



# Brentsville District High School

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## 2025-2026 School Profile

Brentsville District High School is located 30 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. and is the smallest high school with just over 850 students in grades 9 through 12. Brentsville opened in 1929 making it the third high school to open in the Prince William County Public School (PWCS). Brentsville offers the Cambridge Programme and the Agriculture specialty program.

Brentsville High School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

### Definition of Curriculum

Prince William County Public Schools provides a range of courses from remedial levels to advanced placement, dual enrollment, Cambridge Programme, and those meeting requirements for standard or advanced studies diplomas. Both vocational and academic courses are available, allowing students to prepare for college, enter the workforce after graduation, or pursue post-secondary training in various fields.

### Specialty Program Information

#### Cambridge Programme

Brentsville introduced the Cambridge Programme in 2001–2002. This program includes the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), both developed by the University of Cambridge, one of the world’s top academic institutions.

The IGCSE, typically taken in 9th and 10th grades, is equivalent to a U.S. honors curriculum and prepares students for advanced coursework. Students then progress to AICE courses in 11th and 12th grades, which are equivalent to U.S. college-level classes. AICE includes AS (one-year) and A Level (two-year) courses, with exams assessing in-depth subject knowledge through essay-based formats.

The AICE Diploma requires passing seven exams, including Global Perspectives and Research, with courses selected from four groups:

- Mathematics and Sciences
- Languages
- Arts and Humanities
- Interdisciplinary and Skills-Based (max two credits)

At least one credit must come from Groups 1–3. AICE offers flexibility, academic rigor, and international recognition. For more information please visit the specialty program website: [https://brentsvillehs.pwcs.edu/about/specialty\\_programs/cambridge\\_programme/index](https://brentsvillehs.pwcs.edu/about/specialty_programs/cambridge_programme/index).

### PWCS Grading Scale

Grading Scale	1.0 Weighted	0.5 Weighted	Unweighted	
A	90-100	5.0 points	4.5 points	4.0 points
B+	87-89	4.4 points	3.9 points	3.4 points
B	80-86	4.0 points	3.5 points	3.0 points
C+	77-79	3.4 points	2.9 points	2.4 points
C	70-76	3.0 points	2.5 points	2.0 points
D+	67-69	1.4 points	1.4 points	1.4 points
D	60-66	1.0 point	1.0 point	1.0 point
F	below 60	0 points	0 points	0 points

### Profile of Class of 2025 Graduates

Advanced Studies Diploma	54%
Standard Diploma	45%
Applied Studies Diploma	1%
Four Year College	50%
Two Year College	32%
Other Continuing Education	6%
Military	2%

### 2024-25 SAT Mean Scores

	Brentsville	PWCS	Virginia	Nation
ERW	503	503	567	521
Math	474	482	544	508

Students have the option to report SAT scores based on the requirements of the colleges to which they are applying. The PWCS transcript lists only the highest combined scores from all test dates.

### Grade Distribution 2024-25

A	B	C	D	F
46%	24%	17%	10%	3%

## AICE Courses

Art & Design AS/A	Math AS/A
Biology AS	Physical Education
Chemistry AS	Physics AS
Classical Studies	Psychology
English Language	Spanish IV/V
French IV/V	Thinking Skills AS/A
Global Perspectives	World History

## Advanced Placement Program

Advanced Placement courses are taught in all PWCS high schools. These courses adhere to the stringent requirements prescribed by the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) and are awarded grade point values based upon a 5.0 scale. Courses designated advanced/accelerated are indicated by a plus (+) beside the course title on the student transcript.

## Advanced Placement Courses

AP Statistics  
AP Government  
AP Comp Science Principle

## Dual Enrollment

Brentsville partners with Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) to offer dual enrollment opportunities for students to earn high school and college credit simultaneously. These courses, indicated by "DE" in the course title, are taught within the high school day by Brentsville faculty who are credentialed NOVA adjunct faculty.

## Dual Enrollment Courses

Biology 2 DE  
English College Composition 12 DE  
US./VA History DE  
Virginia Teachers for Tomorrow 1 DE  
Virginia Teachers for Tomorrow 2 DE

## Class Percentile

All courses with Carnegie units of credit are used to compute GPA and percentile, shown on student transcripts. Starting with the class of 2022, PWCS reports class percentile instead of class rank. Courses are not evaluated on a pass/fail basis. Transcripts from other districts with pass/fail grades won't affect GPA and percentile unless a corresponding letter grade is provided. All students earning an Advanced Studies or Standard diploma are included in the senior class percentile.

## Seven Period A/B Schedule

PWCS follows a 7-period schedule wherein each student takes seven 92-minute classes. Under this schedule, students have the opportunity to earn seven credits per year.

## Graduation Requirements

Students entering 9th grade in 2018-2019 and beyond

VDOE Diploma Type:	Advanced Studies	Standard Diploma
Units of Credits	26 units	22 units
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	3
Science	4	3
Social Studies	4	3
Foreign Language	3 of 1 (or) 2 of 2	0
Health/Physical Education	2	2
Economics & Personal Finance	1	1
Fine Arts or CTE	1	1
Other Electives: must include at least two sequential electives	2-3	5

### Additional requirements for both diplomas:

- Earn **five** verified credits by passing the specified courses and their associated end-of-course Standards of Learning test or other state-approved assessment. Students can take a total of 11 tests during their high school tenure.
- Pass a CTE credentialing exam, complete one advanced course, or engage in a High-Quality Work-Based Learning experience as defined by the VDOE.
- Virtual Course for Credit or Non-Credit
- CPR/First Aid/AED Training

## School Counseling Staff

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