2022-2023 UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE

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.

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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.

## 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.

## SERVICE

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.

## 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.

## INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR

Integrative Seminar is a required year long course for 12th grade students. Students will produce original research paper (12-15 pages) or a project on a topic of interest that they defend at the conclusion of their research. This course teaches the foundations of research level writing, citing, and presentation skills.

## 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 |
| F | $60-62$ | 0.7 |

## Graduation Requirements

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

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

## UPPER SCHOOL ACADEMIC PROGRAM

## Humanities <br> Grade 12

INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR (HONORS)

- 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

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 (history, music, art, and literature)


## Grade 9

ANCIENT STUDIES, EARLY AND CLASSICAL
CIVILIZATIONS

- Two credits
- Interdisciplinary (history, literature, religion, and philosophy)


## Engineering and Innovation

Glenelg Country School utilizes curricular and co-curricular resources to foster curiosity, problemsolving and scientific research, including:

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY ENGINEERING CURRICULUM
RESEARCH-GRADE OBSERVATORY
METEOROLOGICAL MICRONET
high-Altitude balloon research

Foundations (discontinued 2022)
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


## 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 distinction.
STARTING IN 2016-2017, 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


## Honors And Recognition <br> CUM LAUDE SOCIETY

- Induct members at the end of Grade 12 only

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

- Induct members in the winter of Grades 11 and 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 2022

- $77 \%$ of students took at least one AP exam
-2.7 average number of AP courses per student
- 18 AP courses offered

2021 AP SCHOLARS

- Scholar 16
- Scholar with Honor 4
- Scholar with Distinction 14


## 2021-2022 AP EXAM PERFORMANCE

| EXAM | NUMBER | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \text { OR } \\ & \text { HIGHER } \end{aligned}$ | EXAM | NUMBER | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \text { OR } \\ & \text { HIGHER } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3D Art | 8 | 63\% | European History | 4 | 100\% |
| Biology | 30 | 100\% | German Language and Culture | 1 | 100\% |
| Calculus AB | 30 | 70\% | Latin | 2 | 100\% |
| Calculus BC | 13 | 85\% | Microeconomics | 12 | 92\% |
| Chemistry | 4 | 100\% | Physics C: Mechanics | 6 | 67\% |
| Computer Science A | 12 | 83\% | Psychology | 17 | 53\% |
| Computer Science Principles | 1 | 100\% | Spanish Language and Culture | 8 | 50\% |
| Drawing | 3 | 100\% | Spanish Literature and Culture | 3 | 100\% |
| English Literature and Composition | 5 | 80\% | Statistics | 18 | 67\% |
| Environmental Science | 15 | 67\% | United States Government and Politics | 7 | 100\% |

## Honor Code

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

UPPER SCHOOL ACADEMIC COURSE OFFERINGS

| DEPARTMENT | CREDITS | COLLEGE PREP | HONORS | AP COURSES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Humanities | 8 | *Ancient Studies (2 credits) <br> *Western Studies (2 credits) <br> *American Literature <br> *Unites States History <br> *Modern World History <br> Broadcast Journalism, Advanced <br> Film Appreciation <br> Psychology <br> Global Education (1 Tri) <br> Global Diplomacy (1 Tri) <br> Intro to Creative Writing: Short Stories (1 Tri) <br> Intro to Creative Writing: Poetry (1 Tri) <br> Intro to Creative Writing: Singular Forms (1 Tri) <br> Intercultural Leadership (1 Tri) <br> Personal Leadership (1 Tri) | Western Studies <br> American Literature US History Integrative Seminar Asian Studies Creative Writing Western Philosophy | AP Art History <br> AP Comparative Government and Politics <br> AP English Literature <br> AP Psychology |
| Mathematics | 4 | Algebra I <br> Algebra II Geometry Pre-Calc with Trig | Algebra II <br> Calculus <br> Geometry <br> Pre-Calc with Trig <br> Statistical Analysis | AP Calc AB <br> AP Calc BC <br> AP Statistics |
| Science | 3 | *Biology I <br> *Chemistry I <br> *Physics I <br> Astronomy <br> Forensic Science | Anatomy and Physiology <br> *Chemistry I <br> *Physics I | AP Biology <br> AP Chemistry <br> AP Environmental Science <br> AP Physics C: E \& M <br> AP Physics C: Mechanics |
| World and Classical Languages | $\begin{gathered} \text { 2-3: } \\ 3 \text { years } \\ \text { or up to level } 3 \end{gathered}$ | Chinese I <br> French I - III <br> Latin I - III <br> Spanish I - III | Chinese II - IV <br> French II - IV <br> Latin II - IV <br> Spanish II - IV | AP French Lang and Culture AP Latin Vergil AP Spanish Lang and Culture AP Spanish Lit and Culture |
| Fine Arts | 1 | Music <br> Choir, Advanced, Instrumental Music Practicum Instrumental Music <br> Music Theory <br> Drama <br> Costuming for Theatre <br> Stagecraft I, Advanced <br> Theater I, Advanced, Practicum <br> Survey of Musical Theatre (1 Tri) <br> Survey of Theatrical Makeup (1 Tri) <br> Survey of Stage Combat (1 Tri) <br> Visual Arts <br> Digital Media <br> Digital Photography, Advanced <br> Photography I, Advanced <br> Pottery I - III <br> Sculpture I - III <br> Studio Art I - IV <br> Video Production, Advanced |  | AP Music Theory <br> AP 3D Art and Design <br> AP Studio Art |
| Business and Economics |  | Financial Literacy ( 1 Tri) | Marketing (1 Tri) <br> Business Management (1 Tri) <br> Business Strategies ( 1 Tri) <br> Finance (1 Tri) <br> Financial Accounting Investing and Capital Markets | AP Macro Economics (2 Tri) AP Micro Economics (2 Tri) |
| Computer Science |  | Intro to Software Develop and Web Design |  | AP Computer Science |
| Engineering |  | Advanced 3D Modeling and Artistic Rendering Introduction to Engineering Design The Manual Arts: Tools, Materials, and Methods The Organic Arts: Farming, Food, \& Sustainability | Civil Engineering \& Architecture <br> Digital Electronics <br> Engineering Design \& Development |  |
| Physical Education | 1 | Physical Education \& Health (Pass/Fail) |  |  |
| Foundations | 2 | *Foundation 9, *Foundations 10 (discontinued beginning Fall of 2022) |  |  |

## ACT Scores

|  | MIDDLE 50\% <br> Reading | MIDDLE 50\% <br> Math | MIDDLE 50\% <br> Science | MIDDLE 50\% <br> English | AVERAGE <br> COMPOSITE | \% OF TESTED |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2022 | $20-33$ | $23-30$ | $23-30$ | $21-30$ | 26 | $25 \%$ |
| 2021 | $22-33$ | $20-37$ | $22-29$ | $22-32$ | 26 | $35 \%$ |
| 2020 | $23-29$ | $23-29$ | $21-30$ | $25-34$ | 27 | $51 \%$ |
| 2019 | $20-27$ | $20-27$ | $23-30$ | $27-32$ | 26 | $56 \%$ |
| 2018 | $23-29$ | $23-29$ | $24-29$ | $24-30$ | 26 | $31 \%$ |

## SAT Scores

|  | MIDDLE 50\% <br> Reading | MIDDLE 50\% <br> Math | MEAN 1600 <br> R + M | \% OF TESTED |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2022 | $570-680$ | $540-750$ | 1273 | $77 \%$ |
| 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 |

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## Class of 2022 GPA Distribution

| GPA | STUDENTS | $\%$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 4.5 and above | 9 | $12 \%$ |
| $4.25-4.49$ | 16 | $21 \%$ |
| $4.0-4.24$ | 13 | $17 \%$ |
| $3.75-3.99$ | 8 | $10 \%$ |
| $3.5-3.74$ | 13 | $17 \%$ |
| $3.25-3.49$ | 5 | $6 \%$ |
| $3.0-3.24$ | 7 | $9 \%$ |
| $2.75-2.99$ | 6 | $8 \%$ |
| 2.74 and below | 0 | $0 \%$ |


| 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 AND
LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
Admission Ambassadors Rebuilding Together
Baltimore Student School Council
Diversity Leadership
Conference
Build Haiti Foundation
Club Presidents
Honor Council
President
Vice President
Howard County
Independent School
Leadership U.
Maryland Special
Olympics

## CLUBS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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



