



PROFILE 2011-2012

W. T. WOODSON HIGH SCHOOL
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SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY

W. T. Woodson High School is a comprehensive 4-year public high school in Fairfax County, Virginia, located in a residential suburb of Washington, D.C.

SCHOOL STAFF

Seventy-nine percent of the Woodson staff have masters degrees while four percent hold doctorates.

CURRICULUM FEATURES

W. T. Woodson has an exceptionally strong academic program featuring a comprehensive Advanced Placement program offering 23* courses on campus and others through the FCPS online campus. This program provides a rigorous academic course of study for highly motivated students. Since a large majority of W. T. Woodson students will attend college, the curriculum for all students reflects the value placed on learning. W. T. Woodson students can access courses in professional-technical and cooperative education on campus and through FCPS academies.

An Honors Program is available for highly motivated students. Mathematics and science are offered as "honors;" English and social studies are offered as "PreAP."

English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL), Hearing-Impaired, Learning Disabilities, and Emotional Disabilities support is provided for students with special needs.

CLASS OF 2012

School Enrollment – 2108
 Class Size - 484

Post Secondary Plans – Class of 2011

4 Year College: 77.9%
 2 Year College: 17.2%

AP Results - Fairfax County Public School policy requires all students enrolled in AP classes to take the AP exams. Results for school year 2010-2011 for W.T. Woodson High School: 2025 exams were taken. 69.28% of the total grades reported were 3 or higher.

National Merit Recognition Class of 2012

National Merit semi-finalists	7
National Hispanic scholar	2
Commended students	33

CLASS RANK AND GRADE POINT AVERAGE

W. T. Woodson High School does not rank students. Grade point average is calculated on all courses taken for credit including those taken in middle school for high school credit. Courses taken on a pass/fail basis and awarded a P are not included; F grades are included. Due to weighted AP courses, (1.0 added to final mark) and honor classes (.5 added to final mark) the final grade point average may exceed 4.0. Transcripts for students transferring into FCPS with AP, IB, selected dual enrollment and honors courses will be reviewed by the counselor and/or department chair to determine the weighting and lateral transfer of course credits.

GPA Range for the Class of 2012: 4.4170 – 1.073

GPA Mid-Point for the Class of 2012: 3.487

Average SAT and ACT for the Class of 2011

	SAT		ACT	
	Reading & Math	Writing	Reading & Math	Writing
National	1011	489	42.4	20.6
Virginia	1021	495	45.1	22.1
Woodson	1176	574	50.8	25.2

Test scores for W.T. Woodson students will be sent directly from the testing services.

COLLEGE ADVISORS

Tim Hopkins, Director of Student Services
 Shelly Buckingham, Counselor
 Grady Ford, Counselor
 Stephanie Johnson, Counselor
 Amy Hubbard, Counselor
 Tish Marshall, Counselor
 Nancy Morris, Counselor
 Camille Morrone, Counselor
 Jason Woehrmyer, Counselor
 Rashida Williams, Counselor
 Kathleen Ishii, Career Center Specialist

***AP Courses Offered at W.T. Woodson High School**

English Literature, English Language, US History, World History, European History, US and Comparative Government, Psychology, Human Geography, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Computer Science, Environmental Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, French Language, Spanish Language, German Language, Latin Language, Studio Art, Art History and Music Theory.

Building the Future...Child by Child

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), a world-class school system, inspires, enables, and empowers students to meet high academic standards, lead ethical lives, and demonstrate responsible citizenship.

Curriculum

The instructional program for FCPS is defined by the **Program of Studies**. This comprehensive, rigorous curriculum contains benchmarks outlined in the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL), as well as objectives that offer students opportunities to extend their learning based upon their aptitudes and interests.

Six high school academies offer technical and specialized courses not found at all high schools. Career and Technical Education (CTE), fine arts, and world languages courses, accessed by students from all high schools, offer numerous credentialing opportunities for students who pass industry certification exams.

Advanced academic courses are offered in all high schools and are open to all students who seek academic rigor. Students may enroll in honors courses as underclassmen and continue in Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or dual enrollment courses. FCPS is also home to Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, a public magnet school and a Governor's School offering a comprehensive curriculum, emphasizing science, mathematics, and technology.

Graduates

Ninety-two percent of the approximately 12,392 FCPS 2011 high school graduates are attending post-secondary educational institutions. Of this group:

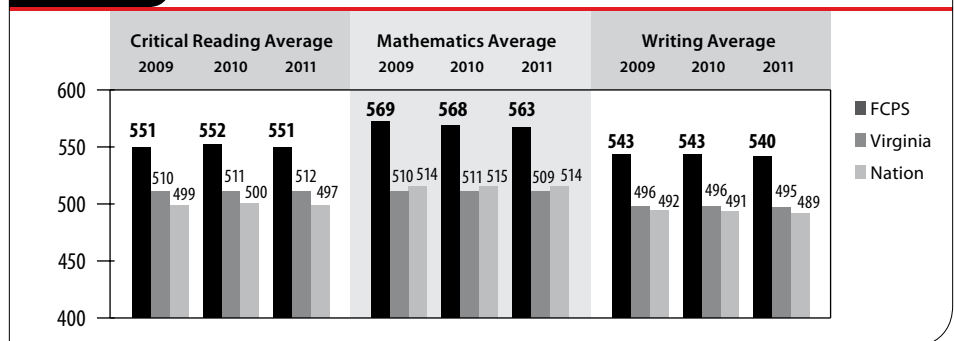
- 62.3 percent attend four-year colleges
- 28.1 percent attend two-year colleges
- 5.5 percent pursue military/employment
- 1.9 percent pursue other educational plans

Grade Point Average and Class Rank

Grade point average (GPA) is calculated on the basis of all high school courses for which credit has been earned, attempted, and previously awarded. FCPS high schools do not rank students.

SAT Scores

The mean SAT scores for FCPS seniors as compared to state and national mean scores.



Grading System

Grading System Prior to September 2009

A (94-100) = 4.0	C (74-79) = 2.0
B+ (90-93) = 3.5	D+ (70-73) = 1.5
B (84-89) = 3.0	D (64-69) = 1.0
C+ (80-83) = 2.5	F (below 64) = 0.0

Grading System Effective September 2009

FCPS adopted a new grading scale effective September 2009. Changes in the FCPS grading policy include a modified ten-point grading scale that uses pluses and minuses. An asterisk (*) is used on the transcript to distinguish B+, C+, and D+ grades earned prior to September 2009. For example, B* = B+.

A (93-100) = 4.0	C (73-76) = 2.0
A- (90-92) = 3.7	C- (70-72) = 1.7
B+ (87-89) = 3.3	D+ (67-69) = 1.3
B (83-86) = 3.0	D (64-66) = 1.0
B- (80-82) = 2.7	F (below 64) = 0.0
C+ (77-79) = 2.3	

P: Pass WF: Withdrawal Fail
 Audit: No Credit WP: Withdrawal Pass

Additional Weighting for Advanced Academic Courses

Students who take year-long high school **honors** courses in English, mathematics, science, or social studies are granted 0.5 added to their GPA calculation for each course taken.

Students who take a year-long **AP** or **IB** course are granted 1.0 added to their GPA calculation for each AP or IB course taken. Also, selected semester-long **dual enrollment** courses are granted 0.5 added to their GPA calculation.

National Achievements

- ▶ In 2011, FCPS had 234 National Merit Semifinalists, which constituted 54 percent of Virginia's semifinalists.
- ▶ Twenty-four seniors were selected as semifinalists in the 2011 National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Black Students, which constituted 36 percent of Virginia's semifinalists.
- ▶ In the 2011 *Washington Post* rankings, all 24 traditional FCPS high schools were in the top seven percent of all American high schools as measured by their student participation in Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exams.
- ▶ The number of Advanced Placement exams taken by FCPS students has risen from 26,040 in 2006 to 32,230 in 2010. Additionally, more than 70 percent of the advanced placement tests taken by FCPS students in 2010 received a score of 3 or above (on a grading scale of 1-5).
- ▶ In 2010-11, 66 percent of graduates earned advanced diplomas.

Community

FCPS is the eleventh largest school system in the nation with approximately 177,629 students. Located in Fairfax County, Virginia, FCPS is the most populous jurisdiction in Virginia and the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area, with more than one million residents. Approximately 58 percent of all county residents over 25 years of age have completed four years of college.

FCPS has 27 high schools with a total high school enrollment of 55,611. The average number of course units taken by each graduate is 28.6. The average class size in high school is 29.5 students. The 2011-12 average per-pupil cost for high school students is \$11,432.