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.

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
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

- **Capital City PCS**: 98.4%
- **U.S. Avg**: 84.1%
- **U.S. Low-income**: 76.3%
- **D.C. Average**: 76.3%

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.”