

## SCHOOL PROFILE

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## SCHOOL OVERVIEW

With approximately 860 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 twelfth graders among a high school student body of approximately 320. Our pluralistic Jewish day 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 3.5 year high school curriculum and is at the forefront of preparing students by blending knowledge and skills necessary for success in the 21st century. The rigorous integrated curriculum includes a balance of general and Judaic studies, alongside a carefully designed advisory program and robust co-curricular programming and opportunities. 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, while Jewish Text courses teach critical analysis, problem-solving, close reading, and argumentation skills that are applicable across the curriculum. Our faculty offer exceptional instruction and facilitate student centered learning that promotes critical thinking, analysis, problem-solving, independence, resilience, compassion, collaboration, as well as discipline-specific skills. Students have many opportunities to self-direct their learning, including course choice and determination of levels most appropriate to their learning. **Students are enrolled in eight or nine courses during an extended academic day, engage in club, athletic, and arts opportunities both during and outside the school day, and grow as individuals within our vibrant, caring, and committed community.**

IRENE AND DANIEL SIMPKINS SENIOR CAPSTONE ISRAEL TRIP:  
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.

## CESJDS AT A GLANCE



77 twelfth graders in the class of 2026

80% of faculty have  
master's degree or higher

19 varsity sports

36 extracurricular clubs  
and organizations49 twelfth graders (63% of the  
Class of 2025) were  
awarded merit scholarships valued  
at \$9.48 million

## STATISTICS FOR CLASS OF 2025

Grade Point Average for Middle 50%	3.73-4.61	ACT Middle 50%	27-34
SAT Evidence Based Reading Middle 50%	650-750	1 National Merit SemiFinalist	
SAT Math Middle 50%	610-740	14 National Merit Commended Students	

## CURRICULUM LEVELS

CESJDS offers a two-level system of course offerings. College Prep (CP) courses are rigorous, challenging, and nurture creativity, critical thinking, and collaborative learning skills. Honors (HON) 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 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.

# HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

## ENGLISH

4 credits required

English 9, 10, 11 (CP, HON)\*  
English 12:Comp. (1/2 credit, CP, HON)  
English 12:Contemporary Voices (1/2 credit, CP, HON)

## MATHEMATICS

3.5 credits required

Geometry (CP, HON)  
Algebra II (CP, HON)  
Pre-Calculus (CP, HON)  
Data Analysis & Statistics (CP)  
Principles of Calculus (CP, HON)  
Calculus I (HON)  
Multivariable Calculus (HON)  
Statistics (HON)

## SCIENCE

3.5 credits required

Biology I (CP, HON)  
Chemistry (CP, HON)  
Physics I (ECP, HON), Physics II (HON),  
Physics III (HON)  
Genetics/Biotechnology I and II (CP, HON)  
Bioengineering (HON)  
Anatomy & Physiology (CP)  
Ecology & Climate Science (CP, HON)

## HISTORY & SOCIAL SCIENCE

3.5 credits required

World History I (CP, HON)  
World History II (CP, HON)  
United States History (CP, HON)  
21st Century American Identity (CP, HON)

## JEWISH HISTORY

2 credits required; 5 credits available

Ancient/Medieval Jewish History (CP, HON)  
Modern Jewish History (CP, HON)  
Modern Israel (CP, HON)  
Jewish History Distributions (CP, HON)

## JEWISH TEXT

2.5 credits required; 5.5 credits available

Courses offered in English (CP, HON) &  
Hebrew text (HON):  
Ancient Hebrew Literature, Biblical Interpretation  
Ethics, Jewish Law, Philosophy, Talmud Study  
Theology

## HEBREW LANGUAGE

2 credits required, 3.5 available

Hebrew Level 101-104 CP; 105-106 HON  
Hebrew Level 203-204 CP; 205-206 HON  
Hebrew Level 303-304 CP; 305-306 HON  
Hebrew Level 403-404 CP; 405-406 HON  
Hebrew Heritage Learners (CP, HON)

## ELECTIVES

3 elective credits required from either World

Language, Fine Arts, or other subjects  
Spanish I, II (CP), Spanish III, IV, V (CP, HON)  
Spanish VI (HON)  
Arabic I (CP), II (CP, HON), III (HON)  
Art/Graphic Design/Ceramics/Music  
Music Composition I, II (HON)  
Open Studio (HON), Portfolio (HON)  
Journalism/Yearbook/Photography/Movie  
Making/American Film  
Emergency Care & Sport Safety  
Economics (HON)  
Computer Programming I,II, III, IV (HON)  
STEM Courses (HON)  
Creative Writing (CP, HON)  
Psychology (CP, HON)  
Kinesiology & Athletic Training  
History of Indigenous Americans (CP, HON)

## EXERCISE SCIENCE

1 credit required; students participating on an athletic  
team may earn up to 1 credit in Exercise Science  
Physical Education

CP=College Prep HON=Honors (highest level)

## COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES & MATRICULATION

94% of our students attend a four-year college or university. The classes of 2023-2025 were accepted by the following colleges and universities. (\* = matriculation)

Adelphi University  
Albright College  
Alfred University  
American University (4)\*  
Appalachian State University  
Arcadia University  
Arizona State University-Tempe (2)\*  
Auburn University  
Bard College  
Bates College  
Berklee College of Music\*  
Binghamton University (5)\*  
Boston University  
Brandeis University (6)\*  
Brown University\*  
Bryant University  
Bryn Mawr College\*  
Bucknell University  
Butler University\*  
California State University-Fresno  
California State University-Northridge  
Carnegie Mellon University\*  
Case Western Reserve University\*  
Champlain College\*  
Chapman University  
Clark University  
Clarkson University  
Clemson University  
Colby College  
College of Charleston (2)\*  
Colorado College\*  
Colorado School of Mines  
Colorado State University-Fort Collins  
Columbia University (3)\*  
Connecticut College\*  
Cornell University (3)\*  
CUNY John Jay College of  
Criminal Justice  
Curry College\*  
Dartmouth College\*  
Dean College  
Denison University  
DePaul University  
Dickinson College  
Drake University  
Drexel University (2)\*  
Duke University\*  
Eckerd College

Elmira College  
Elon University (5)\*  
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical  
University-Daytona Beach  
Emerson College  
Emmanuel College  
Emory University\*  
Fairleigh Dickinson University-  
Metropolitan Campus  
Florida Atlantic University  
Florida Institute of Technology  
Florida State University  
Franklin and Marshall College\*  
Furman University  
George Mason University  
George Washington University (2)\*  
Georgetown University (3)\*  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Goldsmiths University of London  
Goucher College\*  
Grinnell College\*  
Guilford College  
Hampshire College\*  
High Point University  
Hofstra University (3)\*  
Hood College  
Indiana State University  
Indiana University-Bloomington\*  
Ithaca College\*  
James Madison University\*  
Johns Hopkins University\*  
Juniata College  
Kalamazoo College  
Kent State University  
Kenyon College  
Kingston University  
Lehigh University (3)\*  
List College-JTS/Columbia (2)\*  
Louisiana State University  
Lynn University  
Macalester College  
Marshall University  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
McDaniel College\*  
McGill University\*  
McPherson College  
Miami University-Oxford  
Michigan State University\*

Middlebury College\*  
Montgomery College (6)\*  
Mount Holyoke College  
Muhlenberg College (3)\*  
New York University  
Norfolk State University  
Northeastern University (3)\*  
Northwestern University (2)\*  
Nova Southeastern University  
Oberlin College\*  
Ohio State University-  
Main Campus (3)\*  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Old Dominion University  
Pace University, Westchester Campus  
Palm Beach Atlantic University  
Pennsylvania State University-  
Abington\*  
Pennsylvania State University-  
Main Campus\*  
Pratt Institute  
Princeton University\*  
Purdue University-Main Campus  
Queen's University  
Quinnipiac University  
Radford University  
Randolph-Macon College\*  
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
Rhodes College  
Rice University\*  
Rider University  
Roanoke College  
Rochester Institute of Technology\*  
Rollins College\*  
Rutgers University-Camden  
Rutgers University-  
New Brunswick (2)\*  
Rutgers University-Newark  
Salisbury University  
Savannah College of Art  
and Design (2)\*  
Seattle University  
Smith College  
St. John's University-New York  
St. Mary's College of Maryland  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Stevenson University  
SUNY at Purchase College

SUNY Buffalo State  
Susquehanna University\*  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University (9)\*  
Tel Aviv Univ/ Columbia Univ  
Dual Degree Program (2)\*  
Temple University  
The College of New Jersey  
The New School  
Towson University (5)\*  
Trinity University\*  
Tufts University (2)\*  
Tulane University of Louisiana (2)\*  
Union College (NY)  
University at Albany, SUNY  
University at Buffalo  
University of Alabama  
University of Arizona  
University of Arkansas  
University of California-Los Angeles  
University of California-San Diego  
University of Chicago (3)\*  
University of Cincinnati\*  
University of Colorado Boulder\*  
University of Colorado Denver  
University of Connecticut  
University of Delaware\*  
University of Denver  
University of Florida\*  
University of Greenwich\*  
University of Hartford\*  
University of Illinois at  
Urbana-Champaign\*  
University of Kansas  
University of Kentucky  
University of Louisville  
University of Lynchburg  
University of Mary Washington\*  
University of Maryland-  
Baltimore County (2)\*  
University of Maryland-  
College Park (44)\*  
University of Massachusetts-  
Amherst (2)\*  
University of Massachusetts-Lowell  
University of Miami\*  
University of Michigan-  
Ann Arbor (8)\*

University of Michigan-Flint  
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities\*  
University of North Carolina-  
Wilmington\*  
University of Pennsylvania (4)\*  
University of Pittsburgh\*  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Richmond  
University of Rochester\*  
University of Scranton  
University of South Carolina-  
Columbia  
University of South Florida-  
Main Campus  
University of Southern California\*  
University of Tampa  
University of Tennessee-Knoxville\*  
University of Texas at Austin (2)\*  
University of the South  
University of Toronto  
University of Utah  
University of Vermont\*  
University of Virginia (6)\*  
University of Waterloo  
University of Westminster  
University of Wisconsin-Madison\*  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh  
Ursinus College  
Vassar College\*  
Virginia Commonwealth University\*  
Virginia Tech (3)\*  
Wake Forest University\*  
Washington & Jefferson College  
Washington College (2)\*  
Washington University in  
St. Louis (10)\*  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
West Virginia University  
Wheaton College-Massachusetts  
Widener University  
William & Mary (2)\*  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute\*  
Yale University\*  
Yeshiva University-Stern College  
for Women\*  
Yeshiva University (Yeshiva College)\*  
York College of Pennsylvania