



Gar-Field High School

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2025-2026 School Profile

Gar-Field High School is an authorized International Baccalaureate (IB) World School, offering the Middle Years Program (MYP), the Career-related Program (CP), and the Diploma Program (DP). It is one of thirteen high schools in Prince William County Public Schools (PWCPS). Located twenty miles south of our nation's capital, Gar-Field is a suburban, comprehensive high school. Mostly business, professional, U.S. government, and military residents make up the population. The student population is approximately 2,400 in grades 9-12.

Gar-Field High School is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Definition of Curriculum

Prince William County Public Schools offers a comprehensive menu of course options to help all students prepare for life after high school. Options are available with the potential to earn college credits through increased Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge, and dual enrollment (DE) offerings. Students have access to course work that may earn them industry certifications that can lead to gainful employment opportunities.

International Baccalaureate Program

In PWCPS, International Baccalaureate courses are taught at Gar-Field. These courses, which adhere to the stringent requirements prescribed by the International Baccalaureate Organization and the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB), are awarded grade point values based upon a 5.0-point scale. International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme (ADVMYP) courses are considered advanced/above average and are awarded a 0.5 weight. Advanced courses are designated by the IB or AP prefix.

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| Biology (HL) | Global Politics (SL) |
| Business Management (SL) | History (HOA/20th Cent) (HL) |
| Chemistry (SL) | Math Analysis & App (HL/SL) |
| Computer Science (HL/SL) | Math Applications and Interpretations (SL) |
| Economics (SL) | Personal & Prof Skills |
| English Lang & Lit (HL/SL) | Span Lang & Lit (HL/SL) |
| Env Systems & Societies (SL) | Spanish B (HL/SL) |
| Film (SL) | Theory of Knowledge |
| French B (HL/SL) | Visual Arts (SL) |
| Geography (SL) | |

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 2025 Graduates

Advanced Studies Diploma	34%
Standard Diploma	63%
Applied Studies Diploma	3%
IB Diploma Pass Rate	83%
IB Career Program Certificate Pass Rate	73%
Four Year College	30%
Two Year College	34%
Other Continuing Education	12%
Military	5%

2024-25 SAT Mean Scores

	Gar-Field	PWCS	Virginia	Nation
ERW	438	503	567	521
Math	423	482	544	508

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

Grade Distribution 2024-25

A	B	C	D	F
30%	19%	15%	11%	8%

Advanced Placement Program

Advanced Placement (AP) courses are taught in all PWCS 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 Comparative Government
 AP Statistics
 AP Computer Science A
 AP Pre-Calculus

Dual Enrollment

Gar-Field 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 Gar-Field faculty who are credentialed adjunct faculty.

Dual Enrollment Courses

Biology I & II (HL) DE
 IB Business Management (SL) DE
 Entrepreneurship DE

Reporting 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 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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