



FALLS CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL

7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church, VA 22042

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School & Community

Falls Church High School is located near the intersection of the Capital Beltway and Route 50. It is a part of the Fairfax County School District. The student body reflects the diversity of the community it serves. Students at Falls Church come from 83 countries and are native speakers of more than 40 languages. The mission of the school is to meet the academic and co-curricular needs of its students within a professional learning community. Demographics: 51% Hispanic ♦ 20% Asian ♦ 18% White ♦ 7% Black ♦ 3% Two or more ♦ 16% Students w/Disabilities ♦ 52% Economically Disadvantaged ♦ 42% English Learners

School Counselors

A-Car	Amy Marketos	PI-Sm	Ana Gaitan
Cas-Flo	Kelly Ellis	So-Z	Colton Walker
Fo-Ke	Kirsten Wiley	ELs A-L	Camilo Cardona
Kh-Mi	Lan Nguyen	ELs M-Z	Greisy Tellez Perez
Mo-Pi	Madelein Doudaklian		

Through an annual survey of all seniors, the class of 2022 reported the following postsecondary plan intentions:

- Four year college 48.6%
- Two year college 31.7%
- Military <1%
- Direct Employment 16.8%

Academy Information

Six high school academies offer technical and specialized courses not found at all high schools. Career and Technical Education (CTE), fine arts, and world languages courses are accessed by students from all high schools. CTE courses offer numerous credentialing opportunities for students who pass industry certification exams. The Falls Church Governor's Health Sciences Academy is located in the same building. The goals of the Academy are to provide expanded options for students' health science literacy and other critical knowledge, skills, and credentials that will prepare them for high-demand, high wage, and high-skills health sciences careers in Virginia.

Curriculum

Falls Church High School is committed to facilitating academic excellence, developing positive personal qualities and well-being, fostering respect for individual differences, encouraging parent involvement, and emphasizing high expectations for achievement and behavior of all students. The curriculum is composed of general, career & technical, fine & performing arts, special education, English for speakers of other languages, and rigorous advanced courses.

AP and Dual Enrollment courses offered in the 2022-23 school year:

<i>AP Computer Sci</i>	<i>AP Chemistry</i>	<i>AP Human Geo</i>	<i>AP Spanish Lit</i>
<i>AP Calculus AB</i>	<i>AP Biology</i>	<i>AP Psychology</i>	<i>AP Spanish Lang</i>
<i>AP Calculus BC</i>	<i>AP Environmental Sci</i>	<i>AP Government</i>	<i>AP Japanese Lang</i>
<i>AP Statistics</i>	<i>AP Physics 1</i>	<i>AP US & Comp Govt</i>	<i>AP French Lang</i>
<i>AP English Lit</i>	<i>AP Physics C M&EM</i>	<i>AP Micro/Macro econ</i>	<i>AP Art 3D Design</i>
<i>AP English Lang</i>	<i>AP World History</i>	<i>Entrepreneurship DE</i>	<i>AP Art Drawing Port</i>
<i>English 12 DE</i>	<i>AP US History</i>		<i>AP Music Theory</i>

2023 Class Size
417

Grading & Reporting

Grade point average (GPA) is calculated on the basis of all high school courses for which credit has been earned, attempted, and previously awarded. High school courses taken in middle school may be expunged from the high school transcript. The parent or guardian must submit a expungement requests within nine weeks of his and/or her child entering an FCPS high school.

A (93-100) = 4.0	C (73-76) = 2.0	P: Pass
A- (90-92) = 3.7	C- (70-72) = 1.7	WF: Withdrawal Fail
B+ (87-89) = 3.3	D+ (67-69) = 1.3	WP: Withdrawal Pass
B (83-86) = 3.0	D (64-66) = 1.0	T: Audit (no credit)
B- (80-82) = 2.7	F (50-63) = 0.0	NM: No Mark (no credit)
C+ (77-79) = 2.3		

CEEB/ACT
Code
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Additional Weighting for Advanced Academic Courses:

Students who take a year-long high school honors course in English, mathematics, science, or social studies or who take a level 4 or level 5 world language course are granted 0.5 added to their GPA calculation for each course taken. Students who take a year-long AP, IB, or dual-enrollment course are granted 1.0 added to their GPA calculation for each AP, IB, or dual-enrollment course taken. FCPS high schools do not rank students. It is the student’s responsibility to disclose discipline infractions to postsecondary institutions. FCPS does not disclose students’ disciplinary information without express written consent from the parent or guardian or eligible student.

Grading Policy Changes Affecting the 2020-21 School Year:

To provide increased flexibility to students and ensure they were not penalized by the challenges of distance learning, FCPS made the following changes to the high school grading policy for the 2020-21 school year only. These changes were announced in March of 2021. They included:

- Use of No Mark (NM) instead of F grades for all courses. No credit was awarded, and the course was not factored into the student’s grade point average (GPA).
- Students/families could choose a mark of “P” (pass) instead of passing letter grades as their final mark in up to two current high school courses. Students had the opportunity to choose this through fourth quarter. This flexibility is in addition to the allowances for designating courses as pass/fail at the beginning of the school year. Therefore, a student’s transcript may include more marks of “P” than typically seen on an FCPS transcript.

Additional information can be found on the [Secondary Grading and Reporting website](#). [FCPS graduation requirements](#) align to those of the Virginia Board of Education.

College Entrance Examination

College entrance examination test scores (SAT and ACT) reflect a comparison between the nation, state, and individual high schools. SAT and ACT have changed their reporting timelines. Annual “Class of” reports which include national and state scores will not be released until mid-October. Reporting of SAT and ACT scores will now be for the prior year’s graduating class. The scores below represent the national and state averages for public school students in the class of 2021. The FCPS score averages are reflective of an additional analysis that is inclusive of those students in the class of 2021 who were enrolled in June of 2021.

ACT					
Class of 2021					
	Composite	English	Math	Reading	Science
US	20.3	19.6	19.9	20.9	20.6
VA	25.5	25.5	24.5	26.5	24.0
FCPS	27.8	27.8	27.2	28.4	27.1
Falls Church HS	26	25.4	25.7	27.6	25.4
SAT					
Class of 2021					
	Composite	Evidence-Based Reading & Writing		Mathematics	
US	1060	533		528	
VA	1151	584		567	
FCPS	1201	601		600	
Falls Church HS	1129	567		562	