

SCHOOL PROFILE

2019-2020



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CESJDS AT A GLANCE



82 seniors in the class of 2020



80% of faculty have master's degree or higher



19 varsity sports



20 extracurricular clubs and organizations



34 seniors (35% of the Class of 2019) were awarded merit scholarships valued at \$3.6 million

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

With over 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 82 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. 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 2019

Grade Point Average for Middle 50%	3.78-4.51
SAT Reading Middle 50%	625-740
SAT Math Middle 50%	575-735
SAT Writing Middle 50%	33-36
ACT Middle 50%	27-34

HONORS & RECOGNITION FOR CLASS OF 2019

- 4 National Merit Scholars
- 6 National Merit Finalists
- 8 National Merit Commended Students
- 1 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar

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, 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)
21st Century American Identity (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)
Heritage Learners (ECP, 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), III, IV (ADV)
Art/Graphic Design/Ceramics/Music
Journalism/Yearbook/Photography/Film
Sports Medicine I and II and Kinesiology
Computer Science/Coding I, II (ECP, ADV)
Coding in Python I and II & Java I (ECP, ADV)
STEM courses (ECP, ADV)
American Women's History (ECP, ADV)
Creative Writing (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 2017-2019 were accepted by the following colleges and universities. (* = matriculation)

The University of Alabama (2)*	Emory University (4)*	Middlebury College	Smith College
American University (3)*	Fashion Institute of Technology	Montgomery College (8)*	University of South Florida, Tampa
Arizona State University	Florida Atlantic University	Mount Holyoke College	University of Southern California (1)*
The University of Arizona	Florida State University	Muhlenberg College (1)*	St. Mary's College of Maryland
Barnard College (2)*	University of Florida (1)*	Nativ	Stetson University
Beloit College	Franklin & Marshall College (2)*	University of New Hampshire at Durham	Stevenson University
Bennington College	Frostburg State University (1)*	New York University (7)*	Suffolk University
Binghamton University (3)*	George Mason University	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	SUNY Albany
Boston College (1)*	The George Washington University (2)*	University of North Carolina at Greensboro	SUNY College at Potsdam
Boston University (1)*	Georgetown University (3)*	University of North Carolina at Greensboro	Susquehanna University (1)*
Bowdoin College (1)*	Georgia Institute of Technology (2)*	University of North Carolina at Wilmington	Syracuse University (5)*
Brandeis University (8)*	Gettysburg College	University of North Florida	The University of Tampa (2)*
University of British Columbia	Goucher College (1)*	Northeastern University (2)*	Temple University
Brown University (2)*	University of Hartford (1)*	Northwestern University (3)*	Texas A&M University
Bryn Mawr College (2)*	Haverford College (2)*	Nova Southeastern University (1)*	The University of Texas, Austin
Bucknell University	High Point University	Occidental College (1)*	The New School
University of California, Berkeley	Hofstra University (1)*	Ohio University	The Ohio State University
University of California, Los Angeles	Hood College	Oklahoma State University	Touro College
University of California, Los Angeles (1)*	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign	Old Dominion University	Towson University (9)*
University of California, San Diego	Indiana University at Bloomington (4)*	Pace University (2)*	Trinity College
University of California, Santa Barbara	The University of Iowa	University of the Pacific	Tulane University (4)*
Carnegie Mellon University	Ithaca College	Pennsylvania State University (3)*	Union College (New York)
Case Western Reserve University (2)*	James Madison University	University of Pennsylvania (3)*	The University of Edinburgh (1)*
Catawba College	Jewish Theological Seminary of America (1)*	University of Pittsburgh (2)*	University of St. Andrews
University of Central Florida	Johns Hopkins University (2)*	Pratt Institute	Ursinus College
Chapman University	Juniata College	Princeton University (1)*	Vanderbilt University (2)*
College of Charleston (6)*	University of Kansas	Purchase College, SUNY	Vassar College (1)*
University of Chicago (4)*	King's College London	Purdue University	University of Vermont (1)*
The Citadel	Knox College	Queen's University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Clark University	Lafayette College	Queens University of Charlotte	Virginia Military Institute (1)*
Colby College	Lehigh University (1)*	University of Redlands (1)*	Virginia Tech
Colgate University (2)	Longwood University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (1)*	University of Virginia
University of Colorado at Boulder	Macalester College	University of Rhode Island	Washington College
Colorado State University	University of Mary Washington	Rice University (1)*	Washington University in St. Louis (7)*
Columbia University (1)*	University of Maryland, Baltimore County (1)*	University of Richmond	University of Waterloo
University of Connecticut	University of Maryland, College Park (58)*	Ringling College of Art and Design	Wellesley College (1)*
Cornell University (3)*	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1)*	Roanoke College	Wesleyan University
Dartmouth College (1)*	University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2)*	University of Rochester	West Virginia University
University of Delaware (9)*	McDaniel College	Rutgers University	Western University
University of Denver	McGill University	Ryerson University	Widener University
Dickinson College (3)*	McMaster University	Salisbury University	College of William & Mary (1)*
Drexel University (2)*	The University of Memphis	San Diego State University (2)*	University of Wisconsin, Madison (5)*
Duke University (3)*	Miami University, Oxford (1)*	University of San Francisco	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Eckerd College (1)*	University of Miami (2)*	Sarah Lawrence College (1)*	Yale University (2)*
Elon University (3)*	Michigan State University	School of Visual Arts (1)*	Yeshiva University
Emerson College	University of Michigan (8)*	Skidmore College (1)*	York College of Pennsylvania