



GAINESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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2025-2026 School Profile

During the fall of 2021, Gainesville High School became the thirteenth high school in Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS). Gainesville is a comprehensive high school of 2590 students located in a suburban community approximately 35 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. Gainesville offers students challenging advanced, AP, and DE curricula connected to our specialty program, Pathways to Global Citizenship, with concentrations such as: Mathematics, Biomedical Science, and Engineering, Design & Construction.

Gainesville 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, 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

The purpose of the Pathways to Global Citizenship program is to encourage students to identify and engage with topics of global significance while developing and refining skills in creativity, research, critical thinking, evaluation, and synthesis of ideas. Each student will select a preferred pathway, intended to ensure that all candidates have a rigorous learning experience commensurate with their interests, abilities, and academic goals.

Pathways candidates are also afforded the opportunity to propose and Extended Learning Experience (ELE) capstone assessment. ELEs may be related to the student's pathway or in an area of creative or extracurricular interest.

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.

PWCS Grading Scale

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

Profile of 2025 Graduates

Advanced Studies Diploma	33%
Standard Diploma	64%
Applied Studies Diploma	%
Four Year College	64%
Two Year College	20%
Other Continuing Education	5%
Military	2%

2024-25 SAT Mean Scores

	Gainesville	PWCS	Virginia	Nation
ERW	527	503	567	521
Math	506	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 2024-2025

A	B	C	D	F
54%	24%	15%	6%	1%

Advanced Placement Program

Advanced Placement courses are taught in all PWCS high schools. These courses adhere to 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 or accelerated are indicated by a plus (+) beside the course title on the student transcript.

Advanced Placement Courses

AP African American Studies	AP Physics 1
AP Biology	AP Physics C
AP Calculus AB	AP Precalculus
AP Calculus BC	AP Psychology
AP Chemistry	AP Research
AP Computer Science A	AP Seminar
AP Computer Science Principles	AP Spanish Language
AP Economics	AP Statistics
AP Environmental Science	AP Studio Art 2D Design
AP French Language	AP Studio Art 3D Design
AP Human Geography	AP Studio Art Drawing
AP Language & Composition	AP US Government
AP Literature & Composition	AP US History
English 10 AP Seminar	AP World History

Dual Enrollment

Gainesville High School partners with Shenandoah University* and 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, within the high school day by Battlefield faculty who are credentialed adjunct faculty.

Dual Enrollment Courses

Virginia Teachers For Tomorrow 1 DE*
English College Comp 12 DE**

Seven Period A/B Schedule

Gainesville High School uses a 7-period schedule, with students attending seven 92-minute classes on alternating days. This schedule allows students the opportunity to earn up to seven credits each school 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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