Severna Park High School

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National Blue Ribbon | 2010–11
Maryland Blue Ribbon | 2010–11
US Department of
Education Green Ribbon | 2014
PLTW Distinguished School | 2024

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Severna Park High School (SPHS) in Severna Park, Maryland has served the students and community since 1959. We are a mid-sized suburban high school with a student population ranging from 1,750 to 1,950 students in any given school year. In 2017 we opened the doors to a newly constructed Severna Park High School building which replaced the original building.

We are both a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and a Green School, and we offer student-access to college preparatory, vocational, and special education programs to students in grades 9–12.

Our students participate in engaging instruction in order to acquire content knowledge and are actively involved in research-based instructional methods. Severna Park High School continues to move from great to extraordinary.

Programs of Choice

Signature Program

A Signature is a theme chosen by a school and its surrounding community, to connect classroom instruction with real-world situations and workforce-relevant skills. A Signature brings together educators with local business and community leaders to make classroom instruction relevant, interesting, and challenging for students with opportunities that connect to the 21st century workplace.

The Business, Innovation, and Leadership Signature program strives to inspire business, innovation, & leadership in all Severna Park High School students. Students develop a sense of individual responsibility, learn life and career skills, gain business knowledge, creativity and the critical thinking skills required to achieve the highest levels of personal, academic and career success. Students who take full advantage of signature program offerings will complete high school highly qualified for both workforce and higher education experiences.

More information on Signature Programs can be found at *www.aacps.org/signatures*.

AVID

AVID is an academic, elective program designed to provide support to students who are in the "academic middle." AVID prepares students to enter and be successful in college through career and college exploration.

During each AVID class, students receive instruction in: reading/ writing across the curriculum, note and test-taking strategies, study skills, organization and time management.

Project Lead the Way

Project Lead The Way provides transformative learning experiences for PreK-12 students and teachers across the U.S. We create an engaging, hands-on classroom environment and empower students to develop in-demand knowledge and skills they need to thrive. We also provide teachers with the training, resources, and support they need to engage students in real-world learning. Our pathway engages students in hands-on activities, projects, and problems; empower them to solve real-world challenges; and inspire them to reimagine how they see themselves.

Co/Extracurriculars

SPHS boasts over 80 after-school clubs and student interest activities, as well as interscholastic sports, Band, Orchestra, Dance, Drama/Theater, and Art. SPHS is known for their athletics and performing arts prowess across the county, state, and nation. Students perform exceptionally well not only in the classroom, but on the field and stage as well. More information can be found at *https://severna.entest.org/2024-2025%20SPHS%20Club%20Descriptions%20_8_22_.pdf.*

Senior Class

Severna Park High School Class of 2024 had **426** Graduates

Demographics

African American	4.0%
Hispanic	7.3%
White	77.2%
Other	11.6%
Free & Reduced Meals	10.4%
Special Education	6.2%
ELL	1.1%

Post High School

4-Year College	74.9%
2-Year College	10.3%
Employed	4.1%
Military	1.2%
Career & Technical	3.8%

GPA Distribution

>4.0	42.7%
3.5–4.0	25.7%
3.0–3.49	12.3%
2.0–2.9	16.5%
<2.0	2.8%

Scholarship Data

Awarded more than $25.8M in scholarships and awards

Standardized Testing

SAT Scores *(average)* *AACPS provides the SAT at no cost to students.*	**Total** 1138 | **Math** 559 | **Verbal** 583
ACT Scores *(average)*	**English** 26 | **Math** 25 | **Science** 26 | **Composite** 26
Advanced Placement	**Students Taking Exams** 208 | **Exams Administered** 413 **Scores of 3 or higher** 87.7%
MD Report Card	★★★★★ *reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/SchoolsList/Index?l=2*

AACPS at a Glance

Located on the Chesapeake Bay, Anne Arundel County is conveniently located near the cities of Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Our county encompasses urban, suburban, and rural areas, with 432 miles of tidal shoreline. As the 4th largest school district in Maryland, we are comprised of 130 schools serving nearly 84,000 students. The county has more than 6,600 teachers who deliver a comprehensive system-wide culturally-responsive curriculum for infants and toddlers, pre-K3 to 12th grade.

For more information about our school system, including demographics and special programs, check out *www.aacps.org*.

The Maryland Report Card School Accountability System
For full information, visit *reportcard.msde.maryland.gov*

AACPS Results for 2022–23

Schools	5 Star	4 Star	3 Star	2 Star	1 Star
Elementary	7	33	35	3	0
Middle	0	6	6	7	0
High	1	4	7	1	1
Multi-Level	1	2	1	1	0
AACPS Total	9	45	49	12	1
AACPS %	8%	39%	42%	10%	1%

AACPS Graduation Requirements at a Glance

Minimum Credits Required for Graduation—26

English	4.0	English 9, English 10, English 11, English 12
Social Studies	3.0	History of the US, US Government, World History
Mathematics	4.0	Algebra 1, Geometry, 2 elective credits (Algebra 2 for college completers) Students are required to take a rigorous math course each of the four years the student is enrolled.
Science	3.0	Biology, 2 laboratory science elective credits
Physical Education	1.0	0.5 Fitness for Life, 0.5 P.E. Elective
Health	1.0	0.5 Health Education A, 0.5 Health Education B
Basic Technology	1.0	Global Technology Concepts (4-0.25 credit modules) **or** Foundations of Computer Science **or** AP Computer Science Principles **or** one of the following one credit courses available at Project Lead the Way schools: Honors Principles of Engineering or Honors Engineering Design and Development 1
Fine Arts	1.0	Music, Art, Dance, and/or Theatre Arts courses
Citizenship*	0.5	*Global Community Citizenship* (beg, Class of 2023)
Electives	7.5	Any electives that result in the successful completion of a Completer Program Pathway

*The Global Citizenship Course is designed to explore the values and diversity of our local, national, and global communities.

GPA Breakdown

Grade	Standard	Honors	Advanced
A (90–100)	4.0	4.5	5.0
B (80–89)	3.0	3.5	4.0
C (70–79)	2.0	2.5	3.0
D (60–69)	1.0	1.0	1.0
E (<60)	0	0	0

AACPS does not rank students.
Latin Honors Program
after the 7th semester of HS in senior year:
Summa Cum Laude
(>=4.3 weighted GPA)
Magna Cum Laude
(>=4.0, <4.3 weighted GPA)
Cum Laude
(>=3.4 unweighted GPA)