



THE GUNSTON SCHOOL | 2022-2023

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230 students

from eight counties in Maryland, Delaware + four countries

11 average class size

9:1 student: faculty RATIO

18

sports teams including sailing, crew, cross country, golf, triathlon and volleyball

17 AP courses available

35-acre waterfront campus

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COURSES OFFERED

ENGLISH: English 9, English 10/Honors, English 11/Honors, AP Literature and Composition, Foundational Stories, Shakespeare, Wilderness Literature Postmodern Literature, Minorities Literature, Stories and Science in the Anthropocene.

FINE ARTS: Pottery I, Pottery II, AP 2-D Design, Beginner Photography, Digital Photography, Environmental Art, Yearbook, Fundamentals of Art, Drawing & Painting, Wood Sculpture, and Studio Techniques.

HISTORY: Foundations of Civilization, American Government, AP U.S. Government & Politics, AP Comparative Government & Politics, United States History, AP United States History, AP European History, Ethics, Practical Law, History of Modern Africa, and Modern African-American History.

LAB SCIENCES: Anatomy & Physiology, Biology, Honors Biology, AP Biology, Brain Science, Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, AP Chemistry, Physics, Honors Physics, AP Physics C Mechanics, AP Environmental Science, Ecology of the Bay, Wellness.

MATH: Algebra I, Honors Algebra I, Geometry, Honors Geometry, Algebra II/Honors Algebra II, College Algebra, Precalculus, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics

PERFORMING ARTS: Introduction to Music, AP Music Theory, Gunston Chorale, Guitare/Ukulele Methods, Contemporary Ensemble, Ukulele Orchestra, Piano Lab, Music in Film, and Theatre.

COMPUTER SCIENCE: AP Computer Science A, AP Computer Science Principles, Topics in Computer Languages, Introduction to Computer, Robotics-FTC, Robotics-Lego, and Coastal Resilience.

WORLD LANGUAGES: Spanish Fundamentals (I,II), Spanish Intermediate (I, II, III), Spanish Advanced (I, II), Honors Spanish III, Spanish IV, Honors Spanish IV, AP Spanish Language and Composition, Introduction to Hispanic Studies.

DISTINCTIVE PROGRAMS

THE ENVIRONMENT:

Chesapeake Bay Studies

(Climate Science Graduation Requirement)

Each year, students complete a week-long immersive program exploring life in and around the Chesapeake Bay including environmental studies, history, and social and cultural influences, incorporating field trips, analysis of primary sources, in-depth study of specific topics, discussion, journal writing, lab work, and computer analysis.

Chesapeake Watershed Semester

This program is a single-semester, place-based academic program for juniors and seniors. The program aims to cultivate reflective and confident students and leaders who can promote regional and global environmental sustainability through their understanding of scientific, social, cultural, and political systems.

WRITING:

Junior Symposium

Students select an author of focus read five of their works and research the author's life, then devise an original thesis (approx. 15 pages in length) on their synthesis of the author's works.

Senior Paradigm Project

Students complete a summative narrative of how their years at Gunston shaped their own "language of values."

LEADERSHIP:

Senior Internships

Seniors who meet established criteria have the opportunity to create and define a two week internship experience in lieu of taking final examinations.

Leadership Institute

Student leaders from various clubs, student government, and athletics meet to learn about leadership practices and set goals for the year, as well as help facilitate the 9th grade retreat.

Student Diversity Leaders

Students represent and present at the NAIS Student Diversity Leadership Conference, and co-plan and facilitate Global Awareness Day in the spring.

STEM:

Robotics

The robotics team competes every year in the First Tech Challenge competition, constructing a remote-controlled robot using an Android controller and extensive parts list.

Rocketry

Science & Engineering Club students participate in the TARC Project (The American Rocketry Challenge), working in teams to design, stimulate, construct, and test their rockets, before competing in the Maryland Delaware Rocketry Association's Red Glare Event.

GPA Distribution Chart

Average GPA: 3.51

2.25 - 2.5	1.70%
2.5 - 2.75	0%
2.75 - 3	8.60%
3 - 3.25	12.10%
3.0 - 3.25	16.60%
3.25 - 3.5	22.4%
3.5 - 3.75	25.80%
3.75 - 4.0	29.30%

Grading Scale

Grade Range	Point
A	93-100
A-	90-92
B+	88-89
B	83-87
B-	80-82
C+	78-79
C	73-77
C-	70-72
D+	68-69
D	63-67
D-	60-62
F	0-59

A student's GPA is calculated from academic coursework and does not include fine arts/performing arts courses or athletics. Gunston does not weight honors or AP courses. Due to small class size and the selective nature of admissions, Gunston does not rank students.

COVID-19

Gunston kept its grading system and the same levels of high expectations for distance learning. Students returned in person in Fall 2021.

For the 21-22 academic year, in-person learning is required, with distance learning only available to those in limited circumstances.

Accreditation and Membership

- Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools
- Association of Independent Maryland and DC Schools
- National Association of Independent Schools
- The National Association for College Admission Counseling
- The College Board
- Potomac & Chesapeake Association of College Admission Counselors
- Maryland Green Schools
- Council for the Advancement and Support of Education

2022-2023 Advanced Placement Course Offerings:

Depending on student interest, we offer between 16 to 20 courses per year.

English Literature
Spanish Language
US History
US Government & Politics
Comparative Government
European History
Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Statistics
Biology
Chemistry
Physics Mechanics C
Environmental Science
Computer Science Principles
Computer Science A
Art 2-D Design
Music Theory

Honors Course Offerings:

Algebra I & II
Biology
British Literature
Chemistry
English 10, 11
Geometry
Literature
Physics
Post-Modern Lit.
Pre-Calculus
Spanish II, III, IV, V

PROGRAM

The Gunston School endorses a student-centered philosophy that encourages achievement and personal growth by emphasizing the balanced development of the whole student—intellectually, morally, culturally, and physically. The academic requirements for graduation include a minimum of 24 credits across the following content areas:

- **English:** (4 credits)
- **Foreign Language:** 3 credits in Spanish or 2 credits in Spanish and 2 credits in a second World Language via a school-approved online learning provider.
- **History:** (3 credits) including courses in United States History and American Government.
- **Math:** (3 credits) including courses in Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.
- **Science:** (3 credits) in laboratory science including courses in Biology, Chemistry, and Wellness.
- **Computer Science:** (.25 credit)
- **Art & Music:** (2 credits) .5 credit per year
- **Athletics:** (2 credits) students must participate in two seasons of athletics per year
- **Chesapeake Bay Studies:** (1 credit) students earn .25 credit each year
- **Community Service:** 15 hours for incoming seniors, 30 hours for incoming juniors, 45 hours for incoming freshmen and sophomores.

Courses taken through an approved, accredited program are listed on the student's Gunston transcript. **Distinctions:** "High Honors" is earned with an average of 93 or higher. "Honors" is earned with an average of 90 or higher.

Disciplinary Reporting: As an institutional member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), Gunston will disclose disciplinary infractions resulting in suspension or dismissal to colleges and universities to which the student applied.

The 53-member class of 2022 earned \$7.8 million in merit-based aid for college!

Colleges and Universities accepting Gunston students in the last three years. Matriculations are in bold.

Agnes Scott College	George Mason University	Pennsylvania State University	University of Denver
Alfred University (1)	George Washington University	Pennsylvania State University, Scranton	University of Idaho
Allegheny College	Gettysburg College	Point Park University	University of Montana
American University (1)	Goucher College	Pratt Institute	University of Tampa
Amherst College (1)	Guilford College	Purdue University	Universal Technical Institute of Pennsylvania, Inc. (1)
Appalachian State University	Hampden-Sydney College (3)	Quinnipiac University	University of Illinois, Chicago (1)
Arizona State University, Tempe	High Point University (4)	Randolph-Macon College	University of Kentucky
Auburn University	Hillsdale College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Lynchburg
Babson College	Hobart William Smith Colleges	Roanoke College	University of Mary Washington
Baylor University	Ithaca College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Maryland, Baltimore County
Belmont University	Jacksonville University	Roger Williams University	University of Maryland, College Park (1)
Boston University (1)	James Madison University	Rollins College	University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Bowie State University (1)	Johnson & Wales University (1)	Rutgers University	University of Mississippi
Bryant University	Juniata College (1)	Saint Edward's University	University of New Hampshire
Bucknell University	Lafayette College	Saint Joseph's University	Univ. of North Carolina School of the Arts
Catholic University of America	Lewis & Clark College	Salisbury University (2)	Univ. of North Carolina Wilmington (1)
Centre College	Liberty University (1)	Salve Regina University	University of Pennsylvania (1)
Champlain College	Louisiana State University	Sarah Lawrence College (1)	University of Pittsburgh
Chapman University (1)	Loyola State University	Savannah College of Art & Design	University of Puget Sound
Christopher Newport University	Loyola Marymount University	Slippery Rock University of PA (1)	University of Redlands
Citadel Military College of South Carolina	Loyola University Maryland	St. John's University	University of Richmond
Clarkson University	Louis Guido Carli University	St. Mary's College of Maryland (2)	Stetson University
Clemson University	Marist College	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of San Francisco
Coastal Carolina University	Marquette University	Stevenson University	University of South Carolina
College of Charleston (2)	Marymount Manhattan College	Stony Brook University	University of Southern California (1)
College of the Holy Cross	Massachusetts Maritime Academy	Susquehanna University	University of Tennessee, Knoxville (1)
College of William and Mary	McDaniel College	Syracuse University	University of Utah (1)
Colorado College	Mercyhurst University	Temple University	University of Vermont
Colorado State University	Merrimack College	Texas Christian University	University of Virginia
Dakota State University (1)	Miami University	Texas Tech University	Universiteit van Amsterdam (1)
Denison University	Michigan State University	The College of Wooster	Ursinus College (1)
Dickinson College (1)	Monmouth University (1)	The New School	Villanova University
Drew University	Montana State University (1)	Towson University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Drexel University (1)	Mount St. Mary's University	Union College	Virginia Military Institute
Duquesne University	New York University (1)	United States Merchant Marine Academy	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (3)
East Carolina University	North Carolina State University at Raleigh	United States Naval Academy (1)	Virginia Wesleyan University
Elizabethtown College	Northeastern University	University of Alabama	Wake Forest University
Elon University	Northern Arizona University (1)	University of Alaska Fairbanks	Washington and Lee University (1)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical	Ohio State University	University of Arizona	Washington College (2)
Emerson College	Ohio Wesleyan University	University at Buffalo	Wentworth Institute of Technology
Emory University	Oklahoma State University (1)	University of California, Davis	West Virginia University (1)
Fairfield University	Old Dominion University	University of California, Santa Barbara	Wheaton College
Flagler College	Otis College of Art and Design	University of California, Santa Cruz	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Florida Institute of Technology (1)	Pace University	University of Colorado Boulder	
Fordham University	Palm Beach Atlantic University	University of Connecticut	
Franklin and Marshall College	Paul Smith's College	University of Delaware	
Furman University	Pennsylvania College of Art and Design		
	Pennsylvania College of Technology		