

GAITHERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

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AN OPEN INVITATION...Parents and adult community members are always welcome at Gaithersburg High School.
If you have any questions about the school, please contact us.

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The Gaithersburg Vision:

Gaithersburg High School expects academic excellence, embraces diversity, and fosters respect and responsibility for all students.

The Gaithersburg Mission:

In a mutually respectful and productive environment, we will encourage maximum effort and support students as they pursue rigorous academic opportunities.

ADMINISTRATORS

Principal..... Darryl L. Williams
Assistant Principals Laurie Bricker, Grade 11
Michael Ridge, Grade 10
Traci Townsend, Grade 9
Brenda Wilks, Grade 12

COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Resource Counselor: Susan Belford
Counselors: Eileen Bernstein
Marlis Carter
Andrew Eppeldauer
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Mary Neale
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Brenda Wilkins-Brown
Registrar: Melissa Chase
Assistant Registrar: Maureen McNamara
Secretary: Rhona Bortnick
College-Career Information Coordinator: Rochelle Davis

OUR SCHOOL and COMMUNITY

Gaithersburg High School, established in 1904, recently graduated its 100th class of senior high school students. The existing facility was built in 1952 and has been expanded several times. GHS continues to maintain the highest academic standards, offering the most comprehensive range of programs in the Montgomery County Public Schools.

Once the agricultural center of Montgomery County, Gaithersburg has become a blend of rural, urban, and suburban living. While retaining some working farms, the community has a fast-growing residential area and large and small businesses, including engineering, research, and computer industries, and expanding shopping centers.

The school is fortunate to receive outstanding support from the City of Gaithersburg and the local business community.

THE STAFF

Gaithersburg High School is proud of its dedicated and competent staff. *One hundred eighty-two professional and ninety-two support staff* meet the needs of the student body.

THE STUDENT BODY

Students at Gaithersburg High School are among the finest in Montgomery County, excelling in academic, athletic, and extracurricular activities. Enrollment for the 2006-2007 school year totals **2208** students in grades

9-12. **The senior- class totaled 454 students in 2005-2006.**

CURRICULUM

Gaithersburg High School offers a comprehensive program of course work leading to the Maryland High School diploma. Students are individually scheduled into classes that are designed to meet their particular abilities and interests. Support services are provided to students in basic skills classes.

The Signature Academy Program (*formerly the Academy of Communication, Technology & Science*) is now composed of 5 newly expanded academies. The 9th Grade Academy, Academy of Arts & Communication, Academy of Business Studies, Academy of Leadership and Education and Academy of Science and Technology feature a wide range of college, career and technology courses to students. Within the signature academies are chapters of the National Academy of Finance and the National Academy of Information Technology which offer rigorous certificate programs in business and computer technology.

The Honors Program provides students an opportunity to take advanced level and honors courses in English, foreign languages, math, science, social studies and health.

The Advanced Placement Program offers classes in English, United States History, Spanish, French, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science, Art History, Statistics, Environmental Science, Government, World History, Spanish Literature, and Psychology.

The College Institute Program allows academically accomplished students the opportunity to take college courses on the high school campus.

An extensive **Career Program** provides prevocational training in the following areas: Auto Tech., Auto Body, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts and Child & Adolescent Development.

The Special Education Department has numerous programs to address the needs of our students. Students receive help to support physical, learning, and emotional disabilities. A Vocational Support Services Team facilitates career connections for students with special needs.

GRADING

Grades awarded are A, B, C, D, E, with minimum of D level work being required for credit. Five unexcused absences in a course during each semester result in loss of credit (E2) for that course.

An additional quality point is awarded to students for every grade of A or B in an honors course and a grade of A, B, or C in an advanced placement course. **The transcript will show both a weighted and unweighted grade point average. The Montgomery County Public School system does not utilize a class rank process.**

GAITHERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

A Profile of the Class of 2006

A Signature & Academy Program School

COLLEGE BOARD CODE: 210560

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

Range	Percent of Class	
	Unweighted GPA	Weighted GPA
4.51 & ABOVE	0%	3%
4.01 – 4.50	0%	8%
3.51 – 4.00	11%	13%
3.01 – 3.50	22%	17%
2.51 – 3.00	23%	18%
2.01 – 2.50	22%	20%
1.51 – 2.00	14%	13%
1.50 & BELOW	7%	7%

COLLEGE BOARD TEST PROFILES (SAT)

Class of 2006

Critical Reading mean: **500** Math mean: **512**

Writing mean: **486**

Percent of Grade 12 students tested (2006): **72.8%**

POST HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Over eighty percent of the class of 2006 was accepted to college. The school's many vocational programs permit those students who do not plan to continue their education to enter the work force. Additionally, a number of students enlist in the armed services and take advantage of the military's educational benefits program.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Members of the class of 2006 were accepted to some of the most competitive colleges in the country. In addition to others, GHS graduates are attending the following schools:

American U.	Full Sail	The College of
Art Inst. of San Francisco	George Mason U.	William & Mary
Baltimore	George Washington	The Ohio State U.
International C.	Georgetown U.	Towson U.
Berklee College of Music	Georgia Tech.	Tuskegee U.
Boston U.	Gettysburg College	U. of Delaware
Bowie State U.	Hood College	U. of Maryland
Brigham Young U.	Howard U.	Baltimore Cty.
Catholic U.	James Madison U.	U. of Maryland
The Citadel	Montgomery College	College Park
Clemson U.	Mt. Saint Mary's U.	U. of Maryland
Drexel U.	New York U.	Eastern Shore
Duke U.	Penn State U.	U. of NC, Chapel Hill
Embry Riddle	Rensselaer	U. of Penn.
Emory U.	Rutgers U.	U. of Pittsburgh
Frostburg State U.	Salisbury U.	Virginia Tech.
	St. Mary's	Washington U.
	College of MD	

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Students of the class of 2006 received close to three million dollars in scholarships awarded by many colleges and local organizations.

The class of 2007 is proud to have five commended students in the National Merit Scholarship program. In addition, GHS has two finalists, three semi-finalists, and twenty-seven honorable mentions in the Maryland Distinguished Scholars program.

AWARDS

The following Gaithersburg High School organizations received county, state, regional, or national recognition for outstanding achievement in recent years:

- Academy of Finance (State First and Third places 1997, SMG 2000, Program Excellence Award-National Academy Foundation 2004)
- Essedarius (American Scholastic Press Assn., First Place 1997 and 2001, Columbia Scholastic Press Assn., First Place 1998 and 1999)
- Baseball (Regional Champions 1998)
- Boys' Basketball (State Champions 1998)
- Boys' Cross Country (Division Champions 1996 to 2000, Regional Champions 1998, 2000, 2001, 2004, State Champions 2000)
- Boys' Indoor Track (Regional Champions 1996, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002 and 2003)
- Boys' Outdoor Track (Division, Regional, and State Champions 2000 and 2002, Division and Regional Champions 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, State Semi-finalists 2001, 16 years undefeated Division Champions)
- Boys' Soccer (Division Champions 1996 and 1997)
- Football (State Champions 2000)
- Girls' Outdoor Track (Division Champions 1997 and 2000, Regional Champions 2001 and 2002)
- Girls' Cross Country (Division Champions 1998, 2000, and 2001, Regional Champions 2000 and 2001)
- Girls' Indoor Track (Regional Champions 2001, 2003)
- Girls' Volleyball (Regional Champions 2000, 2001 and 2002, 2005 and 2006, State Champions 2005)
- Golf Team (Division Champions 2000)
- Gymnastics (State Champions 2001)
- NJROTC Air Rifle Team (State Champions 1997, 1999, 2000 and 2001)
- NJROTC (CNET/Honor Unit Award 1995 to 1999, Distinguished Unit Award with Academic Honors 2001, 2002, 2004 and 2005)
- Softball (Regional Champions 2006, Regional and State Champions 1998, 1999)

ATHLETICS

A strong sense of pride, tradition, and excellence permeates the athletic programs at Gaithersburg High. Students have found athletics to be one of the most outstanding and rewarding aspects of their high school career. Many of our athletes have gone on to colleges of their choice on athletic scholarships. A tremendously dedicated and active Trojan Boosters Club further enhances the total athletic program. Parents, community, and friends of Gaithersburg continue to promote and support all aspects of Gaithersburg athletics. Students must maintain a 2.0 average (on a 4.0 scale) with no more than one "E" or loss of credit for a grading period in order to participate in any extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, drama productions, etc.). An individual who is ineligible remains ineligible until the next report card is issued. Special emphasis is placed on academic excellence. A tutoring program is available for all student athletes.