



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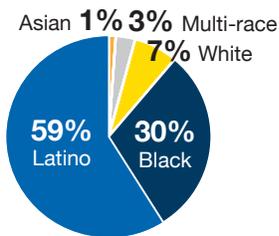
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College and university representatives are invited to visit. We are eager to learn about your school and introduce you to our students. Inquires should be directed to Bridget Jackson, Director of College Counseling.

**Capital City Students:**



**58%**

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 10-12 page research paper 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 "Best High Schools" by U.S. News & World Report in 2020
- **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			3.0
2.75	79-81	B-	2.75
2.5	76-78	C+	2.5
2.25			2.25
2.0	70-75	C	2.0
1.75	65-69	D	No Credit
1.5	60-64	D-	No Credit
1.25	55-59	F	No Credit
1.0	0-54	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

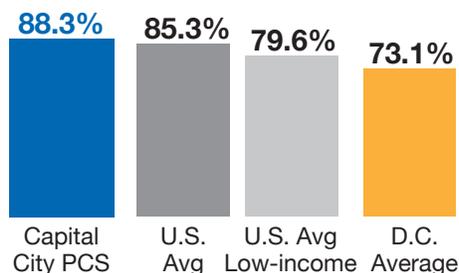
**Total 26 units**

**Students must also meet the following requirements:**

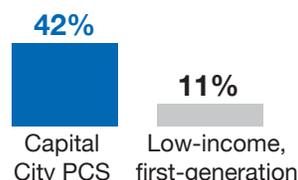
- ✓ At least 2.0 of the 26.0 credits must be AP or college level courses
- ✓ 100 hours of community service
- ✓ 10th grade passage portfolio and 12th grade expedition project

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



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



### High School Graduation

### College Graduation

**Counseling and support** is core to our model. We employ two full-time counselors, including a College Counseling and Alumni Associate, 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** graduated in 2016 with a degree in Political Science and Sociology. She works at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and credits Capital City for “developing time management skills and teaching me to think critically.”



**Miguel**, a Posse Scholar, graduated in 2019 with a degree in Computer Science and Business and now works for Deloitte, a top firm in the nation. “Capital City taught me how to think critically and develop essential academic skills.”



**Milan** graduated in 2020 with a degree in Business Administration and is pursuing a career in Human Resources. “Senior expedition prepared me for college. I could absorb information not just in the classroom.”