

GLENELG COUNTRY SCHOOL

2020-2021 UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE

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Accreditation

Glenelg Country School is fully accredited, grades Pre-K through 12, by the Maryland State Department of Education; the Association of Independent Maryland Schools; and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

CEEB CODE:
210592



Glenelg Country School is a non-sectarian, co-educational independent day school in Howard County, Maryland, adjacent to Columbia and between Baltimore and Washington, D.C. The School offers a continuous, college preparatory program from age 2 through grade 12 to students from diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds who are highly motivated and have a strong desire to learn.

GCS was founded in 1954, enrolling 35 students in grades one through seven. In the fall of 1985, the new Upper School division opened with 10 students. The first class graduated in June of 1989. Despite its continued growth in all divisions, the School has maintained a commitment to personal attention and small class sizes, which today still averages 15.

Mission

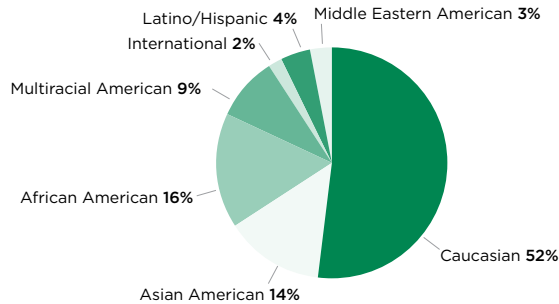
Glenelg Country School cultivates a community that stimulates our students to realize their highest potential. Outstanding academic and enrichment opportunities nurture a passion for lifelong learning, personal integrity, and respect for others.

By embracing diversity of background, culture and thought, our students are prepared to become responsible and contributing members of our global society.

Enrollment/Diversity

Total enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year is 756

- Lower School (Age 2-Grade 5): **314**
- Middle School (Grades 6-8): **131**
- Upper School (Grades 9-12): **311**



Graduation Requirements

- Upper School students are required to earn at least six (6) academic credits per year.
- Minimum academic credits for graduation by discipline are as follows:
 - Humanities (8);
 - World or Classical Language, to third level (2-3);
 - Mathematics (4);
 - Laboratory Science (3);
 - Civic Leadership Program (2);
 - Fine Arts (1)
 - Physical Education (1)

SAT I Scores

| | MIDDLE 50% Reading | MIDDLE 50% Math | MEAN 1600 R + M |
|------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2020 | 550-670 | 520-670 | 1224 |
| 2019 | 550-650 | 560-690 | 1252 |
| 2018 | 585-690 | 580-740 | 1300 |
| 2017 | 560-660 | 550-700 | 1230 |
| 2016 | 550-660 | 550-730 | 1237 |

Class Rank

Glenelg Country School does not provide a class rank.

Advanced Placement

See Upper School Course Offerings for complete list of AP courses available.

- One AP course in 11th grade and three AP courses in 12th grade is considered the most demanding course load available at GCS.
- Students enrolled in AP courses are expected to sit for the exam; exceptions are rare and are made at the instructor's discretion.
- Over 70% of juniors and seniors take at least one AP exam each year.

2020 AP Scholars

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| • Scholar | 15 |
| • Scholar with Honor | 7 |
| • Scholar with Distinction | 20 |
| • National AP Scholar | 3 |

| Exam | Number | %3 or Higher |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Biology | 17 | 94% |
| Calculus AB | 38 | 95% |
| Calculus BC | 19 | 100% |
| Chemistry | 23 | 100% |
| Chinese Language and Culture | 1 | 100% |
| Computer Science A | 17 | 100% |
| Drawing | 2 | 100% |
| English Language and Composition | 2 | 100% |
| English Literature and Composition | 1 | 100% |
| Environmental Science | 8 | 75% |
| European History | 7 | 100% |
| French Language and Culture | 4 | 75% |
| Macroeconomics | 1 | 100% |
| Microeconomics | 6 | 100% |
| Physics 1 | 22 | 77% |
| Physics 2 | 4 | 100% |
| Physics C: E and M | 7 | 100% |
| Physics C: Mechanics | 7 | 100% |
| Psychology | 5 | 100% |
| Spanish Language and Culture | 14 | 93% |
| Spanish Literature | 5 | 100% |
| Statistics | 11 | 100% |
| Studio Art 3-D Design | 1 | 100% |
| United States Govt. and Pol.* | 6 | 100% |
| United States History* | 17 | 94% |

(* indicates that an AP course is not offered in that discipline, but students prepare independently for the exam.

UPPER SCHOOL ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Curriculum Highlights

The academic program in the Upper School is designed to promote integrative, independent, critical thinking. Our Humanities curriculum is an interdisciplinary approach to English and Social Studies, which places a strong emphasis on reading, writing, speaking and critical thinking. Students take two units each year, which replace the more traditional, discrete English, history, government, and geography courses. The focus of each level is as follows:

Grade 12

INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR (HONORS)

- Critical reading
- Critical thinking
- Senior thesis: Original research | 12-15 pages | Includes oral defense

MODERN WORLD HISTORY

Explores post-WWII

Grade 11

AMERICAN STUDIES, COLONIAL TO MODERN

AMERICAN LITERATURE (COLLEGE PREP; HONORS)

- Evolution of American intellectual and literary traditions
- Study of American culture and character
- Primary texts include
 - *Moby Dick*, Herman Melville
 - *The Great Gatsby*, F. Scott Fitzgerald
 - Poetry of Whitman and Dickinson

UNITED STATES HISTORY (COLLEGE PREP; HONORS)

- Study of social, constitutional, economic, and political history
- Viewed through the lens of race, rights and regionalism and the study of imperialism, industrialism, international and domestic conflicts

Grade 10

WESTERN STUDIES,

MIDDLE AGES TO MODERNITY (COLLEGE PREP; HONORS)

- Two credits
- Interdisciplinary
- Introduces students to history, art, music, and literature
- Makes connections between the creations and the essential ideas of western culture
- Major assessments: creative project; analytical research paper

Grade 9

ANCIENT STUDIES, EARLY AND CLASSICAL CIVILIZATIONS

- Two credits
- Interdisciplinary
- Provides the historical perspective and the literary tools to:
 - Examine and question the foundations of different world civilizations
 - Study the social and political structures, religions, and philosophical beliefs, and the intellectual developments

Engineering and Innovation

Glenn Country School utilizes curricular and co-curricular resources to foster curiosity, problem-solving and scientific research, including:

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY ENGINEERING CURRICULUM

See Upper School Course Offerings for the list of classes taught in the STEAM Department.

- Introduced in 2011, the curriculum emphasizes:
 - Development of critical thinking and problem solving skills
 - Hands-on and project-based course work
 - Opportunity for students to earn college credit
 - Use of industry-leading 3D design software

RESEARCH-GRADE OBSERVATORY

METEOROLOGICAL MICRONET

HIGH-ALTITUDE BALLOON RESEARCH

Foundations

The Foundations Program is a two-year course sequence, offered to develop students' interpersonal skills and community and global awareness.

FOUNDATIONS 9 (GRADE 9) AREAS OF STUDY:

- Resource management (library, research computer technology, etc.)
- Relationship development
- Study skills and time management

FOUNDATIONS 10 (GRADE 10) AREAS OF STUDY:

- Aesthetic appreciation
- Public speaking
- Environmental sustainability
- Financial literacy and career planning
- Global education

Service is an integral part of life at GCS. Students are required to perform a minimum of 25 hours each year. In a typical year, however, approximately one third of the students perform 50 or more service hours.

GCS Scholars Program

The GCS Scholars Program is an elective program for those graduates seeking to challenge themselves in a particular area of study. Through specific coursework and experiential discovery, students build a portfolio of work they defend before faculty in order to graduate with a distinction.

STARTING IN 2016-17, GCS STUDENTS

MAY EARN DISTINCTION IN ONE OF FIVE AREAS:

- Aesthetics and culture
- Convergent science
- Entrepreneurship
- Global leadership
- Technology, engineering, and design

REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE:

- Completing of specific coursework
- Extracurricular analysis
- Hands-on learning (internship, mentorship, etc.)
- Portfolio
- Portfolio defense
- Teaching

| CLASS | SCHOLARS |
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| 2020 | 4 |
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| 2019 | 11 |
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| 2018 | 6 |
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| 2017 | 3 |
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UPPER SCHOOL COURSE OFFERINGS 2020–2021

Business

- AP Macro Economics
- AP Micro Economics (2 trimesters)*
- Business Management (Honors) (trimester)
- Business Strategies (Honors) (trimester)
- Financial Accounting (Honors)
- Financial Planning (Honors) (trimester)
- Investing and Capital Markets (Honors)
- Marketing (Honors) (trimester)
- Off-campus Mentorships
(Juniors and Seniors only with approval)

Foundations Program

(Formerly Civic Leadership. See description on previous page)

- 9th CL/Foundations 9 (required)
- 10th CL/Foundations 10 (required)

Computer Science

- AP Computer Science
- Introduction to Software Development and Web Design

Fine Arts

- Advanced Digital Photography
- Advanced Photography
- Advanced Stagecraft: Design (trimester)*
- Advanced Stagecraft: Theatrical Engineering (trimester)*
- Advanced Theatre/Drama
- Advanced Video Production
- AP Music Theory
- AP Studio Art (Drawing 3D)
- Choir
- Choir Practicum (1/2 credit)
- Digital Photography
- Fashion Sewing (trimester)
- Independent Studies in Music Theory (trimester)

Instrumental Music

- Instrumental Music Practicum (1/2 credit)
- Music Theory I
- Photography
- Pottery I
- Pottery II
- Props and Costume Construction (trimester)
- Props and Costume Design (trimester)
- Sculpture I
- Sculpture II
- Stagecraft*
- Studio Art I-IV
- Survey of Musical Theater (trimester)
- Survey of Performing Arts
- Survey of Stage Contact (trimester)
- Survey of Technical Theater (trimester)
- Theatre/Drama I
- Video Production

Humanities

(See descriptions on previous page)

- AMERICAN STUDIES (11) (Honors and College Prep)
 - American Literature
 - United States History
- Ancient Studies (9)
- Integrative Seminar (12) (Honors)
- Modern World History (12)
- Western Studies (10) (Honors and College Prep)

ELECTIVES (trimester long, except where noted)

- African History and Culture
- AP Art History
- AP Comparative Government
- AP English Literature (year-long)*
- AP European History (year-long)
- AP Government and Politics (two trimesters)
- AP Psychology (year-long)*
- Global Diplomacy (trimester)
- Intercultural Leadership (trimester)
- Islamic Studies (trimester)*
- Psychology (year-long)

Mathematics

- Algebra I
- Algebra II (Honors and College Prep)
- AP Calculus AB
- AP Calculus BC
- AP Statistics
- Calculus (Honors)
- Geometry (Honors and College Prep)
- Multivariable Calculus (Calculus 3)
- Precalculus with Trigonometry
(Honors and College Prep)

Science

- Anatomy and Physiology (Honors)
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Environmental Science
- AP Physics C: Mechanics
- AP Physics E and M*
- Biology I
- Chemistry I (Honors and College Prep)
- Forensic Science
- Physics I (Honors and College Prep)
- Organic Chemistry (Honors)*
- Weather and Climate

STEAM

- Advanced 3D Modeling and Artistic Rendering
- Civil Engineering and Architecture (Honors)
- Digital Electronics (Honors)
- Engineering Design and Development (Honors)
- Introduction to Engineering Design (Honors)
- Principles of Engineering (Honors)*
- The Manual Arts: Tools, Materials, and Methods

World And Classical Languages

- Chinese I and Chinese III (Honors)
- Chinese II (Honors)*
- French I-III (Honors); AP Language
- French IV (Honors)*
- Latin I-IV (Honors); AP Latin
- Spanish I-IV (Honors); AP Language

**not offered during SY2020-2021*

Grading System

Glenelg Country School calculates yearly and cumulative weighted grade point averages. All classes are included. Honors classes (H): add 0.5. Advanced Placement classes (AP): add 1.0.

| Letter Grade | Numeric Range | Unweighted GPA |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| A+ | 97-100 | 4.3 |
| A | 93-96 | 4.0 |
| A- | 90-92 | 3.7 |
| B+ | 87-89 | 3.3 |
| B | 83-86 | 3.0 |
| B- | 80-82 | 2.7 |
| C+ | 77-79 | 2.3 |
| C | 73-76 | 2.0 |
| C- | 70-72 | 1.7 |
| D+ | 67-69 | 1.3 |
| D | 63-66 | 1.0 |
| D- | 60-62 | 0.7 |
| F | 0-59 | 0.0 |

Honors And Recognition

CUM LAUDE SOCIETY

- Accepted for membership in 2011
- Induct members at the end of Grade 12 only

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

- Induct members in the winter of Grade 11 and Grade 12

NATIONAL MERIT, CLASS OF 2021

- Commended students 1

HONOR ROLL

- High Honors: 3.7 average with no grade lower than a B
- Honors: 3.0 average with no grade lower than a C

HONOR CODE

"All members of the Upper School Community will not lie, cheat, or steal, or tolerate those that do."

COVID-19 and Standardized Testing

GCS is not a testing location for the SAT nor ACT. We have not and will not offer students the SAT School Day option. In the greater Baltimore/DC region the ability for students to take the SAT and ACT has been dramatically limited due to COVID. We have encouraged our students to focus on things that they have greater control over at this time, like their academics, family, community, and hobbies.

Glenelg Country School COVID-19 Adjustments

SY2020–2021: The school year began with full remote learning on September 8, 2020 and transitioned to hybrid learning on October 26, 2020. There are no grading adjustments that have been made for the 2020-2021 school year. Students participate in synchronous learning for three hours per week for college prep courses and four hours per week for AP courses.

SY2019–2020: All students shifted to full remote learning on March 23, 2020 for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. See below for final exam adjustments.

Classes of 2020 and 2021

- All courses maintain grading scale and weight found on syllabus.
- No final exams given.
- The final exam weight has been shifted to give more weight to trimester 1 and 2 equally.

Classes of 2022 and 2023

- All courses maintain grading scale and weight found on syllabus.
- No final exams given.
- The final exam weight has been shifted to give more weight to trimester 1 and 2 equally.
- Foundations 10 Course: final grade calculated using trimester 1 (50%) and trimester 2 (50%).
- Foundations 9 Course: final grade calculated using trimester 1 (50%) and trimester 2 (50%).

Student Life And Enrichment

SPORTS

| Boys | Girls |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Baseball | Badminton |
| Basketball | Basketball |
| Cross Country | Cross Country |
| Golf | Field Hockey |
| Ice Hockey | Golf |
| Indoor Track | Indoor Track |
| Lacrosse | Lacrosse |
| Soccer | Soccer |
| Tennis | Tennis |
| Track and Field | Track and Field |
| Wrestling | Volleyball |

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Baltimore Student Diversity Leadership Conference
 Build Haiti Foundation
 Howard County Leadership U.
 Independent School Youth Summit
 Maryland Special Olympics
 Rebuilding Together
 St. Bernard Project, New Orleans
 Voices for Change

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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| Admission Ambassadors | School Council |
| Club Presidents | Class Representatives |
| Honor Council | President |
| President | Vice President |
| Vice President | Team Captains |
| | Team Managers |

CLUBS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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| Amnesty International | Gender and Sexuality Alliance |
| Art | History |
| Board Game | Journalism |
| Business | Juggling |
| CAPPIES | Knitting |
| Chess | Mindfulness |
| Coloring | Photography |
| Common Ground | Positivity |
| Community Service | Robotics |
| Debate | School Musical |
| Film Appreciation | |

Sample College Matriculations 2016–2020

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|---------------------------------------|--|---|--|---|---|
| American University | Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach) | Lehigh University | Reed College | University of Alabama | University of Oregon |
| Auburn University | Emmanuel College | Lipscomb University | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute | University of British Columbia | University of Pennsylvania |
| Babson College | Emory University | Louisiana State University | Roanoke College | University of California Irvine | University of Pittsburgh |
| Bates College | Flagler College | Loyola University Maryland | Rochester Institute of Technology | University of California Los Angeles | University of Richmond |
| Belmont University | Florida Gulf Coast University | Lynn University | Saint Louis University | University of California San Diego | University of Rochester |
| Boston University | Florida Institute of Technology | Maryland Institute College of Art | Salisbury University | University of California Santa Barbara | University of South Carolina |
| Brown University | Florida Southern College | Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences | San Diego State University | University of California Santa Cruz | University of Southern California |
| Buckinghamshire New University | Fordham University | McDaniel College | San Jose State University | University of California Santa Cruz | University of Tampa |
| Bucknell University | Franklin & Marshall College | Middlebury College | Savannah College of Art and Design | University of Central Florida | University of Toronto |
| Carnegie Mellon University | Frostburg State University | Millersville University of Pennsylvania | School of the Art Institute of Chicago | University of Chicago | University of Vermont |
| Case Western Reserve University | Furman University | Mount St. Mary's University | Seton Hill University | University of Colorado Colorado Springs | University of Virginia |
| Catholic University of America | George Mason University | Neumann University | Shenandoah University | University of Colorado Boulder | University of Washington |
| Chestnut Hill College | George Washington University | New York University | Shepherd University | University of Colorado Denver | Utah State University |
| Clemson University | Georgetown University | North Carolina A&T State University | Skidmore College | University of Delaware | Valparaiso University |
| Coastal Carolina University | Georgia Institute of Technology | Northeastern University | St. John's University | University of Florida | Virginia Military Institute |
| College of the Holy Cross | Gordon College | Oberlin College | St. Mary's College of Maryland | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University |
| Colorado School of Mines | Goucher College | Ohio University | Stevens University | University of Kentucky | Wake Forest University |
| Community College of Baltimore County | Harvard University | Oxford College of Emory University | Stony Brook University | University of Lynchburg | Washington College |
| Connecticut College | High Point University | Pace University in New York | Susquehanna University | University of Maryland, Baltimore County | Washington University in St. Louis |
| Cornell University | Hofstra University | Parsons School of Design | Syracuse University | University of Maryland, College Park | West Virginia University |
| Dartmouth College | Hood College | Pennsylvania State University | Temple University | University of Maryland, College Park | Widener University |
| DePaul University | Howard Community College | Pepperdine University | The College of Wooster | University of Miami | William & Mary |
| Dickinson College | Indiana University Bloomington | Pitzer College | The New School | University of Michigan | Worcester Polytechnic Institute |
| Drew University | Ithaca College | Pratt Institute | The Ohio State University | University of North Carolina School of the Arts | Xavier University of Louisiana |
| Drexel University | Jacksonville University | Purdue University | Towson University | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | York College Pennsylvania |
| Duquesne University | James Madison University | Randolph-Macon College | Tulane University of Louisiana | | |
| East Carolina University | Johns Hopkins University | | United States Military Academy | | |
| Elizabethtown College | Juniata College | | United States Naval Academy | | |
| | Lafayette College | | | | |