



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 Cockeysville, 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 emotional learning teacher, 1 school psychologist, 76 instructors, 1 library media specialist, 1 career navigator, 1 work based learning coordinator, 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 1; 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 GT; 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
Physical Education	Personal Fitness & Mastery; Health; Team Sports; Intro to Weight Training; Advanced Weight Training; Dance 1-2; Dance 3-4 (H); Dance Company (GT)
Science	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)
Social Studies	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,

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

	<i>Class of 2023</i> 91% of class took SAT	<i>Class of 2022</i> 86.% of class took SAT	<i>Class of 2021</i> 42.7% of class took SAT	<i>Class of 2020</i> 98 %of class took SAT
	Verbal/Math	Verbal/Math	Verbal/Math/	Verbal/Math
➤ HHS	555/534	580/572	611/607	574/580
➤ MD	512/487	546/529	542/531	539/522
➤ National	519/505	529/521	533/528	541/540
	<i>AP Exams 2023</i>	<i>AP Exams 2022</i>	<i>AP Exams 2021</i>	<i>AP Exams 2020</i>
➤ No. Tests Taken	1,054	799	767	923
➤ No. of Students	535	415	558	502
➤ Pass Rate	83%	62%	73%	85%

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 — 94.35 %

STATISTICS

Class of 2025 — 321 Graduates

Four-Year College 71%
Two-Year College 9%

Obtained Employment 6%
Military 3%
Trade/Technology Inst. 8%
Other 3%

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS (County and State Standards)

Subjects	Levels/Weighted Scale	Grading
English	4.0 credits	A (90-100) = Superior B (80-89) = Above Average C (70-79) =
Social Studies	3.5	
Math	4.0	D (60-69) = Below Average E (59 and below) = Failing P/F = Pass/Fail (no credit)
Average		
Science	3.0	
Physical Education	1.0	
Fine Arts	1.0	
Health	1.0	
Technology	1.0	

Completer Programs: 4.0 credits: University of MD System (2 yrs. min World Language), Career & Technology, or CCRD

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