Centennial High School has earned a sterling reputation as one of the premier high schools not only in the state but also in the nation. Our SAT/ACT scores and course offerings of over 91 sections of Advanced Placement classes is one of the reasons why Centennial has consistently ranked as one of the top achieving schools in the state.

To meet the needs of the student body, Centennial's staff strives to diversify opportunities for learning. Some of the programs offered at CHS include: Gifted and Talented mentorships (providing accelerated and enriched services for advanced level learners as well as talent development opportunities), Humanities (the integration of English and Social Studies; students also participate in Art, Music, and Theatre classes every quarter), Confucius Classroom, Child Development, Advanced Object-Oriented Design, and Music Theory.

The highly talented and dedicated faculty is committed to creating rigorous programs and curricula that challenge students, while building a classroom environment that fosters hope, well-being, mutual respect, and individual integrity. The faculty and staff strive to develop students' critical thinking skills and attributes necessary to become self-directed, lifelong learners within a diverse and changing world.

Centennial High School provides students with 21st-century tools to meet and exceed curricular expectations, state mandates, and individual goals. As a result, Centennial Eagles excel not only in math and science, but also in the fine arts and humanities and have won a myriad of county, state, and national awards in many curricular areas.

The Centennial PTSA, Boosters, Friends of Music, Parents Council of Black Students, International Parents Committee, Latin Advancement Committee, and many other programs play a significant role in developing critical connections between the students, staff, and community.

**Fast Facts**

**Facility opened:** 1977

**Additions/Renovations**

2002 (R/A), 2011 (A)

**School Capacity:** 1,360

(This does not include additional capacity provided by 9 portable classrooms.)

**Total Enrollment:** 1,392

Official count 9/30/22

**Ethnicity FY23**

- American Indian/Alaskan ≤5.0%
- Asian 39.9%
- Black/African American 11.4%
- Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ≤5.0%
- Hispanic/Latino 7.0%
- White 37.1%
- Two or more races ≤5.0%

**Students Receiving Special Services FY22**

- Free/Reduced Meals 9.6%
- English Learners ≤5.0%
- Special Education 6.3%

**2021 Graduation Rate:** ≥95%*

*4-year adjusted cohort

**Administrators:**

- Joelle Miller, Principal
- Tracy Scaltz, Assistant Principal
- John Seibel, Assistant Principal
- Jeri Somerville, Assistant Principal
- Jeannie Prevosto, AAM

**Educational Partnerships**

- AllCare of Maryland; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter;
- The Arc of Howard County; Columbia (MD) Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.; Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc.; Horizon Foundation; Howard Community College; Howard County Library, Miller Branch; Jeff George Agency, Insurance and Financial Services; Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City; Sport Clips Haircuts of Turf Valley; Sunrise Senior Living of Columbia; Turf Valley Resort; Under Armour, Inc.

*Updated July 2023*
**CHS Performance on State Tests**

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<th>Measure</th>
<th>FY18 Results</th>
<th>FY19 Results</th>
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<td>Percent Proficient Mathematics</td>
<td>84.2%</td>
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<td>Percent Proficient English Arts</td>
<td>75.3%</td>
<td>79.7%</td>
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*State tests were not administered in FY20 or FY21 due to the pandemic. 2022 state assessment results have delayed reporting due to the standard setting process.

**SAT Scores and Participation**

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<th>School Year</th>
<th>Number</th>
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<th>Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW)</th>
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<td>2021–22</td>
<td>268</td>
<td>75.3%</td>
<td>647</td>
<td>667</td>
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<td>2020–21</td>
<td>269</td>
<td>70.1%</td>
<td>652</td>
<td>676</td>
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<td>2019–20</td>
<td>361</td>
<td>87.6%</td>
<td>631</td>
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† Senior class only

**Advanced Placement Test Results**

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<th>School Year</th>
<th>Number of Exams Taken</th>
<th>% of Students Taking an AP Exam</th>
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<td>1217</td>
<td>37.8%</td>
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<td>2020–21</td>
<td>1185</td>
<td>34.4%</td>
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<td>2019–20</td>
<td>1460</td>
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State accountability information can be accessed at [https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/](https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/)

**Special Programs**

- Alpha Achievers
- Academic Life
  - Skills/Best Buddies
- Aquila Literary Magazine
- Black Student Achievement Program
- CHS Scholars
- Chemistry Olympiad
- Child Development and Teacher Academy of Maryland
- Confucius Classroom – Chinese Language and Culture
- Eagle Ambassadors
- Humanities Program
- It’s Academic Team
- Maryland Voices Writing Project
- Math Journal
- Model UN
- National Honor Societies
- National Writing Day
- NCTAF National Commission on Teacher and America’s Future
- Poetry Out Loud
- Project Lead the Way
- Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Initiative Program
- Scholars Leadership Program

**Academics**

- A. James Clark School of Engineering – #1 Engineering source school in state
- University of Maryland Math Competition
- First Place National Speech and Debate
- TEN4U Scholarship Winner in Science
- National Merit Scholarship Program, 2020 finalist, semi-finalists, and commended students
- Rated top high school in Maryland by Washington Post
- Wingspan rated #1 Journal Magazine by American Scholastic Press Association
- Finalist in Siemens Science competition
- Junior Science and Humanities Symposium
- Baltimore Metro It’s Academic Champions
- Science Olympiad, State Champions
- Scholastic Writing Awards
- A Top 40 scholar in the Regeneron Science Talent Search
- Grand prize, 1st and 2nd place at Baltimore Science Fair

**Athletics**

- 14 People Tree Awards
- 150 County Championships
- 136 Regional Championships
- 49 State Championships
- NIAAA Exemplary Quality Athletic Program Award

**Staff**

- Washington Post Distinguished Educator of the Year
- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce Life Science Educator Award
- Music Educator of the Year Award

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