



Potomac High School

2026-27 School Profile

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Location	Specialty Program	Approximate Enrollment
20 miles south of Washington, D.C.	Cambridge Programme	2,134

Potomac High School is one of thirteen Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS) and enrolls approximately 2,134 students. As a Cambridge Centre for Math and Physical Science and Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) school, it also offers specialty programs in culinary arts, cybersecurity, and welding. Potomac serves a diverse community of business, professional, U.S. Government, and military families, and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Specialty Program Information

The Cambridge Programme includes the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), both developed by the University of Cambridge. IGCSE courses, typically taken in grades 9 and 10, align with a U.S. honors-level curriculum and prepare students for advanced study. Students then move into AICE courses in grades 11 and 12, which are comparable to U.S. college-level classes. AICE includes one-year AS Level and two-year A Level courses, with essay-based exams that assess in-depth subject knowledge. To earn the AICE Diploma, students must pass seven exams, including Global Perspectives and Research, with coursework selected from Mathematics and Sciences, Languages, Arts and Humanities, and Interdisciplinary and Skills-Based areas.

Cambridge Programme Courses

AICE Biology (A Level)	AICE French 5 Literature (A Level)	AICE U.S. History (AS Level)	IGCSE Geometry
AICE Chemistry (AS Level)	AICE Spanish 5 Literature (A Level)	AICE World History (AS Level)	IGCSE Music Studies
AICE Economics (AS/A Level)	AICE Global Perspectives	IGCSE Advanced Algebra 2	IGCSE Physics
AICE English Language and Composition (AS)	AICE Mathematics 1 (AS Level)	IGCSE Art and Design	IGCSE Spanish 3
AICE English Literature (AS Level)	AICE Mathematics 2 (A Level)	IGCSE Biology	Pre-AICE World History and
AICE Environmental Management (AS Level)	AICE Physics (AS Level)	IGCSE English 10	Geography to 1500
AICE French 4 (AS Level)	AICE Psychology	IGCSE English 9	
AICE Spanish 4 (AS Level)	AICE Thinking Skills (AS/A Level)	IGCSE French 3	

Dual Enrollment Courses

College and Career Ready Virginia (CCRV) is a state-sponsored dual enrollment program that enables eligible students to earn transferable college credits through Northern Virginia Community College at no cost while completing their high school diploma. (*Semester courses – Arizona State University)

Biology 2: Survey of Advanced Topics in Biology DE	U.S./VA History DE
College Composition 12 DE	Virginia Teachers for Tomorrow 1 DE
Precalculus with Trigonometry for AB DE	Virginia Teachers for Tomorrow 2 DE
Sociology/Psychology* DE	Welding I & II & III DE

Advanced Placement Courses

AP African American Studies
AP Business and Personal Finance
AP Computer Science A
AP Computer Science Principles
AP Government and Politics: U.S.
AP Precalculus for AB
AP Statistics
AP Studio Art 3D Design
AP Studio Art Drawing

Class of 2026					School Counseling Team		
Diploma Outcomes		Postsecondary Plans					
Total Graduates: 527 Advanced Studies Diploma: 40% Standard Diploma: 59% Applied Studies Diploma: 2%		4-Year College: 51%			Kristin Merica	Director	mericake@pwcs.edu
		2-Year College: 21%			Shallene Austin	College & Career	austinsl@pwcs.edu
		Other Educational Plans: 9%			Kim Bryson	A–Bald	brysonkr@pwcs.edu
		Military: 5%			Johana Druen	Bale–Clop	druenjn@pwcs.edu
		Employment: 14%			Veronica Gonzales	Cloq–Fra	gonzalvc@pwcs.edu
2024-25 SAT Mean Scores (2025-26 TBA)					Mia Morrison	Frb–Hym	morrismm2@pwcs.edu
Students may choose to report SAT scores according to each college’s requirements. PWCS transcripts include only the highest combined score from all test dates.					Jafar Khan	Hyn–Manj	khanjt@pwcs.edu
Evidence-based Reading and Writing	Potomac	PWCS	Virginia	Nation	Mark Williams	Mank–Nti	williamd@pwcs.edu
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Math	448	482	544	508	Chimaobi Mezieobodo	Riw–Tav	mezieocu@pwcs.edu
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Curriculum

Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS) offers a variety of course options, including remedial, vocational, academic, Advanced Placement, and dual enrollment courses, as well as courses that meet Standard and Advanced Studies diploma requirements. These options help students prepare for college, the workforce, or post-secondary training.

PWCS Grading Scale (2026-27 and beyond)

PWCS implemented updated assessment and grading policies for all students for the 2026-27 school year. The most significant change is the introduction of minus letter grades (e.g., A-, B-, C-) for grades 6–12. Additionally, assignment weighting is standardized across the division, with middle and high schools using a 30% formative and 70% summative grading model.

A 92–100 = 4.0	B- 80–81 = 2.7	D+ 67–69 = 1.3	P: Pass
A- 90–91 = 3.7	C+ 77–79 = 2.3	D 62–66 = 1.0	WP: Withdrawal Pass
B+ 87–89 = 3.3	C 72–76 = 2.0	D- 60–61 = 0.7	WF: Withdrawal Fail
B 82–86 = 3.0	C- 70–71 = 1.7	F <60 = 0	

PWCS Grading Scale (prior to 2026-27 school year)

A 90–100 = 4	C+ 77–79 = 2.4	D 60-66 = 1.0
B+ 87–89 = 3.4	C 70–76 = 2.0	F <60 = 0
B 80–86 = 3	D+ 67–69 = 1.4	

Potomac Grade Distribution 2025-26				
A	B	C	D	F
36%	28%	17%	9%	10%

Course Weighting

In PWCS, grade point averages (GPAs) are calculated using a weighted credit system that recognizes the increased rigor of advanced coursework. Standard courses receive the base GPA value, while Honors courses receive an additional 0.5 quality point and Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge, and Dual Enrollment courses receive an additional 1.0 quality point. Advanced/accelerated courses are marked with a plus sign (+) next to the course title on the student transcript.

Class Percentile

GPA and class percentile are calculated using all courses that carry Carnegie units of credit. PWCS reports class percentile rather than class rank, and courses are not graded on a pass/fail basis. Pass/fail grades from other districts do not affect GPA or percentile unless a corresponding letter grade is provided. Beginning in 2026-27, credit recovery is graded on a pass/fail basis. All students pursuing an Advanced Studies or Standard diploma are included in the senior class percentile.

Seven Period A/B Schedule

PWCS follows a 7-period schedule wherein each student takes seven 92-minute classes. Under this schedule, students can earn seven credits per year.

Graduation Requirements

Students must meet Virginia Department of Education graduation requirements, including earning 26 credit units for an Advanced Studies Diploma or 22 credit units for a Standard Diploma. In addition, students must earn five verified credits by passing required courses and associated state-approved assessments, complete a CTE credential, advanced course, or high-quality work-based learning experience, successfully complete a virtual course (for credit or non-credit), and receive CPR, First Aid, and AED training. Complete [graduation requirements and diploma information](#) are available in the [PWCS High School Course Catalog](#).

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