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CESJDS AT A GLANCE



77 seniors in the class of 2023



80% of faculty have
master's degree or higher



19 varsity sports



27 extracurricular clubs
and organizations



45 seniors (52% of the
Class of 2022) were
awarded merit scholarships
valued at \$6.24 million

COVID-19 UPDATE

For the class of 2023, COVID resulted in a virtual learning environment for the spring and fall of 2020 with no break in studies. During this time, the students continued to receive assignments and grades as they normally do. Since November 2020 classes have been taught in person.

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

With approximately 870 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 77 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. The School is approved by the State of Maryland Department of Education and accredited by the Association of Independent Maryland Schools (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. Jewish History courses are aligned with the skills standards of the History Department. Jewish Text courses teach critical analysis, problem-solving, close reading, and argumentation skills that are applicable across the curriculum. 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. All CESJDS students are required to complete a minimum of 80 hours of community service prior to graduation. Each year our students receive a 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, 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.

STATISTICS FOR CLASS OF 2022

Grade Point Average for Middle 50%	3.81-4.67
SAT Evidence Based Reading Middle 50%	640-750
SAT Math Middle 50%	610-770
ACT Middle 50%	29-34

HONORS & RECOGNITION FOR CLASS OF 2022

2 National Merit Finalists

18 National Merit Commended Students

CURRICULUM LEVELS

CESJDS offers 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.

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

HIGH 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 (ENR, ACC, 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)
Statistics (ADV)
ACC=Accelerated | ENR=Enriched

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)
Ecology and Climate Science (ECP, ADV)

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 (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 text (ADV):
Ancient Hebrew Literature
Biblical Interpretation
Ethics
Jewish Law
Philosophy
Talmud Study
Theology

*ECP=Enriched College Prep | ADV=Advanced (highest level)

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/Movie Making
Emergency Care and Sport Safety
Computer Programming I,II, III, IV (ADV)
Programming I, II, III, IV
STEM courses (ECP, ADV)
Creative Writing (ECP, ADV)
Psychology (ECP, ADV)
Kinesiology and Athletic Training

EXERCISE SCIENCE

1 credit required

Physical Education

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

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

97% of our students attend a four-year college or university. The classes of 2020-2022 were accepted by the following colleges and universities. (* = matriculation)

Adelphi University
The University of Alabama (1)*
Albright College
American University (4)*
Appalachian State University
Arizona State University
University of Arizona (3)*
Babson College
Baldwin Wallace University
Barnard College (2)*
Barry University
Bates College (1)*
Berklee College of Music
Binghamton University (2)*
Boston College (2)*
Boston University (3)*
Bradley University
Brandeis University (6)*
University of British Columbia
Brown University (1)*
Bryn Mawr College (1)*
Butler University
California Polytechnic State
University-San Luis Obispo
University of California-Los Angeles (1)*
University of California-San Diego
University of California-Santa Barbara
Case Western Reserve University (5)*
The Catholic University of America
University of Central Florida (2)*
College of Charleston (3)*
University of Chicago (3)*
Christopher Newport University
University of Cincinnati
Claremont McKenna College (1)*
Clark University
Colgate University (1)*
University of Colorado Boulder (3)*
University of Colorado Denver
Colorado College
Colorado State University
Columbia University (1)*
Connecticut College
University of Connecticut
Cornell College
Cornell University (2)*
Curry College (1)*
Dean College
University of Delaware (2)*
University of Denver
Dickinson College (1)*
Drexel University (2)*

Duke University (1)*
Earlham College
Eckerd College (1)*
Elon University (4)*
Emory University (7)*
Fairleigh Dickinson University-Florham
Campus
Fashion Institute of Technology
Florida Atlantic University
Florida Institute of Technology
Florida International University (1)*
Florida State University (1)*
University of Florida
Fordham University
Franklin and Marshall College
Frostburg State University
George Mason University (1)*
George Washington University (8)*
Georgetown University (2)*
Georgia Institute of Technology-Main
Campus
Gettysburg College
Goucher College (1)*
Hamilton College (1)*
University of Hartford
Harvard University (3)*
High Point University
Hobart William Smith Colleges (1)*
Hofstra University (2)*
Hood College
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Indiana University-Bloomington (8)*
Iowa State University
Ithaca College
James Madison University (1)*
Johns Hopkins University (2)*
University of Kansas
Kent State University at Kent (2)*
Kenyon College
Knox College
Lafayette College (1)*
Lebanon Valley College
Lehigh University (5)*
LIM College
List College - JTS - Barnard College (2)*
List College - JTS - Columbia University (1)*
Longwood University
Lynn University
University of Mary Washington
University of Maryland-Baltimore County (5)*
University of Maryland-College Park (33)*
Massachusetts College of Art and Design

University of Massachusetts-Amherst (1)*
Merrimack College
Miami University, Oxford
University of Miami (2)*
Michigan State University (1)*
University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (8)*
Middle Tennessee State University
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
Montclair State University
Montgomery College (5)*
Mount Holyoke College
Muhlenberg College (5)*
Nazareth College
University of New Hampshire
New York University (3)*
University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Northeastern University (3)*
Northwestern University (3)*
Nova Southeastern University (1)*
Oberlin College (1)*
The Oberlin Conservatory of Music
Ohio University-Main Campus
Old Dominion University (1)*
Emory University-Oxford College
Pace University
Peabody Conservatory of The Johns Hopkins
University (1)*
Pennsylvania State University-Penn State
Main Campus
University of Pennsylvania (3)*
University of Pittsburgh-Pittsburgh Campus (4)*
Pratt Institute (1)*
Princeton University (1)*
SUNY at Purchase College
Purdue University
Radford University
Reed College
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
University of Rhode Island (1)*
Rhodes College (1)*
Rice University (1)*
University of Richmond
Robert Morris University
Rochester Institute of Technology
University of Rochester (2)*
Rollins College
Rowan University
Rutgers University-New Brunswick (1)*
Rutgers University-Newark
Salisbury University
San Diego State University
Sarah Lawrence College

Savannah College of Art & Design
School of Visual Arts (1)*
Skidmore College
Smith College (1)*
University of South Carolina-Columbia (1)*
University of South Florida
University of Southern California
St Bonaventure University
St. Mary's College of Maryland
St Olaf College
Stetson University
Stevenson University
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
Syracuse University (5)*
The University of Tampa (1)*
Tel Aviv University
Tel Aviv University/Columbia University
Dual Program
Temple University
The University of Tennessee-Knoxville
The University of Texas at Austin
The New School
The New School (Parsons School of Design)
Ohio State University-Main Campus (3)*
University of Toronto
Towson University
Towson University (1)*
Towson University
Trinity College
Tufts University (4)*
Tulane University of Louisiana (8)*
Union College (NY)
The University of Edinburgh
University of Oregon
Ursinus College (1)*
Vanderbilt University (1)*
Vassar College (2)*
University of Vermont
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State
University
University of Virginia-Main Campus (4)*
Wake Forest University
Washington College (1)*
Washington University in St Louis (10)*
University of Washington-Seattle Campus
West Virginia University
William & Mary (3)*
University of Wisconsin-Madison (5)*
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Yeshiva University (Stern College for Women)