

Gaithersburg High School



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

MISSION: Gaithersburg High School **promotes success for every student** by providing an effective instructional program and educational partnerships. In a mutually respectful environment, we celebrate diversity, encourage effort, and support students. Students pursue rigorous academic opportunities to maximize potential and become self-sustaining members of society. We endorse the idea that the pursuit of excellence is fundamental and eternal.

CORE VALUES: Gaithersburg High School believes in and promotes the core values of MCPS and believes every student can succeed. At Gaithersburg High School, **we value learning, relationships, respect, excellence, and equity at a high and consistent level.**

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- **2,482 total (1,187 females / 1,295 males)**
- **Current 9th grade class has 628 students**
- **School has a number of special programs, serving a wide array of students:**
 - **College and Career Programs** (see next slide)
 - **Discrete Programs (LFI / SCB / Bridge)**



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School Programs

Academy of Finance POS	Cosmetology POS
Academy of Information Technology (NAF) - IT Networking POS	Early Child Development POS
Academy of Information Technology (NAF) - IT Programming POS	Hospitality Management POS
Academy of Information Technology (NAF) - Web Design POS	In-school Interventions
Accounting POS	Learning and Academic Disabilities (LAD)
Achieving College Excellence and Success (ACES)	Learning for Independence (LFI)
Adapted Physical Education	Marketing POS
Alternative Level I	Multidisciplinary Educational Training and Support Program (METS)
Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AJROTC)	Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC)
Attendance Matters	PLTW: Biomedical Sciences POS
Automotive Collision Repair/Dealership Training POS	School Community Based (SCB)
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Bridge	Speech Resource K-12
Career Readiness Education Academy (CREA)	Students Engaged in Pathways to Achievement (SEPA)
Cisco Networking Academy POS	Transition
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Academies

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Program of Studies Certifications

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Junior ROTC Programs

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Dual-Enrollment with Mont. College

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NEW Project Lead The Way

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Wellness and Safety

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Student Life

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- **60+ clubs and student activities**
- **Interscholastic sports:**
 - *Men:* basketball, cross country, golf, gymnastics, indoor track, lacrosse, soccer, swimming, tennis, track & field, and volleyball
 - *Women:* basketball, cheerleading, cross country, **field hockey**, golf, gymnastics, indoor track, lacrosse, soccer, **softball**, swimming, tennis, track & field, and volleyball
 - *Coed:* baseball, cheerleading, football, volleyball, and wrestling
- **Band (Marching and Concert) and Orchestra**
- **Chorus**
- **Drama**
- **Arts and Photography**



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➤ **Team-Up Grant from the Jim & Carol Trawick Foundation**

The Trojan Experience is designed to ease the transition of incoming 9th-grade students, and their families, to high school by providing a variety of experiences and supports that are proven to improve the three C's - *connectivity, comfort, and community*.

The experience starts in the summer and continues throughout the school year, where we add our 4th C - *continuity*.

Celebrations

- Golf won division and had 3 All-Division players in Doug M., Jake W. & Trevor B..
- Boys soccer made state quarter finals. Seniors Alex H. and Enoc C. represented Gaithersburg in the 2018 Montgomery County Boys Senior All-Star Game.
- Volleyball made it to the 2nd round of the MD State Tournament.
- Boys and Girls Cross Country teams made States, with girls making it for the first time since 2002.
- Meghan and Lizzy were 1st Team All Division in Field Hockey.

Celebrations

- Sabor Latino Latin Dance won First place in overall senior division, Merengue, and Salsa. Third place wins in Cha-Cha and Bachata. Genesis C. won The Leadership Award.
- Michael N. has been selected from Gaithersburg High School to be a part of the MCPS Superintendent's Leadership Academy
- Gaithersburg HS won the Governor's Award for Service
- Ms. Katz, winner of the MCPS Secondary Novice Art Educator Award
- Ms. Shaw, who was selected by the Dr. Smith, to represent MCPS at the Master Plan Review for MSDE

Celebrations

- **Bubakar Oscar Sy Garcia** was an honored recipient of a full-tuition, 4-year college scholarship from the *Posse Foundation*.
- The Posse Program identifies public high school students with extraordinary academic and leadership potential that may have been overlooked by traditional college selection processes.
- Nationally, 56 colleges and universities each offer full-tuition, merit scholarships to students throughout the country and create multicultural teams—called Posses—on each campus. These student teams receive professional guidance before and throughout college and provide support to one another.
- On campus, these students serve in important leadership roles. The MCPS students were honored at a ceremony on Jan. 9th at the Lincoln Theatre in Washington, D.C.
- Bubakar will be attending University of Wisconsin-Madison next year.

Expanding Academic Rigor

- We are making concerted efforts to have our students **enroll in rigorous courses** (Advanced Placement [AP] classes).
- We are an *Equal Opportunity School* (EOS).
 - **1,685** in AP classes (~**68%**)* **975** 1st timers (**60%*** & **39%**)
 - **385** White/Asian (**77%**) **851** Hispanic/Latino (**64%**)
 - 390** Black/African American (**68%**) **59** mixed race (**71%**)
- We are working with the feeder schools (ES and MS) to encourage students to begin challenging themselves in high school.
- Families need to **encourage students** to take AP courses in **9th & 10th grade**.

Students Will Succeed at GHS

- “I am writing to express my gratitude for Gaithersburg HS, especially its teachers, staff and leadership. Our daughter left a very small and wonderful private school to try something different and started at Gaithersburg this fall. Although the transition at first was a challenge, it was brief. Today she is happy, engaged socially and academically, and learning a lot!”
- “Her excellent teachers and super supportive counselor have made all the difference.”
- “[She] performed in the fall production, *Almost, Maine*, and is looking forward to contributing to the spring musical.”
- “Teachers challenge her, but at the same time, is completely supportive.”

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- “As a gauge of their success, note that [she] talks about what she learned in her classes when she is home. The question, ‘How was your day?,’ is always the beginning of a conversation and never a one word answer. ”
- “In addition, the social groups and friends that [she] has made at GHS are of the most outstanding I have encountered...She is speaking with her friends in English, Spanish and Spanglish.”
- “GHS has incredible institutional supports and programs while at the same time nurtures many small social groups where students can forge a sense of belonging.”
- “Bravo GHS!”