



KENT COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE

2016-2017

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School Colors: Blue & Gold

School Mascot: Trojan Warrior

Kent County High School Community

The mission of Kent County High School (KCHS) is to equip every student to achieve success in a diverse, global community. KCHS is a comprehensive public school that opened its doors in 1971. The school is the only public high school in the county and therefore serves a wide variety of community needs. Our current student enrollment for the 2016-17 school year is 600 students. The student population is culturally diverse with 66% Caucasian, 23% African American, 6% Hispanic, Asian or Native/Hawaiian American and 5% 2 or more races. Currently, the population is 53% male and 47% female with approximately 40% of our students receiving free or reduced lunch.

Our extra-curricular program is wide-ranging. Students have the opportunity to choose from 23 different sports at the varsity and junior varsity level. We also offer Unified Sports. Students may also participate in non-athletic clubs such as: Future Farmers of America (FFA), Future Teachers of America (FTA), Class Officers, Drama, National Art Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Envirothon, Band, The Priam (newspaper), National Honor Society (NHS), Student Government Association (SGA), Principal's Leadership Representatives, Skills USA, Science Olympiad and Interact. 73% of the Class of 2016 was involved in at least one extra-curricular activity.

Master Schedule

In 2014-2015 Kent County High School changed from block schedule to a yearlong schedule of classes. This schedule allows all students the opportunity to earn 7 credits per year. Students need 23 credits in order to graduate. Students at risk of not graduating on time, may enroll in our Evening School program as well.

Dual Enrollment

Students who qualify for Dual Enrollment are encouraged to enroll in classes at Washington College and Chesapeake College. Washington College's "More Able Program" allows a student with a 3.5 GPA to take 2 courses during their senior year at KCHS. Chesapeake College offers students ages 16 and older, with a GPA of at least 2.5, to enroll in courses. Students are awarded both college credit and high school credit for Dual Enrollment coursework. Students are able to take Statistics and Sociology on our campus with a professor from Chesapeake College during the 2016-2017 school year. The Class of 2016 had students enrolled in 42 college courses.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Program of Study

While STEM is interwoven into classes for all students, the STEM Academy is a special program for highly able students with a systematic and accelerated focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. The program is designed for Kent County High School students who have demonstrated exceptional aptitude and potential in the areas of mathematics and science. STEM students study math and science in a more accelerated and in depth manner than their peers and are expected to complete in-depth projects during the school year and during the summer. STEM students must sign and abide by an honor code and must keep all grades at an 80% or higher. Students in the STEM program are also encouraged to take dual enrolled courses, and a college level math course is highly suggested before graduation from high school. Many also complete the Project Lead the Way Engineering program.

Career Technology Programs of Study

Kent County High School is a **comprehensive school** that provides not only a college preparatory program as described above but also, CAREER CLUSTER options. Within these clusters, there are 9 *Pathways* that are listed below.

Arts, Media and Communication

- Academy of Interactive Media and FM Broadcasting

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

- Academy of Construction Trades
- Academy of Pre-Engineering and STEM
- Academy of Automotive Technology
- Academy of Agricultural Sciences

Health and Human Services

- Academy of Health Professions
- Teacher Academy of Maryland
- Maryland Institute of Fire and Emergency Services
- Academy of Culinary Arts

Trade Experience or Internships

This program provides students an opportunity to experience career exploration for high school credit in a paid or volunteer position at a local business or agency. Through such experiential learning, students can set and test goals for their future education and/or work place.

SAT, ACT, Advanced Placement (AP), and overall Statistics

College Board Code: 211-095

All college-bound students are encouraged to take the SAT or ACT. The average SAT scores for the graduating class of 2015 were 458 Verbal, 473 Math, and 425 Writing. This is based on the 2015 Basic Profile of College-Bound Seniors. The average composite ACT score was 21 for the Class of 2016. This compares to the Maryland average of 23.

The Advanced Placement courses offered by KCHS this school year are Biology, English Language, English Literature, Psychology, Spanish Language, Studio Art, Computer Science, Statistics (online), Environmental Science, Calculus A/B, and World History. The passing rate for the Class of 2016 is 24%. The national average is 20%. The Class of 2016 took 170 AP courses in their high school career.

The Class of 2016 had 40% enroll in a 4-year College or University, 41% enroll in a 2-year Trade School or Community College, 11% enlisted in the military, and 8% enter the workforce. The Class of 2016 were offered \$30 million in scholarship monies.

Grading System

The Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) determines a student's academic rank within the class in relation to all members of a particular graduating class. Most courses offered at Kent County High School are graded on a 4.0 scale, however, all Honors, STEM, Advanced Placement, and College Courses are graded on a 4.5 scale. Weighted courses are indicated by one or more (*) before or after the course title. Listed below are the weighted and non-weighted scales used. Our class ranking is based on the weighted scale.

Grading Scale (4.0/4.5 scale)

A	100-95	4.0/4.50	C	76-74	2.0/2.50
A-	94-90	3.67/4.17	C-	73-70	1.67/2.17
B+	89-87	3.33/3.83	D+	69-67	1.33/1.83
B	86-84	3.0/3.50	D	66-64	1.0/1.50
B-	83-80	2.67/3.17	D-	63-60	0.67/1.17
C+	79-77	2.33/2.83	F	59-0	0.00

Kent County High School Diploma Requirements

A minimum of 23 credits must be earned in grades 9 through 12 to receive a Maryland High School Diploma. Students must be enrolled at least four years beyond grade 8 unless the Superintendent of Schools grants a formal waiver.

Total Credits Needed = 23
English - 4 credits (English I, II, III, IV)
Math - 4 credits (Algebra I, Geometry)
Science – 3 (1 credit must be Biology)
Social Studies – 3 (U.S. History, Government, World History)
Physical Education - .5 credit
Health - .5 credit
Fine Arts – 1 credit
Technology Education - 1
Foreign Language - 2 credits (in the same foreign language) OR
State Approved Career & Technology Program – 4 or 5 credits
Electives

Additional Graduation Requirements:

- 75 Service Learning Hours
- Successful completion of the High School Assessments (HSA) in Government and Biology and PARCC Assessment in Algebra and English.
- Completion of Senior Project and/or Portfolio

A student who completes both 2 years of the same Foreign Language and a Career & Technology Program is considered a **Dual Completer**.

A **Dual Completer** who has a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0 at the end of his/her high school career will receive a Certificate of Merit along with their high school diploma.

Declaration of Nondiscrimination

No student, employee, or applicant for employment in the Kent County Public School system shall, on the basis of age, race, color, sex, religion, national origin, marital status or disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity.

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