

THE HOWARD SCHOOL

2021-2022

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## *note* ABOUT THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

The Howard School offered in-person, on-campus learning for all students throughout the 2020-2021 school year. The High School followed a 5-day rotating block schedule during this time. All sports and most clubs and co-curriculars were canceled for the year. The High School has returned to its normal schedule for the 2021-2022 school year, and some sports, clubs, and co-curriculars are being offered.

### *curriculum*

High School students study a college preparatory curriculum that enables them to learn confidently and become self-advocates for their own learning. Classes are small and students have the opportunity to ask many questions and use strategies such as assistive technology. Our school year is divided into two semesters, each 18 weeks long, separated by a mini-mester in early January where students explore a variety of elective courses. Due to a small high school student population of approximately 125 students, Advanced Placement (AP) and honors classes are not offered, although occasionally high-performing students will take an online AP course. Mathematics is offered through Calculus. Sciences include Physical Science, Biology, Environmental Science and either Chemistry or Earth/Space Science. Students may take either Spanish or American Sign Language. Elective offerings include Robotics, Drama, Film Studies, Yearbook and Journalism, Writing Lab, Math Lab, Music, Art, and the Senior Capstone Project.

### *grading*

Howard reports GPA on a standard 4.0 scale but neither ranks students nor weights courses. Approximately 60 percent of Howard graduates over the past three years have received the HOPE Scholarship, Georgia's merit based scholarship for students who achieve a 3.0 GPA and take at least four courses of rigor.

Since its founding in 1950, Howard has educated students ages five through 12th grade who have diagnosed language-based disabilities or learning differences, such as dyslexia or attention deficit disorder.

*A total of 23 Carnegie units must be accrued prior to graduation as follows:*

*4 credits* English

*1 credit* Health/Physical Education

*4 credits* Mathematics

*2 credits* Foreign Language

(of the same language)

*3 credits* Social Studies

(Including Government and Economics)

*5 credits* Electives

*4 credits* Sciences

*Rigor courses include:*

- Chemistry
- Algebra 2

- Pre-Calculus/Calculus
- Spanish 2, 3 & 4

- ASL 2 & 3
- Constitutional Theory

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## *co-curricular activities*

Students are encouraged to participate in athletics, honor council, a literary magazine, student government, and student-initiated clubs. Varsity athletics include cross-country, soccer, basketball, swimming, volleyball, track & field, golf, and baseball. Club offerings differ each year depending on student interest and initiative but often include Debate, STEAM Projects, Chess Club, Community Service, Court Sports, and Documentary Film Studies.

## *senior capstone project*

The Senior Capstone Project (1/2 credit) is a year-long, largely self-directed course for seniors that culminates in a two-week spring internship, and equips students with specific skills related to communicating professionally, as well as understanding and advocating for their unique learning profile and recommended accommodations.

### NEUROSCIENCE

informs the school's curricula and pedagogy. Student-led conferences, goal setting, and e-portfolios support the teaching of cognitive function, particularly how executive functioning impacts learning, leading students to understand who they are as learners and to develop the strategies to advocate for who they are and what they need.

Located in the heart of the City of Atlanta,  
**HOWARD IS A DIVERSE COMMUNITY OF APPROXIMATELY 345 LEARNERS**  
from many parts of the greater Atlanta area representing nearly 70 zip codes.

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# ACCEPTANCES *of* HOWARD SCHOOL GRADUATES

## COLLEGE ATTENDANCE AND ACT RANGES

For the 2016-2021 graduating classes, more than 89% have attended college or technical school. The list of institutions where our graduates have been accepted and attended is below. Howard began offering the ACT in the fall of 2014 and none of the current seniors have taken the SAT. For 2019 through 2021 graduates, about 50 students have taken the ACT. Their best composite scores range from 12 to 33 with the English subsection ranging from 10 to 35 and the Math subsection ranging from 13 to 29.

2016-  
2021

Abilene Christian University  
Abraham Baldwin  
Agricultural College  
Adelphi University  
Agnes Scott College  
Albany State University  
**American University**  
**Andrew College**  
Appalachian State  
University  
Auburn University  
**Beacon College**  
**Belmont College**  
**Berea College**  
**Berry College**  
**Birmingham-Southern  
College**  
Bradley University  
Brenau University  
**Brevard College**  
Campbell University  
Centre College  
**Chatham University**  
**Chattahoochee Technical  
College**  
Clark University  
Clayton State University  
**Clemson University**  
College of Charleston  
**College of Coastal Georgia**  
Colorado School of the  
Mines  
Columbia College  
Chicago  
**Columbus State University**  
Connecticut College  
**Curry College**  
Dalton State University  
Dean College  
DePaul University  
Drexel University  
**Duquesne University**  
**Eckerd College**  
Edinboro University (PA)

**Elon University**  
**Embry-Riddle**  
**Aeronautical University**  
Emmanuel College  
Emory and Henry College  
Emory University  
Furman University  
Gardner-Webb University  
**Georgia College and  
State University**  
**Georgia Gwinnett College**  
**Georgia Perimeter College**  
**Georgia Southern  
University**  
**Georgia Southwestern  
State University**  
**Georgia State University**  
**Georgia Tech -  
EXCEL Program**  
Goucher College  
Guilford College  
**Gwinnett Technical  
College**  
**Hampton University**  
**High Point University**  
Hope College  
Illinois State University  
Ithaca College  
**Jacksonville University**  
Johnson and Wales  
University  
**Kennesaw State University**  
Kennesaw State University -  
ASCE Program  
Lee University  
Lenoir-Rhyne University  
Lesley University  
Louisiana State University  
Loyola University  
**Lynn University**  
Maryland Institute of Art  
Marymount Manhattan  
College  
**McDaniel College**

Memphis College of Art  
**Mercer University**  
Middle Georgia College  
**Middle Tennessee State  
University**  
Midway College  
**Mitchell College**  
Morehouse College  
**Mount Ida College**  
**National Aviation  
Academy**  
**Oglethorpe University**  
Ohio State University  
Presbyterian College  
Queens University of  
Charlotte  
**Reinhardt University**  
Roger Williams University  
Saint Mary's College  
Saint Michael's College  
**Samford University**  
**Savannah College of Art  
and Design**  
**Shorter University**  
**Southern Polytechnic  
State University**  
Southwestern University  
Spelman College  
**Springfield College**  
Springhill College  
**St. Leo University**  
Sweet Briar College  
Stetson University  
Suffolk University  
Texas Tech University  
University of Colorado,  
Boulder  
University of Colorado,  
Colorado Springs  
University of Colorado,  
Denver  
University of Denver  
**University of Georgia**

University of Illinois,  
Chicago  
**University of Indianapolis**  
University of Mississippi  
University of Minnesota,  
Duluth  
University of Montevallo  
University of North  
Carolina, Asheville  
University of North  
Carolina, Charlotte  
**University of North  
Georgia**  
University of Northern  
Colorado  
**University of the Ozarks**  
University of Rochester  
University of  
San Francisco  
**University of Tampa**  
**University of  
West Georgia**  
University of Wisconsin,  
Green Bay  
Valdosta State University  
Virginia Commonwealth  
University  
**Warren Wilson College**  
**Washington and Lee  
University**  
Western Carolina  
University  
Wofford College  
**Wright State University**  
**Xavier University (OH)**  
**Young Harris College**