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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

APEX - Walter Johnson's Signature Program is in its twenty fifth year. The APEX Scholars Program (Advanced Placement Experience) is designed to be a highly competitive four-year course of study. It offers a select group of students a comprehensive curriculum combining accelerated honors and intensive advanced placement level coursework. The course of study provides highly gifted learners with a broad, general background in many academic areas at appropriately challenging levels, to help them better prepare to choose future fields of interest or career paths.

ACES – The ACES (Advanced Curriculum for Excellence in Science) Scholars Program offers students a challenging course of study in the sciences over a four-year period. Students in the ACES Program complete an advanced curriculum providing a broad background in multiple scientific disciplines. Students receiving recognition as ACES Scholars are well-rounded science students who are prepared for the most challenging college and university science programs

LEAD – Participants will study at least two foreign languages with full awareness of the peoples and the cultures these languages represent. The rigorous program requirements include work in at least two foreign languages, one through the AP level. Working in several languages, students will hone their analytical skills while exploring the wealth of communicative possibilities, both spoken and written. (Linguistic Excellence And Discovery)

Advanced Placement Courses - Advanced Placement coursework is offered in:

English Literature Composition and English Language & Composition, Economics (Macro and Micro), European History, US and Comparative Government & Politics, Human Geography, Psychology, US History and World History, Biology, Chemistry, Physics 1, Physics C and Environmental Science, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, French Language, Latin Vergil, Chinese Language, German Language, Japanese Language and Italian Language, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Music Theory,

Studio Art Drawing, Studio Art 2D (Digital Art and Photography) and Studio Art 3D

STUDENTS

Seniors:	635	Sophomores:	804
Juniors:	729	Freshmen:	827

49.9% of our students are white; 17.8% are Hispanic; 14.7% are Asian; .1% are American Indian/Native American; 11.2% are Black/African American; 6.2% are two or more races; and .1% are Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.

93% of our 2022-2023 seniors are attending 4 or 2-year colleges.

OUR SCHOOL AND VISION

Walter Johnson High School is an inclusive, engaging and inspiring community that strives to prepare all students to reach their full potential as global citizens

MISSION

Our mission is to provide a safe, equitable and collaborative learning environment through rigorous instruction, meaningful relationships, and open communication with all community members.

THE COMMUNITY

Our Montgomery County community encompasses Garrett Park, northern Bethesda, southern Kensington, and southern Rockville. We are located in the heart of a high-tech center, surrounded by such major research and development employers as: IBM, Lockheed Martin, The National Institutes of Health and the Bethesda Naval Hospital. Our parents, mainly professional and managerial employees, are actively involved in supporting our school. We believe that our vision and our community have created an atmosphere of excellence at Walter Johnson High School.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

The Certificate of Merit recognizes the extra effort made by students who choose more rigorous courses in all programs, not only in academic areas. It is awarded to students who satisfy these *additional* requirements:

- Obtain a 3.0 unweighted grade point average
- Earn at least 12 credits in advanced courses, which are available in most subject areas, and indicated by CM, HON on the transcript.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATEMENT

In March 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) shifted to a virtual learning model of instruction for the remainder of the school year. Students remained in a virtual learning model until March 2021, at which time students could elect between in-person instruction or 100% virtual. As a result, adjustments to [grading and reporting](#) and instructional models were also implemented. In 2020-2021, although MCPS returned to a more traditional grading system, there were some [adjustments](#) that provided expanded opportunities to reduce course load or take courses on a pass/fail basis.

HS COURSE TAKEN IN MS

HS courses taken in MS will only count in the GPA if it helps improve the overall GPA. There is an automated process that runs twice a year (midyear and end of year) that will automatically exclude grades that bring the GPA down and include grades that improve the GPA.

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2023-2024 Profile

College Board Code: 210912

ACADEMIC AWARDS – CLASS OF 2023

National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists 9
National Hispanic Recognition Scholars 25
National Merit Commended Students 31
National Merit Scholarship Students 40

STANDARDIZED TEST PROFILES

SAT I - CLASS of 2023 Mean SAT Scores (Highest Mean)		ACT- CLASS of 2023 Average ACT Scores	
Combined	1261	Composite	27.0
Critical Reading	637	English	27.2
Math	624	Math	25.9
		Reading	29.3
		Science	26.4
Percent of students tested 10/16-6/18 73%		Percent of students tested 10/16-6/18 43%	

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS - MAY 2023

Scores and Honors for Grades 9-12
Total students tested: 1,510
Total number of tests: 3,290
Graduating Class Summary - 2023: 68.7%
School AP average: 3.80
Class of 2023 AP Equity & Excellence: 49.6%
91 AP National Scholar
370 AP Scholar with Distinction
138 AP Scholar with Honor
250 AP Scholar

AP Exam/AP Grade	5	4	3	2	1	Total
Art History	1	1	9	0	0	11
Biology	26	11	9	3	0	49
Calculus AB	102	37	16	4	2	161
Calculus BC	48	7	4	1	1	61
Chemistry	10	11	9	2	0	32
Chinese Lang & Culture	4	1	1	1	1	8
Comp Science A	15	22	18	6	6	67
Computer Sci Principles	43	46	57	14	6	166
Economics: Macro	35	45	44	14	1	139
Economics: Micro	36	60	33	16	6	151
Eng Lang & Comp	68	92	87	50	3	300
Eng Lit & Comp	40	79	45	9	1	174
Environmental Science	26	40	15	5	1	87
European History	10	8	4	0	0	22
French Language	11	11	15	2	0	39
German Language	1	1	0	0	0	2
Gov't & Politics: Comp.	18	10	10	4	1	43
Gov't & Politics: US	137	83	108	57	17	402
Human Geography	78	33	13	3	2	129
Italian Lang & Culture*	2	2	0	0	0	4
Japanese Language	1	1	1	0	0	3
Latin: Vergil	0	0	1	4	1	6
Music Theory	2	2	10	7	1	22
Physics 1	14	31	18	18	6	87
Physics C – Elect. & Mag.	5	7	9	11	2	34
Physics C - Mechanics	10	14	8	4	3	39
Psychology	106	72	32	10	14	234
Spanish Language	32	24	4	0	0	60
Spanish Literature	5	2	1	0	0	8
Statistics	34	57	29	10	10	140
Studio Art: Drawing	3	4	3	0	0	10
Studio Art: 2-D Design	3	6	4	0	0	13
Studio Art: 3-D Design	1	3	0	0	0	4
US History	73	62	79	27	14	255
World History	141	114	53	15	5	328

Score	Total # of Grades Reported	Percentage of Total
5	1,141	35%
4	999	30%
3	749	23%
2	297	9%
1	104	3%

DUAL ENROLLMENT COLLEGIATE OPTIONS

MCPS encourages students to participate in dual enrollment opportunities with local colleges and universities. All college courses are offered at a free or reduced tuition rate. Students may be awarded high school credit for the approved college courses successfully completed. If students choose this option, the college course grades appear on the high school transcript denoted by course titles starting with “CL ADV “followed by the subject and the grade earned in the course. College courses on the high school transcript receive quality points toward their GPA.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Our graduates must successfully complete 22 credit hours of coursework that include the following:

4 English	1 Fine Art
3 Social Studies ¹	1 Technology Education
4 Math ²	.5 Health
3 Science ³	1 Physical Education

And one of the following:

2 Foreign Language or
2 Advanced Technology or
3-9 Career Preparation

Our graduates must also complete a minimum of 75 hours of student service. Students who earn 240 hours or more are awarded a Certificate of Outstanding Service.

In addition to completing specific graduation requirements and student service learning hours, students graduating in 2012 and beyond must pass High School Assessment (HSA) exams in Algebra/Data Analysis, Biology and English, earning a combined score on the three tests of 1208 or higher or completing the required Bridge Plan projects.

¹including US History, National State & Local Government and World History

²including Algebra and Geometry

³including Biology and physical science with laboratory experiences

GRADING

	Unweighted	Weighted
A Superior	4.0	5.0 Honors Level/ADV
B Above Average	3.0	4.0 Honors Level/ADV
C Average	2.0	3.0 Level/ADV
D Below Average	1.0	
E Failing	0.0	
E ₂ or LC - Loss of Credit due to excessive unexcused absences		
CR/NC - Credit/No Credit		
Honors, Advanced Placement and Advanced Level courses are identified on student transcripts as HON and ADV.		

GRADE DISTRIBUTION – CLASS OF 2023

Distribution of Grade Point Averages
Montgomery County Public Schools does not rank students.

Range	Percent of Class	Unweighted GPA	Weighted GPA
4.51 & Above	0%		28%
4.01 - 4.50	0%		30%
3.51 - 4.00	55%		20%
3.01 - 3.50	25%		10%
2.51 - 3.00	11%		7%
2.01 - 2.50	6%		4%
1.51 - 2.00	2%		2%
1.01 - 1.50	0%		0%