



2023-2024 UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE

Accreditation

Glennelg 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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Glennelg 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

Glennelg 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

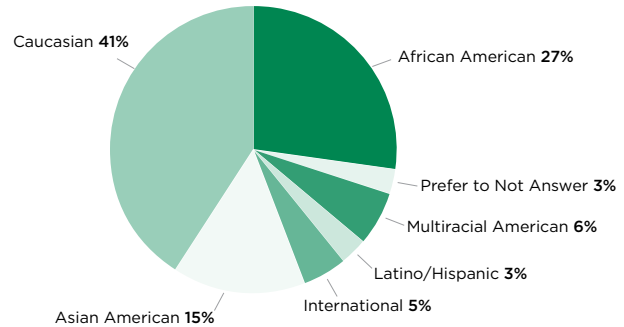
The Seal of Biliteracy is a nationally recognized award that acknowledges the importance of language diversity and proficiency. GCS recognizes language learners that are linguistically and culturally competent to succeed in the global economy and have the ability to interact respectfully with others 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 2022-2023 school year is 267.



Class Rank

Glennelg Country School does not provide a class rank.

Grading System

Glennelg 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

Diploma Requirements

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

COURSE	CREDITS
Fine Arts (Visual and Performing Arts)	1
Humanities	8
Lab Science (Through grade 11)	3
Mathematics (Four years through Pre-Calculus)	4
Physical Education	1
World and Classical Language (To third level)	2-3

UPPER SCHOOL ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Humanities

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, problem-solving 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

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

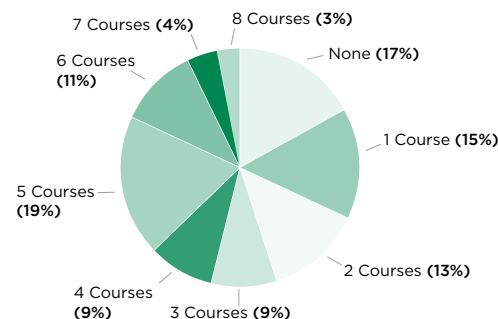
Commended students: 2

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

CLASS OF 2024 AP COURSES TAKEN



CLASS OF 2023

- 83% of students took at least one AP exam
- 19 AP courses offered

2023 AP SCHOLARS

- Scholar 5
- Scholar with Honor 2
- Scholar with Distinction 9

2021-2022 AP EXAM PERFORMANCE

EXAM	#	3 OR HIGHER	EXAM	#	3 OR HIGHER
Art History	10	80%	Human Geography	1	100%
Biology	9	100%	Latin	2	50%
Calculus AB	31	71%	Macroeconomics	2	100%
Calculus BC	7	100%	Microeconomics	2	100%
Chemistry	11	100%	Music Theory	1	100%
Chinese Language and Culture	1	100%	Physics I	2	50%
Comparative Government and Politics	9	100%	Physics C: Mechanics	3	67%
Computer Science A	14	86%	Psychology	36	58%
Drawing	2	100%	Spanish Language and Culture	4	100%
English Language and Composition	1	100%	Spanish Literature and Culture	3	100%
English Literature and Composition	5	60%	Statistics	16	69%
Environmental Science	10	70%			

Honor Code

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

Test Scores

	MIDDLE 50%	AVERAGE	% OF TESTED
ACT	22-31	26	19%
SAT R+W	560-690	626	63%
SAT Math	520-700	612	63%

UPPER SCHOOL ACADEMIC COURSE OFFERINGS

DEPARTMENT	CREDITS	COLLEGE PREP	HONORS	AP COURSES
Humanities	8	*Ancient Studies (2 credits) *Western Studies (2 credits) *American Literature *Unites States History *Modern World History Broadcast Journalism, Advanced Film Appreciation Psychology Global Education (1 Tri) Global Diplomacy (1 Tri) Intro to Creative Writing: Short Stories (1 Tri) Intro to Creative Writing: Poetry (1 Tri) Intro to Creative Writing: Singular Forms (1 Tri) Intercultural Leadership (1 Tri) Personal Leadership (1 Tri)	Western Studies American Literature US History Integrative Seminar Asian Studies Creative Writing Western Philosophy	AP Art History AP Comparative Government and Politics AP English Literature AP Psychology
Mathematics	4	Algebra I Algebra II Geometry Pre-Calc with Trig	Algebra II Calculus Geometry Pre-Calc with Trig Statistical Analysis	AP Calc AB AP Calc BC AP Statistics
Science	3	*Biology I *Chemistry I *Physics I Astronomy Forensic Science	Anatomy and Physiology *Chemistry I *Physics I	AP Biology AP Chemistry AP Environmental Science AP Physics C: E & M AP Physics C: Mechanics
World and Classical Languages	2-3: 3 years or up to level 3	Chinese I French I - III Latin I - III Spanish I - III	Chinese II - IV French II - IV Latin II - IV 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 Choir, Advanced, Instrumental Music Practicum Instrumental Music Music Theory Drama Costuming for Theatre Stagecraft I, Advanced Theater I, Advanced, Practicum Survey of Musical Theatre (1 Tri) Survey of Theatrical Makeup (1 Tri) Survey of Stage Combat (1 Tri) Visual Arts Digital Media Digital Photography, Advanced Photography I, Advanced Pottery I - III Sculpture I - III Studio Art I - IV Video Production, Advanced		AP Music Theory AP 3D Art and Design AP Studio Art
Business and Economics		Financial Literacy (1 Tri)	Marketing (1 Tri) Business Management (1 Tri) Business Strategies (1 Tri) Finance (1 Tri) 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 Digital Electronics Engineering Design & Development	
Physical Education	1	Physical Education & Health (Pass/Fail)		
Foundations	2	*Foundation 9, *Foundations 10 (discontinued beginning Fall of 2022)		

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

CLUBS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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

College Matriculations 2019–2023

American University	Florida Institute of Technology	Neumann University	Suffolk University	University of Massachusetts (Dartmouth)
Arizona State University (Main Campus)	Florida Southern College	New York University	Susquehanna University	University of Miami
Babson College	Fordham University	Northeastern University	Syracuse University	University of Michigan
Baltimore City Community College	Frostburg State University	Northwestern University	Temple University	University of Mississippi
Bates College	Genesee Community College	Notre Dame of Maryland University	The American University of Paris	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Belmont University	George Mason University	Oberlin College	The New School	University of Notre Dame
Boston University	George Washington University	Oxford College of Emory University	The Ohio State University	University of Oregon
Bridgewater College	Georgetown University	Parsons School of Design at The New School	The University of Alabama	University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh)
Brown University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Penn State University (Schuylkill)	The University of Tampa	University of Pittsburgh (Pittsburgh)
Buckinghamshire New University	Gettysburg College	Penn State University (University Park)	The University of West Florida	University of Richmond
Bucknell University	Goucher College	Penn State University (York)	Towson University	University of Rochester
Carnegie Mellon University	Hampshire College	Pepperdine University	Trinity University	University of Scranton
Case Western Reserve University	Haverford College	Pratt Institute	Tufts University	University of South Carolina
Catholic University of America	High Point University	Princeton University	Tulane University of Louisiana	University of Southern California
Chestnut Hill College	Hood College	Purdue University (Main Campus)	United States Coast Guard Academy	University of St Andrews
Clemson University	Howard Community College	Radford University	United States Military Academy at West Point	University of Tokyo
Coastal Carolina University	Indiana University (Bloomington)	Randolph-Macon College	United States Naval Academy	University of Vermont
College of Charleston	Ithaca College	Reed College	University of British Columbia	University of Virginia (Main Campus)
Colorado School of Mines	Jacksonville University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of California (Davis)	University of Washington (Seattle Campus)
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)	James Madison University	Roanoke College	University of California (Irvine)	University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Community College of Baltimore County	Johns Hopkins University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of California (Los Angeles)	University of York
Connecticut College	Lafayette College	Rutgers University (New Brunswick)	University of California (San Diego)	Virginia Commonwealth University
Cornell University	Lebanon Valley College	Saint Joseph's University	University of Chicago	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Culinary Institute of America	Lehigh University	Salisbury University	University of Colorado (Colorado Springs)	Washington University in St. Louis
Dartmouth College	Lipscomb University	San Diego State University	University of Colorado Boulder	West Virginia University
Denison University	Louisiana State University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Colorado Denver	William & Mary
Dickinson College	Loyola University Maryland	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Connecticut	Williams College
Drexel University	Maryland Institute College of Art	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	University of Delaware	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Duke University	Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences	Shenandoah University	University of Florida	Xavier University of Louisiana
Duquesne University	McDaniel College	Shepherd University	University of Georgia	York College of Pennsylvania
East Carolina University	McGill University	Skidmore College	University of Hawaii at Manoa	
Elizabethtown College	McPherson College	Spelman College	University of Kentucky	
Elon University	Mercyhurst University	St Mary's College of Maryland	University of Maryland (Baltimore County)	
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (Daytona Beach)	Michigan State University	Stevenson University	University of Maryland (College Park)	
Emmanuel College	Middle Tennessee State University	Stony Brook University		
Flagler College	Moravian University			
	Muhlenberg College			