereford has also been awarded the prestigious Green School status by the Governor of the State of Maryland.

THE FACULTY

The professional staff of the school is composed of 4 administrators, 5 counselors, 1 social worker, 1 social worker, 1 social worker, 1 emotional learning teacher, 1 school psychologist, 76 instructors, 1 library media specialist, 1 career navigator, 1 nurse, 5 instructional assistants, 1 bookkeeper and 5 secretaries.

THE PROGRAM

Recognizing the need of increased individualization of educational opportunities for young people, Hereford's instructional programs provide courses in AVID, Technology Education (agribusiness, business, computer science, technology education and aviation), Liberal Arts (art, theatre, music), Career Research/Development, and College Preparatory subjects. Other options include release time for work study, internships, and a waiver of the senior year. Hereford has an extensive Advanced Placement program consisting of 27 courses in English, Computer Science, Social Studies, Mathematics, Science, World Language, Music, and Art. The school also has an extensive program for students with specific learning disabilities. The following is a partial listing of courses available to students:

Agriscience	Intro to Natural Resources; Principles of Animal Science (H); Principles of Plant Science (H); Landscape Design and Turf Management (H); Biotechnology (H); Veterinary Science (H); Agriculture Seminar & Mechanics (H)
Art	Fundamentals of Art; Intermediate Art; Intermediate Art (GT); Digital Arts; Digital Arts (GT); Photography Studio; Photography Studio (GT); AP Photography Studio; Studio Practice (GT); AP Studio Practice
Aviation	Principles of Aviation; Exploring Aviation and Aerospace (H); Unmanned Aircraft Systems (GT); Private Pilot Fundamentals (GT)
Business Education	Principles of Business Management; Advanced Business Management (H); Marketing I (H); Marketing II (H); Principles of Accounting (GT); Foundations of Computer Science (H); AP Computer Science Principles; AP Computer Science A
Career Research & Development	Intro to Career Research & Development; Advanced Career Research & Development; Work-Based Learning (H); Internship work experience (H)
English	English 9-12; English 9-12 (H); English 9 & 10 (GT); AP English 11; AP English 12; Intro to Creative Writing; Advanced Creative Writing (GT) ; Intro to Yearbook; Advanced Yearbook (GT); Intro to Speech (H); Theatre Arts I; Theatre Arts II (H); Advanced Theatre Arts (GT); Film Appreciation & Criticism (H); AVID 9-12; AP Seminar; AP Research
Mathematics	Algebra 1; Algebra 2; Algebra 2 (H); Algebra 2 (GT); Geometry; Geometry (H); Pre-College Math; Trigonometry with Geometry (H); College Algebra (H); Statistics (H); AP Statistics; Calculus (H); AP Calculus AB; AP Calculus BC, Concert Band; Symphonic Winds (H); Percussion Ensemble; Percussion Ensemble (H); Wind Ensemble (H); Wind Ensemble GI; Concert Orchestra; Chamber Orchestra (H); Chamber Orchestra (GT); Concert Choir; Chamber Choir (H); Chamber Choir (GT); Guitar 1 & 2; Piano 1 & 2; AP Music Theory
Music	Personal Fitness & Mastery; Health; Team Sports; Intro to Weight Training; Advanced Weight Training; Dance I-2; Dance 3-4 (H); Dance Company (GT)
Physical Education	Living Systems H & GT; AP Biology; Chemistry; Chemistry (H); Chemistry (GT); AP Chemistry; Physics (H); AP Physics 1; AP Physics C; AP Environmental Science; Integrated Physic and Chemistry (IPC); Anatomy & Physiology (H); Earth Systems (H & GT)
Science	American Government; American Government (H); American Government (GT); AP American Government; African American Studies, World History; World History (H); World History (GT); AP World History; US History; US History (H); AP US History; Personal Finance and Economic Theory (H); AP Economics; AP Psychology; AP European History; Abnormal Psychology; AP Human Geography.
Social Studies	

Technology Education

Engineering Principles (H); Engineering Tech (GT); Advanced Technological Applications & Broadcasting; Advanced Design Applications; Engineering Design & Research (GT); Foundations of Computer Science (H); AP Principles of Computer Science; AP Computer Science

World Languages

Spanish 1; Spanish 2; Spanish Language Culture (H); Spanish Special Topics (GT); AP Spanish 5; AP Spanish 6; French 1; French 2; French Language Culture (H); French Special Topics (GT); AP French 5; AP French 6

During the 2023–2024 school year, Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) updated the system’s grading policy to ensure all grades aligned to course standards. Please see the following link for more information on Baltimore County Public Schools Grading and Reporting Procedures <http://www.bcps.org/academics/grading/>

TESTING PROGRAM

SAT

	Class of 2022 of class took SAT	Class of 2021 42.7% of class took SAT	Class of 2020 98% of class took SAT	Class of 2019 96% of class took SAT
	Verbal/Math	Verbal/Math	Verbal/Math/	Verbal/Math
> HHS	580/572	611/607	574/580	594/601
> MD	546/529	542/531	539/522	535/523
> National	529/521	533/528	541/540	531/528

AP

	Class of 2022	Class of 2021	Class of 2020	Class of 2019
> No. Tests Taken	799	767	923	1130
> No. of Students	415	558	502	595
> Pass Rate	62%	73%	85%	82%

High School State Assessments (“MISA”) are given in **Biology** and (“MCAP”) Assessments are given in **American Government, English** and **Math**.

SCHOOLWIDE DAILY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE RATE — 95.1%

STATISTICS

Class of 2024 — 321 Graduates
Four-Year College 71%
Two-Year College 9%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (County and State Standards)

Subjects	Credits	Obtained Employment	Military	Obtained Employment	Military	Trade/Technology Inst.	Other
English	4.0 credits	6%	3%	6%	3%	8%	3%
Social Studies	3.5						
Math	4.0						
Science	3.0						
Physical Education	1.0						
Fine Arts	1.0						
Health	1.0						
Technology	1.0						

Grading

A (90-100) = Superior
B (80-89) = Above Average
C (70-79) = Average
D (60-69) = Below Average
E (59 and below) = Failing
P/F = Pass/Fail (no credit)

Instructional Levels

ST = Standard
GT/AA = Gifted & Talented/Advanced Academic
H = Honors
AP = Advanced Placement

Completer Programs:

- > 4.0 credits
- > University of MD System (2 yrs. min World Language)
- > Career & Technology
- > Advanced Technology

Student Service Learning: 75 hours

RANK IN CLASS

Rank in class is determined by dividing the total number of quality points by the number of credits attempted. Designated levels of instruction are shown next to each course on the student’s transcript.

COLLEGES ATTENDED BY GRADUATES (Partial Listing of Recent Graduates):

American University	Goucher College	Roanoke College	University of Pennsylvania
Auburn University	Harvard University	Salisbury University	University of Pittsburgh
Berklee College of Music	Hofstra University	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Richmond
Boston College	Ithaca College	St. Mary’s College of MD	University of S. Carolina
Boston University	James Madison University	Stanford University	University of S. Calif.
Brown University	Johns Hopkins University	Stevenson University	University of Tampa
Bucknell University	Lafayette College	Syracuse University	University of Vermont
Cal Tech	Lehigh University	Temple University	University of Virginia
Cal Poly	Loyola University in MD	Towson University	U.S. Air Force Academy
Carnegie Mellon	Lynchburg College	Tufts University	U.S. Army
Clemson University	Mary Washington Univ.	UCLA	U.S. Coast Guard
Coastal Carolina University	McDaniel College	UMBC	U.S. Military Academy
College of Charleston	MICA	UNC, Chapel Hill	U.S. Naval Academy
Colorado State University	MIT	UNC, Wilmington	Vanderbilt University
Cornell University	Mount Saint Mary’s College	University of Alabama	Villanova University
Dartmouth University	NC State University	University of Chicago	Virginia Tech
Dickinson College	New York University	University of Colorado	Wake Forest University
Drexel University	Northeastern University	University of Connecticut	Washington College
Duke University	Northwestern University	University of Delaware	West Virginia University
East Carolina University	Notre Dame of MD Univ.	University of Florida	York College of PA
Elizabethtown College	Ohio State University	University of Maryland	
Elon University	Penn State University	University of Michigan	
Florida State University	Princeton University	University of Notre Dame	
Frostburg State University	Purdue University	University of Oregon	
Georgia Tech	Randolph Macon College		
Gettysburg College	Rensselaer Polytech. Inst.		