Centennial High School
PROFILE

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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. Based on college readiness, U.S. News & World Report named Centennial one of its top schools in 2017. Based on SAT/ACT scores and 91 sections of Advanced Placement classes, Centennial has consistently ranked as one of the top achieving schools in the Baltimore area and in the state.

To meet the needs of our students, 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.

Our 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. We strive to develop in our students the critical thinking skills and attributes necessary to become self-directed, lifelong learners within a diverse and changing world.

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

Our 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 our 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: 1,598
Official count 9/30/19

Ethnicity FY20
American Indian/Alaskan ≤5.0%
Asian 40.7%
Black/African American 9.1%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino ≤5.0%
White 39.5%
Two or more races 5.6%

Students Receiving Special Services FY19
Free/Reduced Meals 9.7%
English Learners ≤5.0%
Special Education 5.5%

2018 Graduation Rate: ≥95%*
*4-year adjusted cohort

Administrators:
Cynthia Dillon, Principal
Cameron Rahnama, Assistant Principal
Tracy Scultz, Assistant Principal
Sandra Suber, Assistant Principal

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 December 2019
Achievement Data

### CHS Performance on State Tests

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<th>Measure</th>
<th>FY18 Results</th>
<th>FY19 Results</th>
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<tr>
<td>Percent Proficient Mathematics</td>
<td>84.2%</td>
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<td>Percent Proficient English Language Arts</td>
<td>75.3%</td>
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### SAT Scores and Participation*

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<th>School Year</th>
<th>Number</th>
<th>Percent Participating</th>
<th>Centennial HS Mean Scores</th>
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<td>Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW)</td>
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<td>2018–19</td>
<td>327</td>
<td>88.9%</td>
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<td>2017–18</td>
<td>332</td>
<td>88.5%</td>
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<td>2016–17</td>
<td>312</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>
<th>% of Exams with Score of 3</th>
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<td>40.3%</td>
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<td>22.8%</td>
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<td>2016–17</td>
<td>1723</td>
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State accountability information can be accessed at [https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/](https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/)

Accomplishments

### Academics

- A. James Clark School of Engineering – #1 Engineering source school in state
- US Presidential Scholarship winner, 2017
- University of Maryland Math Competition
- First Place National Speech and Debate
- TEN4U Scholarship Winner in Science
- National Merit Scholarship Program, 2017: 14 Finalists; 49 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

### Athletics

- 14 People Tree Awards
- 150 County Championships
- 136 Regional Championships
- 49 State Championships

### 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

Special Programs

- Alpha Achievers
- Academic Life
- Skills/Best Buddies
- Aquila Literary Magazine
- CHS Scholars
- Chemistry Olympiad
- Child Development and Teacher Academy of Maryland
- Confucius Classroom – Chinese Language and Culture
- Delta Scholars
- 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