

HIGHLIGHTS

- Founded in 1844
- Nation's oldest all-girls public high school
- Liberal arts college preparatory high school
- 100% 4-year college acceptance, 2006–2009
- Class of 2009 received nearly \$11,000,000 in scholarships and grants
- Members of the Class of 2009 were accepted at over 200 different colleges from Maine to Hawaii
- Students come from Baltimore City and surrounding counties
- Current population of 875 students is racially, ethnically, and economically diverse
- Rigorous academic program
- Extensive co-curricular and athletic programs
- 2008 Maryland Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
- 2009 National Blue Ribbon School

MISSION

In accordance with the Baltimore City Public School System, our mission is to:

Prepare each of our students to enter the four-year college or university of her choice and to compete successfully in her chosen career.

Western strives to enable its students to become responsible citizens and life-long learners, with the skills, knowledge, and values required for meeting the social, technological, and economic challenges of the future.



ACCREDITATION

Western High School has been accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the Maryland State Board of Education, and the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.

ACADEMICS

Comprehensive College Preparation

Western expects its students to meet nationwide collegiate admission standards. All students complete courses in:

- English I–IV or A.P.
- Algebra I & II, Geometry, Precalculus
- World History, American Gov., U.S. History
- Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- Chinese, Russian, or Spanish (4 years)
- Fine Arts (Art, Dance, Drama, Music)
- Physical Education (Team, Individual Sports)
- Technology Education and Health

Academic Programs

Western offers three academic programs: *College Preparatory*, *Accelerated College Preparatory*, and *Teacher Academy*. All three programs:

- far exceed state graduation requirements
- meet nationwide college admissions standards
- offer the opportunity to enroll in honors and Advanced Placement courses

The *Accelerated College Preparatory Program* has these additional features:

- most rigorous program
- minimum of 4 honors or Advanced Placement courses per year
- minimum total of 3 A.P. courses required

The *Teacher Academy* requires four additional courses that prepare students for a career in education:

- Human Growth & Development
- Teaching as a Profession
- Foundations of Curriculum & Instruction
- Educational Academy Internship

Current College-Level Courses Offered

English Lang. A.P.	English Lit. A.P.
AB Calculus A.P.	BC Calculus A.P.
Human Geog. A.P.	U.S. Gov./Pol. A.P.
U.S. History A.P.	Biology A.P.
Physics A.P.	Art 2D Design A.P.

FACILITIES

- Extensive athletic fields, track, pool
- Renovated gymnasium
- Automated library circulation system
- Renovated science laboratories
- Four full-class size computer laboratories
- Foreign Language laboratory
- Quadrangle courtyard
- Student parking facilities

ATHLETIC TEAMS

Western offers Varsity and Junior Varsity teams. These teams have won many championships, making the Western girls' athletics program the most successful in Baltimore City Public Schools. Sports include:

Badminton	Soccer
Basketball	Softball
Cross Country	Swimming
Indoor Track	Tennis
Lacrosse	Track and Field
Modern Dance	Volleyball

FINE ARTS

Western offers a variety of courses and co-curricular activities in the fine Arts. Students perform and compete in local, state, and national competitions, consistently winning awards. Fields include:

Band	Sculpture
Marching Band	Drawing & Painting
Chorus	Arts & Crafts
Concert Choir	Drama
	Dance Troupe

TECHNOLOGY

- 4 full-class computer labs; wireless laptop cart; 26 video/data projectors
- Staff-supervised computer labs for students before and after school, during lunch time
- School-wide network, Internet, file servers
- Each student provided her own computer account and network file storage, accessible school-wide

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

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| ♣ Band | ♣ Modern Dance Troupe |
| ♣ Campus Crier | ♣ National Art Honor Society |
| ♣ Chinese Heritage Club | ♣ National Honor Society |
| ♣ Concert Choir | ♣ Robotics Club |
| ♣ Drama Club | ♣ Sisters for Black Awareness |
| ♣ Environmental Club | ♣ Sounds Unlimited |
| ♣ Fashionettes | ♣ Spanish Club |
| ♣ Future Educators Association | ♣ Stage Crew |
| ♣ GSA | ♣ Stock Market Club |
| ♣ It's Academic | ♣ Student Government Association |
| ♣ Marching Band | ♣ Teacher Academy of Maryland Club |

STUDENT SUPPORT

Western provides services to help students succeed in school and prepare for college and a career:

- Coach Classes
- College Bound Specialist
- English as a Second Language
- 9th Period after-school program
- Guidance Staff
- National Honor Society peer tutors
- Parent Nights
- School Nurse
- Saturday Academy
- Summer Bridge Program
- Univeristy of Maryland Student Support Services
- Western High School Alumnae Mentoring

APPLYING TO WESTERN

For applications, please contact the Office of Student Placement at 410-396-8600 or your school guidance counselor.

Interested 8th-grade students may arrange to “shadow,” experiencing a school day at Western. Please contact our Guidance Office at 410-396-7044.

WESTERN TRADITION

Western proudly builds on its 165-year heritage with many beloved traditions, including:

- School Song: “Dear Western”
- Motto: “Lucem Accepimus, Lucem Demus” (“We have received light; let us give forth light”)
- Colors: Red and Black
- Mascot: the Dove
- Class Activities: Parent-Daughter Tea, Ring Dance, Junior Prom, Senior Inaugural, Banquet, Farewell, and Prom
- Commencement: graduating seniors wear floor-length formal white gowns, carry a long-stemmed red rose
- Spirit Week
- Spring Revel



ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Mrs. Eleanor Matthews.....*Principal*
 Mrs. Stephanie Farmer..... *Assistant Principal*
 Mrs. Kelly Caswell *Assistant Principal*
 Ms. Rhonda Clyburn..... *Assistant Principal*
 Mr. David Lang.....*Administrative Assistant*
 Mr. Andrew Tomlinson *Staff Associate*

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT STAFF

Ms. Yvonne Brown..... *Counselor*
 Ms. Susanne Gray-Rice *Counselor*
 Mr. Lee Griffin *Counselor*
 Ms. Monteece Jones..... *Counselor*

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