

GLENELG COUNTRY SCHOOL

2021-2022 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.

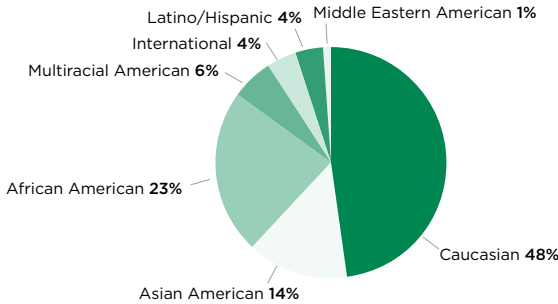
GCS was founded in 1954, enrolling 35 students in grades one through seven. In the fall of 1985, the new Upper School division opened with 10 students. The first class graduated in June of 1989. Despite its continued growth in all divisions, the School has maintained a commitment to personal attention 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 Upper School (grades 9-12) enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year is 281.



Class Rank

Glenelg Country School does not provide a class rank.

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 2022

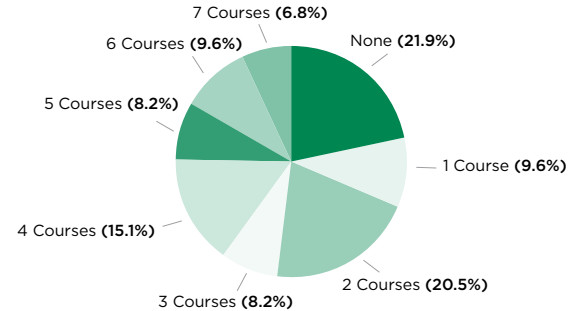
Commended students: 2

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

Advanced Placement

Students enrolled in AP courses are expected to sit for the exam; exceptions are rare and are made at the instructor's discretion.



Class of 2021

- 78% of students took at least one AP exam
- 2.8 average number of AP courses student
- 17 AP courses offered

2021 AP Scholars

- Scholar 16
- Scholar with Honor 10
- Scholar with Distinction 10

2020-2021 AP Exam Performance

Exam	Number	%3 or Higher
Art History	8	37.5%
Biology	10	80%
Calculus AB	26	65%
Calculus BC	12	75%
Chemistry	8	75%
Comparative Government	21	90%
Computer Science A	4	75%
Computer Science Principals	1	100%
English Language and Composition	3	67%
English Literature and Composition	6	50%
Environmental Science	7	100%
Latin	9	11%
Macroeconomics	15	93%
Music Theory	2	100%
Physics C: Mechanics	4	75%
Psychology	2	100%
Spanish Language and Culture	13	92%
Spanish Literature	2	100%
Statistics	23	43%
Studio Art 3-D Design	1	100%
United States History*	3	34%

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

Honor Code

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

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

Seal of Biliteracy

The Seal of Biliteracy is a nationally recognized award that acknowledges the importance of language diversity and proficiency. GCS recognizes language learners that are linguistically and culturally competent to succeed in the global economy and have the ability to interact respectfully with others both here in the U.S. and around the world. This award recognizes students who have attained and demonstrated proficiency at a minimum level of Intermediate High in both English and one or more other world languages (native, heritage, or learned) by high school graduation.

Engineering and Innovation

Glenelg 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 defense
- Teaching Opportunities

CLASS	SCHOLARS
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2021	5
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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 ACADEMIC COURSE OFFERINGS

Business and Economics

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

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 3D Art and Design
 AP Music Theory
 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
 Theatre/Drama I
 Video Production

Foundations Program

Foundations 9
 Foundations 10

Humanities

(See descriptions on previous page)
 AMERICAN STUDIES (11) (On Level and Honors)
 • American Literature
 • United States History
 Ancient Studies (9)
 Integrative Seminar (12) (Honors)
 Modern World History (12)
 Western Studies (10) (On Level and Honors)
 ELECTIVES (year-long, except where noted)
 • African History and Culture (one trimester)
 • AP Art History†
 • AP Comparative Government†
 • AP English Literature
 • AP European History
 • AP Government and Politics (two trimesters)
 • AP Psychology
 • Creative Writing
 • Global Diplomacy (one trimester)
 • Intercultural Leadership (one trimester)
 • Islamic Studies* (one trimester)
 • Psychology
 • Video Journalism

Mathematics

Algebra I
 Algebra II (On Level and Honors)
 AP Calculus AB
 AP Calculus BC
 AP Statistics
 Calculus (On Level and Honors)
 Geometry (On Level and Honors)
 Precalculus with Trigonometry (On Level and Honors)

Science

Anatomy and Physiology (Honors)
 AP Biology
 AP Chemistry
 AP Environmental Science
 AP Physics C: Mechanics
 Astronomy
 Biology I
 Chemistry I (On Level and Honors)
 Forensic Science
 Physics I (On Level and Honors)

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)
 The Manual Arts: Tools, Materials, and Methods

World And Classical Languages

Chinese I-IV (Honors), (III, IV)*
 French I-IV, AP Language (Honors II-IV)*
 Latin I*-IV, AP Language (Honors II-IV)
 Spanish I-IV, AP Language, AP Literature
 (Honors II-IV)

* not offered during SY2021-2022
 † offered every other year

Graduation Requirements

Upper School students are required to earn at least six (6) academic credits per year.

COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
Fine Arts	1	Mathematics	4
Foundations	2	Physical Education	1
Humanities	8	World or Classical Language, to third level	2-3
Laboratory Science	3		

SAT Scores

	MIDDLE 50% Reading	MIDDLE 50% Math	MEAN 1600 R + M	% OF STUDENTS TESTED
2021	580-670	570-703	1266	63%
2020	550-670	520-670	1224	100%
2019	550-650	560-690	1252	100%
2018	585-690	580-740	1300	100%
2017	560-660	550-700	1230	100%

Glenelg Country School COVID-19 Adjustments

SY2021-2022: Resume full in-person learning.

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 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%).

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-19. 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.

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

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

CLUBS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Amnesty International	Garden
Art	Gender and Sexuality Alliance
Automotive	Hacky Sack
Badminton	History
Basketball	Instrumental
Board Games	Journalism
Book Club	Knitting
Business	Mindfulness
Chess	Painting by Numbers
Choir	Photography
Coloring	Robotics
Common Ground	Rubik's Cube
Community Service	School Musical
Cooking	Stage Combat
Dance	Ultimate Frisbee
Debate	Volleyball/Spikeball
Film Appreciation	Wellness Club
Four Square	
Game Design	

College Matriculations 2017–2021

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