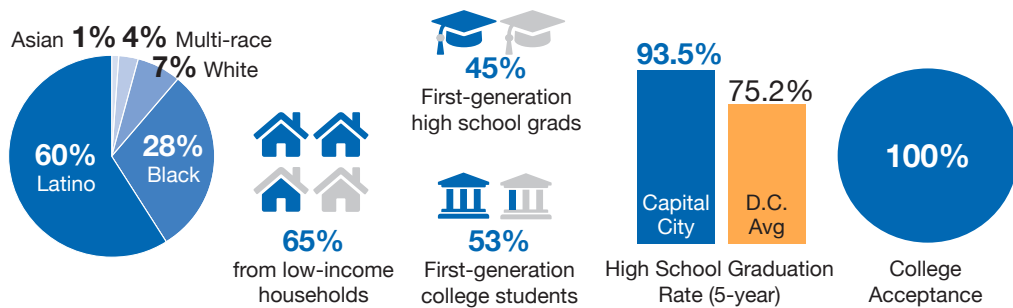




Est. in 2000, Capital City is an award-winning public charter school in Washington, DC.

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.

### Capital City 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.

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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.

**“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	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	0-44	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:**

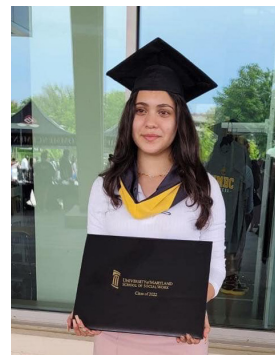
- ✓ At least 2.0 of the 26.0 credits must be AP or college level courses
- ✓ 100 hours of community service
- ✓ 10th grade passage portfolio and 12th grade expedition project

**Counseling and support** is core to our model. We employ three 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.



**Tatiana, '14**

**Tatiana** graduated from Lincoln University in 2018 with a degree in English and minor in Black Studies and Spanish. She is thankful for how Capital City “assisted [me] in finding [Lincoln University] and encouraged me to apply to various schools to see what I may like.” Achieving her career goal to be a public school counselor, Tatiana currently works in Capital City’s High School as a College Counseling and Alumni Associate!



**Meredith, '15**

**Meredith** graduated from Shepherd University in 2019 with a degree in Social Work. In 2022 she earned her Masters in Social Work from the University of Maryland and currently works as a licensed clinical social worker. “Throughout the years in my quest of becoming a professional Social Worker, my years and professional positions at Capital City proved valuable to the person I am today with the goal to help those with less resources.”



**Carlos, '16**

**Carlos** graduated from the University of the District of Columbia in 2020 with a degree in Urban Architecture and Community Planning and now works as a BIM Coordinator at Clark Construction. “Everyone thanks Capital City for their writing and public speaking skills. As an architecture student, I had to present every week. I would prepare beforehand but was also able to improvise and take criticism. Those four years at Capital City, especially senior expedition, gets you over your nervousness about speaking in front of people and explaining your work.”



**Thomas, '18**

**Thomas**, a Posse Scholar, graduated from Sewanee: The University of the South in 2022 with a degree in Computer Science and minor in Business. He currently works as a Consultant with plans to become a High School Computer Science Teacher. “What I loved about Capital City was that everyone who works there wants you to succeed. Every teacher has their own methodologies that they utilize to get you to where you need to go, and the student comes out well rounded because of that.”