



2025-2026 UPPER SCHOOL PROFILE

About Glenelg Country School

Glenelg Country School is a non-sectarian, co-educational independent day school in Howard County, Maryland, located between Baltimore and Washington, D.C. The school offers a 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.

Mission

At Glenelg Country School, our mission is to cultivate a diverse community of learners who discover, contribute, thrive, and excel.

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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Howard County, MD is a diverse and dynamic area located in central Maryland known for its high quality of life, excellent schools, and well-planned communities. The county's economy is robust and multifaceted. Residents work in sectors such as Technology, IT and cyber security given its proximity to Washington, D.C. The county is home to several major health-care related systems employing many doctors, nurses, and administrators. Education is a strong emphasis, many families are involved in educational professions working in local schools, colleges, and universities, including several HBCUs in our region. Working in government roles, contracts, local and state federal agencies is common for households. Overall, Howard County offers a diverse range of employment opportunities, reflecting its well-rounded economy and appeal as a place to live for families seeking both professional opportunities and a high standard of living.

College Prep Opportunities

INTEGRATIVE SEMINAR

Through our integrative approach to the Humanities, students acquire the abstract thinking, research, writing, and seminar skills that are essential to their future success. The Senior Integrative course begins with a trimester focused on building seminar discussion skills and shift to building and completing a self-directed research project of their own design. Students develop a 10 to 12-page research paper or project that they present and defend in May of senior year as part of their graduation requirements. This year-long course is dedicated to developing and teaching research methodology, critical thinking and analysis, and making and defending evidence-based claims.

INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENT

An internship is required for each student as a part of the graduation requirement. Internships must be 40-hour unpaid and in a field or area of interest. Students can pursue the internship anytime from January of their senior year through the end of May. Students are provided tools, skills and resources to help them independently secure internships. Internships must be approved. Some students may be involved in extensive internship program that start prior to January and may qualify as meeting the internship requirement.

SCHOLARS PROGRAM

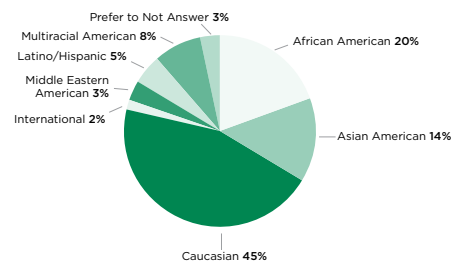
The GCS Scholars Program is an elective program for those graduates seeking to challenge themselves in a particular area of study. Through specific coursework and experiential discovery, students build a portfolio of work they defend before faculty in order to graduate with distinction. Students will earn distinction in one of five areas: Aesthetics and Culture, Entrepreneurship, Convergent Science, Global Leadership, or Technology, Engineering, and Design.

SEAL OF BILITERACY

The Seal of Biliteracy is a nationally recognized award that acknowledges the importance of language diversity and proficiency. GCS recognizes learners that are linguistically and culturally competent to succeed in the global economy with the ability to interact respectfully with others both here in the U.S. and around the world. This award recognizes students who have confirmed their proficiency, through a nationally approved assessment, at a minimum level of Intermediate High in both English and one or more other world languages by high school graduation. Since 2018, GCS has awarded the seal in Spanish, French, Mandarin, English, Latin, Portuguese, Polish, German, and Farsi.

Enrollment/Diversity

Total Upper School (grades 9-12) enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year is 318.



Grading Period and System

Glenelg Country School calculates trimester, yearly and cumulative weighted grade point averages. Class grades and report cards are given on a trimester schedule. All Classes, except Physical Education are included in the grading. Honors classes (H): add 0.5. Advanced Placement Classes (AP): add 1.0. All other classes are regarded as College Prep or On-Level.

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

Class Rank

Glenelg Country School does not provide a class rank.

Diploma Requirements

Upper School students are required to earn 24 credits to be awarded a diploma with at least 6 Academic credits per academic year. Completion of the integrative paper or project, senior speech, oral defense, and an internship are hallmarks of the GCS experience and required for graduation and diploma. Students are also required to have completed 95 service hours.

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	0
World and Classical Language (To third level)	2-3

UPPER SCHOOL ACADEMIC PROGRAM AND CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

Honor Code

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

STEAM Program

In our comprehensive STEAM program, students can pursue their interests in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics. Specialized subjects such as Civil Engineering, Architecture, Software Development, Artificial Intelligence, 3D Art, and Digital Electronics allow students to refine their focus in preparation for college. In their senior year, students complete internships and have access to participate in advanced level research through local institutions like Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab.

The Innovation Lab and Gould Observatory position teachers as guides to students engaging with 21st century tools to develop their curiosity, data interpretation skills and ability to conceive, design and construct projects from a variety of materials. Students get hands-on experience with 3D printers, CAD software, weather stations and power tools. The Gould Observatory provides opportunities for students to collaborate with our physics teachers in exploring the universe right here on campus, through astronomy electives and studies at our on-campus observatory.

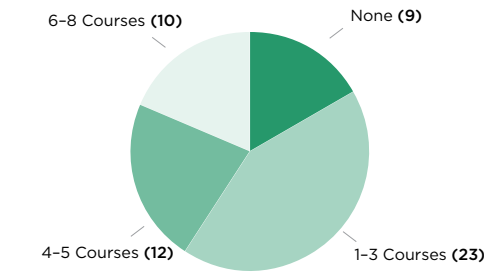
Performing Arts

Students can explore their passion for creativity and expression through our dynamic performing program. Specialized courses musical ensembles, instrumental and choral, acting, and stage craft provide opportunities for students to develop their skills and deepen their understanding of the arts, laying a strong foundation for future studies and careers in the creative industries. Through a blend of hands-on practice, creative exploration, and collaborative opportunities, our arts program inspires students to gain the confidence to express themselves both within the school community and beyond.

Advanced Placement

Students enrolled in AP courses are required to sit for the AP exams.

CLASS OF 2025 AP COURSES TAKEN



of AP Courses offered 2024-2025:19
of student taking AP Exams: 103

2025 AP SCHOLARS

Scholar	8
Scholar with Honor	5
Scholar with Distinction	11

2025 AP EXAM PERFORMANCE

EXAM	#	% 3 OR HIGHER	EXAM	#	% 3 OR HIGHER
Bio	13	100	Environmental Sci	14	79
Calc AB	22	59	Macro-Econ	16	88
Calc BC	9	100	Micro-Econ	1	100
Chemistry	10	100	Physics C: Mech	5	80
Chinese Language	2	100	Psychology	34	74
Comp Gov Pol	16	75	Spanish Lang	11	73
Computer Sci A	9	100	Stats	16	69
Comp Sci Prin	2	50	US Gov Pol	1	100
English Lang Comp	2	100	US History	6	100
English Lit Comp	7	100			

Test Scores Class of 2025

	MIDDLE 50%	AVERAGE	# OF STUDENTS
ACT	30 - 32	30	5
DSAT R+W	510 - 700	603	43
DSAT Math	510 - 720	614	43

Visual Arts

A very busy, creative two- and three-dimensional visual arts program includes Digital Photography, Film Production, Graphic Design, Studio Arts (painting, drawing, printmaking), Pottery, and Sculpture. We foster individual discovery and process with constructive critiques and discussions in each course.

Business

Our business program offers students an education from financial literacy to investing in financial markets to taking AP Macroeconomics or AP Microeconomics. In addition to those Advanced Placement courses, students can take courses in Financial Literacy, Investing & Financial Markets, Business Management, Business Strategies, Financial Accounting, Marketing.

Humanities Courses (2 credits)

Two credit interdisciplinary courses covering history, music, art, literature, religion, and philosophy
Grade 9 – Ancient Studies, Early and Classical Civilizations (College Prep)
Grade 10 – Western Studies, Middle Ages to Modernity (College Prep)

Honors and Recognition

- National Merit, Class of 2026: Commended Students - 4
- Cum Laude Society: Induct members at the end of Grade 12
- National Honor Society: Induct members in the winter of Grades 11 and 12
- Honor Roll
 - High Honors – 3.7 avg with no grade lower than a B
 - Honors – 3.0 average with no grade lower than a C

UPPER SCHOOL ACADEMIC JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

DEPARTMENT	CREDIT	COLLEGE PREP	HONORS	ADVANCED PLACEMENT
Humanities	8	*American Literature *Ancient Studies (2 credits) Broadcast Journalism, Advanced Creative Writing *Modern World History Personal Leadership (1 Tri) Psychology The Art of Improvisational Comedy (1 Tri) *The West and the World (2 credits) *Unites States History	African American Studies American Literature Broadcast Journalism II Creative Writing Decision-Making in Ethics (1 Tri) Integrative Seminar Introduction to Key Ideas (1 Tri) Living the Questions: a Life Worth Living (1 Tri) *Modern World History Navigating Complexity: Decision-Making in Ethics (1 Tri) Philosophical Concepts: an Introduction to Key Ideas (1 Tri) The West and The World United States History Western Philosophy	AP Art History AP Comparative Government and Politics AP European History AP English Literature AP Psychology AP United States Government and Politics
Mathematics	4	Algebra I Algebra II Geometry Pre-Calc with Trig	Algebra II Calculus Geometry Multivariable Calculus 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 Observational Astronomy (1 Tri) Rocketry: Past and Present (1 Tri) Space Science and Technology (1 Tri)	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 Chinese Language and Culture AP French Lang and Culture AP Latin AP Spanish Lang and Culture AP Spanish Lit and Culture
Fine Arts	1	Music Choir, Advanced, Instrumental Music Practicum Choir I Choir II Choir Practicum Instrumental Music Practicum Instrumental Music Music Theory Drama Acting I Acting II Acting Practicum Stagecraft I Stagecraft II Visual Arts Digital Media Digital Photography I Digital Photography II Pottery I - III Sculpture: Plaster, Found Objects, Wood (1 Tri) Sculpture: Wire, Paper, Clay (1 Tri) Sculpture: Installations, Mixed Media, and Contemporary Art (1 Tri) Studio Art I - IV Video Production I	Video Production II	AP Music Theory AP 3D Art and Design AP Studio Art
Business and Economics	Elective	Investing and Financial Markets (1 Tri) Financial Literacy (1 Tri)	Marketing (1 Tri) Business Management (1 Tri) Business Strategies (1 Tri) Finance (1 Tri) Financial Accounting	AP Macro Economics (2 Tri) AP Micro Economics (2 Tri)
Computer Science	Elective	Explorations of Software Development (1 Tri) Explorations of Artificial Intelligence (1 Tri) Explorations of Video Game Development (1 Tri)		AP Computer Science
Engineering	Elective	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	0	Health and Wellness (1 Tri) Introduction to Movement (1 Tri) Strength and Conditioning (1 Tri) Team Sports (1 Tri)		

Student Life And Enrichment

SERVICE	SPORTS (BOYS/GIRLS)	CLUBS AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES		
All students in grades 9, 10, and 11 are expected to complete a minimum of 25 hours of community service annually. Students in grade 12 must complete 20 hours of community service. Engaging in community service enriches personal growth and character development by giving back to the community. By participating in direct service, indirect service, or social advocacy, students use their talents and resources to address local and global needs. Partnerships with local and international organizations provide students with valuable experience through their service.	<u>Fall</u> Cross Country (B/G), Field Hockey (G), Soccer (B/G), Tennis (B/G), and Volleyball (G)	We offer over 30 clubs that meet weekly. Some of them are, but not limited to:		
	<u>Winter</u> Basketball (B/G) and Indoor Track (B/G)	Youth Climate Institute (YCI)	Pickleball Club	Basketball
	<u>Spring</u> Badminton (G), Baseball (B), Golf (Co-ed), Lacrosse (B/G), and Track (B/G)	Rubik's Cube Club	Destination Imagination Observatory	Volleyball
			Health Occupations Students of America (Club)	Crochet Club
		Dungeons and Dragons Club	Robotics	Rocketry Club
			Educators	Debate Club
			Reading buddies	Music Club
			STEM Club	Student Council
			Dragon Pals	Improv club

College Acceptances 2025

Abilene Christian University	The George Washington University	Occidental College	Texas State University	University of Michigan
Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University	Georgetown University	Ohio University	Boston Conservatory at Berklee	University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Albany State University	Georgia State University	Old Dominion University	The Ohio State University	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Albright College	Gettysburg College	Penn State Harrisburg	The University of Alabama	University of New Haven
American University	Goucher College	Penn State University Park	The University of Tennessee, Knoxville	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Arizona State University	Hampton University	Purdue University	Towson University	University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown
Babson College	Harford Community College	Randolph-Macon College	United States Air Force Academy	University of Pittsburgh
Binghamton University	Harvard University	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of California, Davis	University of Richmond
Boston College	Howard University	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of California, Irvine	University of Rochester
Boston University	Indiana University Bloomington	Rutgers University	University of California, Riverside	University of San Diego
Brandeis University	Ithaca College	Saint Joseph's University	University of California, San Diego	University of Scranton
Bucknell University	James Madison University	Salisbury University	University of California, Santa Barbara	University of South Carolina
Carnegie Mellon University	Lafayette College	Salve Regina University	University of California, Santa Cruz	University of Washington
Case Western Reserve University	Lehigh University	San Diego State University	University of Colorado Boulder	University of Wisconsin
The Catholic University of America	Louisiana State University	San José State University	University of Connecticut	Ursinus College
Clemson University	Loyola University Chicago	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Delaware	Villanova University
Colgate University	Loyola University Maryland	Seton Hall University	University of Denver	Virginia Commonwealth University
Colge of Charleston	Lycoming College	Shaw University	University of Florida	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Columbia University	Macalester College	Shepherd University	University of Houston	Virginia Union University
Cornell University	Marymount University	Southern Methodist University	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	Wake Forest University
Dickinson College	McDaniel College	Spelman College	University of Maryland, Washington	Washington University in St. Louis
Drexel University	Michigan State University	St. Mary's College of Maryland	University of Maryland, Baltimore County	West Virginia University
Duquesne University	Monmouth University	St. John's University	University of Maryland, College Park	Wheaton College Massachusetts
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University—Daytona Beach	Morehouse College	St. Olaf College	University of Maryland, Eastern Shore	Widener University
Emerson College	Mount St. Mary's University	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Massachusetts Amherst	William & Mary
Fayetteville State University	North Carolina A&T State University	Stevenson University		Wilson College
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	North Carolina State University	Stony Brook University		Winthrop University
Fordham University	Northeastern University	Susquehanna University		
Franklin & Marshall College	Northwestern University	Syracuse University		
Frostburg State University	Oakland University	Temple University		
George Mason University	Oberlin College	Texas A&M University		