



Holly Grove Christian School

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Description:

Holly Grove, an independent, private, Christian, college preparatory, co-ed day school, was established in 1975 with 19 students and has since grown to an average enrollment of 500+ from Pre-Kindergarten to 12th grade. The campus is located in an agriculture-based rural area 10 miles north of the Maryland/Virginia border on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and draws its students from both states. HGCS is located in Somerset County, MD, which has the lowest per capita income on Maryland's Eastern Shore. 2022-23 enrollment PK-12 is 535, high school is 128 students, senior class has 27 students.

Accreditation:

HGCS is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International and by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

Academic Calendar:

Two semesters, beginning in late August and running through early June. 1-credit classes run the full year with 45-minute classes daily, half-credit courses run one semester.

High School Graduation Requirements: 24 credits minimum

English	4 credits	Health	.5 credit
Mathematics	3 credits	Physical Education	1 credit
Science	3 credits	Electives	7+ credits
History	3 credits	Community Service	20 hours/year of high school attendance
Bible	3 credits		

Grading System:

Grading is calculated on a 4.0 scale, with honors courses weighted a half point higher and AP courses weighted a full point higher. Cumulative GPA includes all classes, whether earned at HGCS or transferred in from other traditional high schools; international schools and home schools are not included.

Grading Scale:

A+ to A-	100-90	4.0 to 3.67	D+ to D-	69-60	1.33 to .67
B+ to B-	89-80	3.33 to 2.67	F	0-60	0.0
C+ to C-	79-70	2.33 to 1.67			

Academic Program

HGCS provides a college preparatory curriculum. Foreign language available is Spanish, levels 1,2,3. HGCS partners with Sevenstar Academy Online, which provides students with subjects unavailable in our school. Online classes are marked as OL on the transcript. Students pay extra charge for online classes.

Honors Level Classes:

Honors Algebra 1, Honors Geometry, Honors Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus, Honors English 10. Honors classes require B or higher in previous classes.

AP Classes:

English Literature and Composition, English Language and Composition, US History, World History, Calculus AB. Other AP classes available through Sevenstar Online. Students are usually limited to 3 AP classes per year. Most AP classes require a B or higher in prior class and teacher approval. Approximately 50% of juniors and seniors take one or more AP classes. Starting 2017-18, students who do not take the AP exam will have their class reduced to Honors level weighting on their transcript.

AP Exams: Close to 60% of AP students in the past 10 years have received a 3 or better on their AP exams. 2021 exams were paper exams taken in-person at school.

Dual Enrollment:

College classes are offered through both Salisbury University and Wor Wic Community College, Salisbury, MD. Students are permitted two college classes per semester; each college class counts as one high school credit. Students cannot substitute DE classes for required graduation credits. Students pay for classes taken—they are not subsidized by HGCS. The classes are taken directly from Wor Wic or SU, either in-person or online, not in-house at HGCS.

Credit Recovery

Students who fail a course can complete a credit recovery class; grades are averaged, with a guaranteed 60% final grade if the student passes the credit recovery class. Classes are marked CR on the transcript.

SAT/ACT Scores: CEEB code: 211 082

HGCS students consistently outperform national and local averages on SAT exams. Average scores for students from 2008-2018 (303 SAT and 105 ACT students total):

SAT V+M	1049	ACT Comp	23.5
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Class of 2022: GPA (weighted): top 4.027, average 3.69

SAT/ACT: Most were unable to take any exams due to the covid-19 situation.

College Attendance:

College attendance rate for 2021 graduates was 95%; approximately 45% started at a 4-year college, with 50% attending community college, most with the intention to transfer to a 4-year college to complete a bachelor's degree.

Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities:

HGCS athletic teams include Boys Soccer, Basketball and Baseball; Girls Field Hockey, Volleyball, Basketball, Cheerleading, and Softball; Co-ed Archery, and Co-ed Track. Athletes compete in the Peninsula Athletic Christian Conference. HGCS sponsors a chapter of the National Honor Society, and has an annual drama production, student government, and an award-winning choir. Extracurriculars are limited due to the number of students who must ride the bus home, some as much as an hour trip.

Recent colleges attended:

University of Maryland
Salisbury University
Towson University

James Madison University
George Mason University
Virginia Tech

Regent University
William and Mary
Liberty University