



Charles J. Colgan Sr. High School

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2025-2026 School Profile

Established in the fall of 2016, Colgan High School is the twelfth high school within Prince William County Public Schools. Serving approximately 2,916 students, the school is situated 35 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. Colgan offers a rigorous advanced and Advanced Placement curriculum, further enriched by specialized programs including the Center for Fine and Performing Arts (CFPA) and Criminal Justice.

Colgan High School is accredited by the Southern Association for Colleges and Schools.

Definition of Curriculum

Prince William County Public Schools provides a range of courses from remedial levels to advanced placement, dual enrollment, 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:

Our vision is to encourage and develop creativity, self-expression, academic achievement, and critical thinking in young artists in a nurturing environment. Upon graduation, students will have mastered a common core of learning that supports the broader education of the artist and promotes a respect for cultural diversity and artistic expression. As a result of this training, the student will have the skills necessary to be successful in a college or university arts program and to become an active consumer, strong advocate, and valued participant in the larger arts community.

As part of the Prince William County Public Schools Specialty Programs, any student who resides in Prince William County may apply to attend Colgan High School as a participant in CFPA. The application process includes an audition and/or the submission of a portfolio of works. Students who want to pursue a more in-depth study in creative writing, dance, instrumental music, music technology, piano, theatre, visual arts or vocal music are encouraged to apply.

In addition to the five required credits in the art concentration (six required credits for Band students), students in the CFPA program maintain a rigorous academic load. Colgan offers multiple Advanced Placement courses and, with careful planning, CFPA students can successfully complete an advanced track of course work that includes the required arts electives. For more information, please see our website: <https://colganhs.pwcs.edu>.

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	63%
Standard Diploma	37%
Four Year College	60%
Two Year College	27%
Other Continuing Education	6%
Military	2%
Employment	5%

2024-25 SAT Mean Scores

	Colgan	PWCS	Virginia	Nation
ERW	539	503	567	521
Math	501	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
50%	24%	15%	8%	3%

Advanced Placement Program

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

Advanced Placement Courses

AP African American History	AP Literature & Composition
AP Biology	AP Music Theory
AP Calculus AB	AP Physics I
AP Calculus BC	AP Pre-Calculus
AP Capstone Seminar	AP Psychology
AP Capstone Research	AP Spanish Language
AP Chemistry	AP Statistics
AP Computer Science A	AP Studio Art 2D Design
AP Computer Science Princ	AP Studio Art 3D Design
AP Economics	AP Studio Art Drawing
AP Environmental Science	AP Comparative Government
AP Human Geography	AP US Government
AP French Lang & Culture	AP US History
AP Language & Composition	AP World History

Dual Enrollment

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

Dual Enrollment Courses

Biology DE	Teachers for Tomorrow 1 DE
English College Comp 12 DE	Teachers for Tomorrow 2 DE
Entrepreneurship DE	US/VA Government DE
Strategic Marketing DE	US/VA History DE
Theatre 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 will not 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 can 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

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