

Centennial High School

PROFILE

2011-12

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For 32 years, Centennial High School has maintained an enviable reputation as one of the premier high schools in the state of Maryland. Centennial was recognized by *Newsweek* magazine as one of the top 1600 schools, nationally, 2010. We are very proud of our teachers and students who continue to challenge themselves in their "commitment to excellence." In recent years, Centennial's many stakeholders have worked diligently to diversify our learning opportunities in order to meet student needs and interests. Humanities, Photography, Chinese Language, African American History, Academic Life Skills, Advanced Composition, Career Academies and Music Theory are just a few of the many unique course offerings that contribute to making Centennial an excellent school. This year, *Newsweek* magazine's Advanced Placement Challenge Index ranked Centennial High School 243 of 1600 schools in the United States.

Our faculty is committed to the mission of identifying and challenging our students in order to know and understand each learner as an individual. It is our goal to provide a safe and emotionally supportive environment that fosters mutual respect and individual integrity. Staff, students, and parents are working together to reduce or eradicate the harmful impact of bullying, cyberbullying and harassment, on learning. We strive to develop in our students the critical skills necessary to become self directed, lifelong learners within a diverse and changing world. With course offerings that encompass the areas of intervention, enrichment, and acceleration, Centennial High School provides our students with the tools to meet and exceed curricular expectations, state mandates, and individual goals.

Our notorious "Eagle Pride" is the product of our many co-curricular programs that so aptly exemplify the true spirit of Centennial High School. Our PTSA, Parents Council of Black Students, Korean Parents Community, Latin Advancement Committee, Athletic Boosters, and Band Backers play a major role in developing critical connections between our students, staff and community. We are exceedingly proud of our collaborative relationships with all stakeholders that make Centennial High School a great place to teach and learn.

Carl Perkins, Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened - 1977

Additions/Renovations:

1998 (R), 2002 (R)(A)

School Capacity: 1,360

(This does not include additional capacity provided by 4 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 1,434

Ethnicity

White	52.6%
Asian	30.9%
Hispanic	4.3%
American Indian / Alaskan	0.2%
African American	7.1%
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	5.0%

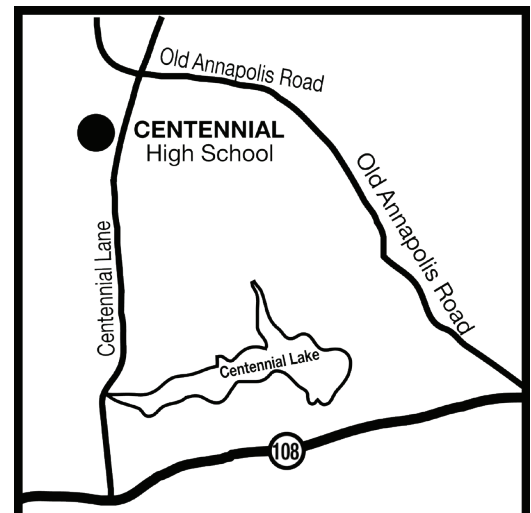
Students Receiving Special Services 2010-11

Ltd. English Proficient	1.1%
Free/Reduced Lunch	6.9%
Special Education	4.7%

Graduation Rate: 96.9%*

*4-year adjusted cohort

PTA members: 753



Achievement Data

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HSA Passrates for Class of 2011

Subject	Takers	Passed	Bridge Plan Accepted	Met Requirement
English	369	354	2	96.5%
Algebra	369	367	0	99.5%
Government	368	362	2	98.9%
Biology	369	360	2	98.1%
Met with Combined Score			5.1% (19/369)	
Met Requirement			99.7% (368/369)	

SAT Scores and Participation

School Year	N	Percent Participating	Centennial HS Mean Scores		
			Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
2010-2011	317	85.7	583	613	584
2009-2010	311	82.3	585	618	591
2008-2009	311	86.6	571	607	576

Advanced Placement Test Results

School Year	Number of Exams Taken	Percent of Students taking an AP Exam	Percent of Exams with Score of 3	Percent of Exams with Score of 4	Percent of Exams with Score of 5
2009-2010	1040	28.4%	20.5%	28.9%	40.8%
2010-2011	1079	30.0%	21.8%	29.1%	37.6%

Other Facts

Educational Partnerships

Allcare of Maryland, ARC of Howard County, Boy Scouts of America, Capital Debate, CoHo Grill, Council of Elders, Eggspectations Restaurant, Harbor Hospital IRC, Howard County General Hospital, Howard County Library, Turf Valley Resort

Class of 2011 Documented Decisions

Attend a 4-year college	78.3%
Attend a 2-year college	17.7%
Specialized school/training	0.3%
Employment	2.2%
Enter the military	0.8%

Accomplishments

- A. James Clark School of Engineering – #1 Engineering source school in state

Staff

- Milken Outstanding Educator Award
- Washington Post Educator Leadership Award
- Intel Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Sciences
- Christa McAuliffe Award
- Howard County Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year
- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce Life Science Educator Award

Athletics

- 14 People Tree Awards
- 139 County Championships
- 121 Regional Championships
- 45 State Championships

Academics

- Named one of the top 1600 schools nationally by *Newsweek* magazine, 2010
- Ranked 243 of 1600 schools in the nation, based on the advanced placement challenge index for 2010

Special Programs

- Alpha Achievers
- Best Buddies Program
- Confucius Classroom – Chinese Language and Culture
- ESOL
- Humanities Program
- Korean-American Student Association
- Maryland Voices Writing Project
- Project Lead the Way
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Initiative Program