



Est. in 2000, Capital City is an award-winning public charter school in Washington, DC.

We prepare all students academically, socially and emotionally for the real demands of college. Our graduates have the skills needed to excel at college-level coursework and are ready to problem-solve through any obstacle they may encounter.

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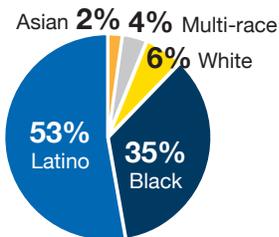
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College and university representatives are invited to visit. We are eager to learn about your school and introduce you to our students. Inquires should be directed to Bridget Jackson, Director of College Counseling.

Capital City Students:



85%
from low-income households



33%
First-generation high school grads



Over 80%
First-generation college students

Our college-preparatory program focuses on the whole child and includes a challenging curriculum, personalized and blended instruction, community values, advisory, SAT prep, and honors, AP and dual enrollment courses. Integral to EL Education, students complete in-depth learning expeditions, many related to our community's needs, that engage students in their own academic growth while also building character. Our graduates know how to advocate for themselves and persevere.

We hold our students to high standards. To graduate, 12th graders must pass a rigorous capstone project, Senior Expedition, that involves a 10-page research paper, the creation of an original product, and a 50-minute panel presentation.

“With the education you’re getting here at Capital City, you have everything you need to follow every last one of your dreams.” — First Lady Michelle Obama during our 2014 College March

▶ **Tier 1** school named one of the top 100 public high schools across DC & VA in 2018

▶ **EL Education Credentialed Mentor School** in network of 150+ schools

▶ Aspen Institute featured school as a **model for social-emotional learning** in 2017

▶ **U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon School** in 2016

▶ CityBridge Foundation **Breakthrough School** awardee in 2014 and 2017

▶ **Many scholarships:** Posse, Milken, Trachtenberg, Samuel Halperin, DC Economic Club and Conway



Capital City Grade Conversion Chart

Capital City Standards Based Grades	Traditional Grading Scale	Letter Grade Equivalent	GPA Quality Points
4.0	95-100	A	4.0
3.75	90-94	A-	3.75
3.5	87-89	B+	3.5
3.25	82-86	B	3.25
3.0	79-81	B-	3.0
2.75	76-78	C+	2.75
2.5	70-75	C	2.5
2.25	65-69	D	2.25
2.0	60-64	D-	2.0
1.75	55-59	F	No Credit
1.5	50-54	F	No Credit
1.25	45-49	F	No Credit
1.0	40-44	F	No Credit

Graduation Requirements

English	4.0 units
Mathematics	4.0 units
Social Studies	4.0 units
Science	4.0 units
Foreign Language	2.0 units
Art	0.5 units
Music	0.5 units
Physical Education	1.5 units
Electives	5.5 units

Total 26 units

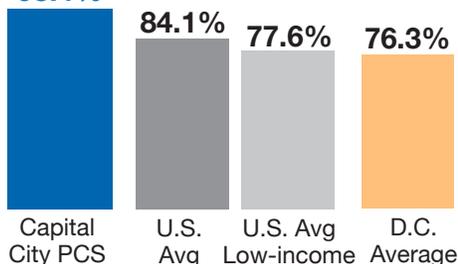
Students must also meet the following requirements:

- ✓ At least 2.0 of the 26.0 credits must be AP or college level courses
- ✓ 100 hours of community service
- ✓ 10th grade passage portfolio and senior grade expedition project

Our students are **graduating high school and college at higher rates than the rest of the nation.**

Our five-year **high school graduation rate** compared to national (four-year) and DC (five-year) average

98.4%



High School Graduation

100%
College
Acceptance

Capital City six-year **college completion rate** compared to national average

45%

Capital City PCS

11%

Low-income, first-generation

Alumni still in college

70.5%

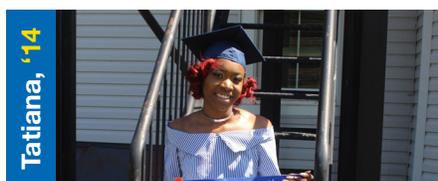
Capital City PCS

College Graduation and Persistence

Counseling and support is core to our model. We employ two full-time counselors, including an alumni coordinator, who ensure students receive the services needed to succeed through college. College counseling begins in 9th grade to help students and their families navigate the application, financial aid, and enrollment process. We facilitate college visits and fairs, internships, and study abroad trips. Other experiences such as our Financial Aid Retreat for families, College March to the Mailbox, and Senior Seminar focused on college preparation, result in students feeling prepared to get to, and through, college.



Xiomara majored in Political Science with a minor in Sociology and currently works at Hilltop Public Solutions. She credits Capital City for helping “develop time management skills and teaching me to think critically.”



Tatiana majored in English with a minor in Black Studies and Spanish. To achieve her goal to be a public school college counselor, Tatiana is working at Capital City as a Dedicated Aide while obtaining her master’s degree.



Miguel, a Posse Scholar, will graduate in 2019 with a degree in Computer Science and Business and a full-time offer to join Deloitte, a top firm in the nation. “Capital City taught me how to think critically and develop essential academic skills.”