



SCHOOL PROFILE

2018-2019

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CESJDS AT A GLANCE



98 seniors in the class of 2019



80% of faculty have master's degree or higher



19 varsity sports



20 extracurricular clubs and organizations



29 seniors (46% of the Class of 2018) were awarded merit scholarships valued at \$2.6 million

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

With approximately 900 students, the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School (CESJDS), founded in 1965, is one of the largest and most prestigious JK-12 Jewish day schools in the United States. CESJDS boasts 98 seniors among a high school student body of approximately 350. The school provides an environment in which students flourish academically and are prepared for leadership and active engagement in American society and the Jewish community. CESJDS is a member of the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) and the Association of Independent Maryland Schools (AIMS). The School is approved by the State of Maryland Department of Education and accredited by AIMS.

INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM

CESJDS offers an innovative curriculum and is at the forefront of preparing students by blending knowledge and skills necessary for success in the 21st century. The curriculum is taught through a rigorous general and Judaic studies program, highlighted by the integration of technology in every discipline. Students are enrolled in eight or nine courses during an extended academic day. In addition to the traditional core courses and electives taught at the level expected of an outstanding college preparatory school, students are required to take courses in Judaic Studies, including Hebrew Language, Jewish History, and Jewish Text. Several advanced level Judaic Studies courses are conducted exclusively in Hebrew. Additional foreign language courses, including Arabic and Spanish, are offered as electives. Throughout their years at CESJDS, students excel and have regularly received recognition in the arts, athletics, and special interests. In addition, all CESJDS students are required to complete a minimum of 80 hours of community service prior to graduation. Each year our students receive an exceptionally high number of academic honors and recognition at the state and national levels.

SENIOR SEMESTER ABROAD: EXPLORING JEWISH HISTORY AND CULTURE

CESJDS seniors graduate in February and most elect to participate in the 13 week, school-sponsored trip to Israel and Eastern Europe. Led by a team of certified professional teachers, each of whom is also a licensed tour guide, students travel the length and breadth of Israel, exploring the country's history and culture through a program of study, volunteer work, and outdoor activities. During their experience abroad they also travel to Poland and the Czech Republic on a nine-day journey, exploring the history of Eastern European Jewry and the Holocaust. This semester-long program provides an invaluable opportunity for independent living, social and emotional maturation, and experiential education that prepare the seniors for a smooth transition to college.

STATISTICS FOR CLASS OF 2018

Grade Point Average for Middle 50%	3.50-4.55
SAT Reading Middle 50%	620-730
SAT Math Middle 50%	610-780
SAT Writing Middle 50%	34-38
ACT Middle 50%	26-32

HONORS & RECOGNITION FOR CLASS OF 2018

1 National Merit Scholar

2 National Merit Finalists

9 National Merit Commended Students

CURRICULUM LEVELS

Beginning with the Class of 2015, CESJDS transitioned to a two-level system of course offerings. Enriched College Prep (ECP) courses are rigorous, challenging, and nurture creativity, critical thinking, and collaborative learning skills. Advanced (ADV) courses expect that students will demonstrate significant skills in independent work, oral and written expression, critical and original thinking, and intense motivation toward their learning. CESJDS offers Mathematics and Hebrew Language courses at multiple levels. The Hebrew levels are determined by testing and placement through the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) standards.

In keeping with the school's tradition, one that emphasizes personal academic discovery, creativity, and a deep exploration of course material, CESJDS does not offer Advanced Placement (AP) courses. However, students may elect to take AP exams.

UPPER SCHOOL PROGRAM

ENGLISH

4 credits required

English 9, 10, 11 (ECP, ADV)*
English 12 (1/2 credit) (ECP, ADV)
English World Lit (1/2 credit; ECP, ADV)

MATHEMATICS

3.5 credits required

Geometry (ECP, ACC, ADV)
Formal Geometry (ADV)
Algebra II (ECP, ACC, ADV)
Pre-Calculus (ECP, ACC, ADV)
Data Analysis & Statistics (ECP)
Principles of Calculus (ACC, ADV)
Calculus I (ADV)
Multivariable Calculus (ADV)
ACC=Accelerated

SCIENCE

3.5 credits required

Biology I (ECP, ADV)
Chemistry (ECP, ACC, ADV),
Organic Chemistry (ADV)
Physics I (ECP, ADV), Physics II (ADV),
Physics III (ADV)
Genetics/Biotechnology I and II (ECP, ADV)
Bioengineering (ADV)
Anatomy & Physiology (ECP)

HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

3.5 credits required

World History I (ECP, ADV)
World History II (ECP, ADV)
United States History (ECP, ADV)
History Distribution (1/2 credit; ECP, ADV)

JEWISH HISTORY

2 credits required; 5 credits available

Ancient/Medieval Jewish History (ECP, ADV)
Modern Jewish History I & II (ECP, ADV)
Modern Israel (ECP, ADV)
Jewish History Distributions (ECP, ADV)

JEWISH TEXT

2.5 credits required; 5.5 credits available

Courses offered in English (ECP, ADV) and Hebrew (ADV):

Ancient Hebrew Literature
Biblical Interpretation
Ethics
Jewish Law
Philosophy
Talmud Study
Theology

*ECP=Enriched College Prep | ADV=Advanced

HEBREW LANGUAGE

2 credits required, 3.5 available

Hebrew Language (Levels 1-5 ECP, Levels 6-9 ADV)
Hebrew Literature (Level 12 ADV)

ELECTIVES

3 elective credits required from either Foreign

Language, Fine Arts, or other subjects
Spanish I, II (ECP), Spanish III, IV, V (ECP, ADV)
Spanish VI (ADV)
Arabic I, II (ECP)
Arabic III, IV (ADV)
Art/Graphic Design
Journalism/Yearbook
Music/Ceramics/Photography
Psychology (ECP, ADV)
Sports Medicine I and II
Computer Science I (ECP, ADV) and II (ADV)
Coding in Python I and II & Java I (ECP, ADV)

EXERCISE SCIENCE

1.5 credits required

Human Development
Physical Education
Students participating on an athletic team may earn up to one credit in Exercise Science.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

96% of our students attend a four-year college or university. The classes of 2016-2018 were accepted by the following colleges and universities. (* = matriculation)

The University of Alabama (2)*
American University (3)*
Amherst College
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
The University of Arizona
Barnard College
Beloit College
Bennington College (1)*
Berklee College of Music (1)*
Binghamton University (2)*
Boston University (3)*
Brandeis University (6)*
University of British Columbia
Brown University (2)*
Bryn Mawr College (2)*
Bucknell University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles (2)*
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
Case Western Reserve University
Catawba College
University of Central Florida
Chapman University
College of Charleston (3)*
University of Chicago (2)*
The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina
Clark University
Colby College (1)*
Colgate University (1)*
University of Colorado at Boulder
Colorado State University
Columbia University (2)*
University of Connecticut
Cornell University (2)*
University of Delaware (10)*
University of Denver
Dickinson College (3)*
Drexel University (1)*
Duke University (4)*
Eckerd College (1)*
Elon University (2)*
Emerson College

Emory University (5)*
Fashion Institute of Technology
Florida Atlantic University
Florida State University
University of Florida (2)*
Franklin & Marshall College (3)*
Frostburg State University (1)*
George Mason University
The George Washington University (3)*
Georgetown University (2)*
Georgia Institute of Technology
Gettysburg College
Goucher College (1)*
Hampshire College
University of Hartford (1)*
Haverford College (1)*
High Point University
Hofstra University (1)*
Hood College
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Indiana University at Bloomington (1)*
The University of Iowa
Ithaca College
James Madison University
Jewish Theological Seminary of America (1)*
Johns Hopkins University (3)*
Juniata College
University of Kansas (1)*
King's College London
Knox College
Lafayette College
Lehigh University (2)*
Longwood University
Macalester College
University of Maryland, Baltimore County (1)*
University of Maryland, College Park (61)*
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (2)*
University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2)*
McDaniel College
McGill University
McMaster University
The University of Memphis
Miami University, Oxford (1)*

University of Miami (3)*
Michigan State University
University of Michigan (5)*
Middlebury College
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
University of Missouri Columbia
The University of Montana, Missoula
Montgomery College (4)*
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College (3)*
University of New Hampshire at Durham
New York University (5)*
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
University of North Carolina at Wilmington
Northeastern University (2)*
Northwestern University (2)*
Occidental College (1)*
Ohio University
Oklahoma State University (1)*
Old Dominion University
University of Oregon
Pennsylvania State University (3)*
University of Pennsylvania (2)*
University of Pittsburgh (1)*
Plymouth University
Princeton University (5)*
Purchase College State University of New York
Purdue University
Queen's University, Canada (1)*
Queens University of Charlotte
University of Redlands (1)*
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (1)*
University of Rhode Island
Rice University (2)*
University of Richmond
Roanoke College
University of Rochester (1)*
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
Ryerson University
Salisbury University (1)*
San Diego State University (1)*
University of San Francisco
Sarah Lawrence College (1)*

School of Visual Arts (1)*
Skidmore College
Smith College
University of South Carolina
University of South Florida, Tampa
University of Southern California (1)*
St. Mary's College of Maryland
State University of New York at Albany
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
SUNY College at Potsdam
Susquehanna University (1)*
Syracuse University (3)*
The University of Tampa (1)*
Temple University
The University of Texas, Austin
The New School
Touro College
Towson University (13)*
Trinity College
Tulane University (4)*
The University of Edinburgh (1)*
University of St Andrews
Ursinus College
Vanderbilt University (2)*
University of Vermont (2)*
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Military Institute (1)*
Virginia Tech
University of Virginia
Washington College
Washington University in St. Louis (5)*
University of Waterloo
Wellesley College (1)*
Wesleyan University
West Virginia University
Western University
College of William and Mary
Williams College
University of Wisconsin, Madison (5)*
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University (2)*
Yeshiva University
York College of Pennsylvania