



School and Community

Carroll County Public Schools are situated close to both the Baltimore and Washington, D.C. metropolitan areas. This region is primarily rural but is quickly transitioning into a suburban landscape. Currently, more than 25,200 students are enrolled in our schools, making us the 10th largest school system in Maryland. Our district includes eight high schools, including the Carroll County Career and Technology Center.

Carroll County Public School System: A Leader in Education

The Carroll County Public School System (CCPS) is recognized as one of the highest-performing school systems in Maryland. Students in Carroll County consistently achieve scores that surpass state and national averages on standardized assessments.

Key highlights include:

- One of the highest graduation rates in the state
- Among the lowest dropout rates

These achievements, along with the success of the exceptional Career and Technology Program, strong support from the business community, and active parental involvement, contribute to Carroll County's ability to prepare students for college and careers.

2026 - 2027 Student Body

ENROLLMENT

Total Enrollment: 945
Senior Class (Class of 2027): 203

Class of 2026 Decisions

4-year college: 53%
2-year college: 20%

Class of 2026 Statistics

Average SAT Verbal: 577
Average SAT Math: 572

Average ACT: 24.4

National Merit Finalists

Semi-Finalists: 0
Commended Students: 1

Ethnicity

White: 78%
Black/African American: 3%
Asian: 3%
American Indian/Alaskan: <1%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander: <1%
Two or More Races: 2%
Hispanic: 13%

Students Receiving Special Services

Limited English Proficient: 2%
Free/Reduced Meals: 23%
Special Education: 7%

Career and College Readiness (CCR)

Being prepared for college and a career involves combining academic knowledge, technical skills, and soft skills like critical thinking and effective communication. This readiness empowers individuals to confidently pursue their goals in a changing world. The Career and College Readiness Endorsements can be seen below. When applicable they are documented on a student's transcript.



The Maryland Seal of Biliteracy

An award given by participating public school systems that recognizes a student's high level of proficiency in listening, speaking, reading and writing in one or more languages other than English. The seal can be seen below. When applicable they are documented on a student's transcript.



The AP Capstone Diploma Program

AP Capstone™ is a diploma program from College Board based on two yearlong AP courses: AP Seminar and AP Research.

Students who earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™. Students who also earn scores of 3 or higher on four additional AP exams at any time in high school receive the AP Capstone Diploma™.

Curriculum and Graduation Requirements

SCHEDULE: Carroll County Public Schools operate on a 4-period, A Day-B Day block schedule. Students have an opportunity to earn 8 credits during the school year.

GRADING SYSTEM:

A 90 – 100% B 80-89% C 70-79% D 60-69% F Below 60% U Audit

W, WP or WF – Withdraw, Withdraw Pass or Withdraw Fail, respectively; no credit awarded

GRADE POINT AVERAGES AND RANKINGS: Students in CCPS receive a weighted and unweighted GPA/Class Rank determined by the final grade in each course. The dual GPA/class rank system is based on the assignment of quality points. The unweighted GPA is computed by counting all courses equally on a 4.0 scale. The weighted GPA is computed by weighing AP/Dual Enrollment courses on a 5.0 scale and honors courses on a 4.5 scale.

ADMINISTRATION:

Principal: Christina Dougherty

Assistant Principals

Christy Kennedy A - K
Martin Vandenberg L - Z

Athletic Director

Timothy Novotny

School Counseling

Department:
Edward Wharton
School Counselor
A - Fe

Emily Slifer

School Counselor
Fi - Le

Jessica Quinn, Dept Chair

School Counselor
Li - Re, ESOL

Emily Marasco

School Counselor
Rh - Z

Registrar

Audrey Domino

School Counseling Clerk

Karrie Neary

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES 26:

- English Language
- English Literature
- Research (Counts as Eng credit)
- Seminar (Counts as Eng Credit)
- United States History
- Modern World History
- U.S. Government & Politics
- European History
- Human Geography
- German Lang & Culture
- Latin
- Spanish Lang & Culture
- Psychology
- Precalculus
- Calculus AB
- Calculus BC
- Environmental Science
- Physics I
- Physics C: Mechanics
- Statistics
- Macroeconomics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science Principles
- Computer Science A
- Studio Art

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

4 credits – English
3 credits – Social Studies
3 credits – Science

**The CCPS high school science program aligns with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and Maryland's graduation requirements. Students complete three laboratory-based core science courses that promote scientific inquiry in earth and space sciences, life sciences, and physical sciences.*

4 credits – Mathematics
1 credit - Visual & Performing Arts
1 credit – Physical Education
1 credit – Health Education
1 credit – Technology Education
1/2 credit – Financial Literacy

2 or more credits – Completer Pathway
- Two credits in World Language
OR
- Three or more credits in a State Approved Career and

	SPECIAL PROGRAMS OFFERED BY CCPS: Career and Technology Education: CCPS offers programs in general and occupational career areas. CTE students have opportunities to earn industry certifications, transferrable college credit, and/or work experience through an internship. Programs - Carroll County Career and Technology Center Dual Enrollment: CCPS partners with Carroll Community College to offer expanded access for eligible students to earn college credits and if eligible an Arts & Sciences Associates. Dual Enrollment - Carroll County Public School District	<i>Technical Education Completer Program</i> 5 – 12 Electives Total Required Credits: 25 Service Learning: Students must complete 75 hours of Student Service Learning. Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP): To be awarded the Maryland High School Diploma, all students who take high school level courses, shall take the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment for algebra, science, English, and government after the student completes the required course or courses.
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It is the policy of the Carroll County Public School System not to disclose a student's discipline record. This statement should not be construed to imply that this applicant has any disciplinary record.