



SCHOOL WITHOUT WALLS HIGH SCHOOL

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Enrollment: 595 students, Grades 9-12 **Race/Ethnicity:** Asian 8%, Black 25%, Hispanic 12%, White 49%, Native Am <1%, Multiracial 6%

SCHOOL WITHOUT WALLS AT A GLANCE

School Without Walls (SWW) is a humanities based public magnet high school established in 1971 accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

- Blue Ribbon School (2010, 2018)
- US News & World Report (2020)
 - #73 in National Rankings
 - #26 in Magnet High Schools
 - #1 in DC Public Schools
- Each year, SWW welcomes 15-20 exchange students from all over the world to align with our mission of creating global citizens.
- SWW sponsors several international faculty led trips each year.

CURRICULUM/GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

SWW is the only high school in DCPS that uses a humanities based integrated curriculum. Students must complete the following 25.5 credits:

- 4.0 cr: English/Humanities
- 4.0 cr: Math (2 Algebra, 1 Geometry, and 1 Advanced Math)
- 4.0 cr: Science (3 Lab Sciences including Biology and 1 Science)
- 4.0 cr: Social Studies (1 World History, 1 AP World History, 1 US History, 0.5 DC History, 0.5 US Government)
- 2.0 cr: World Language
- 1.5 cr: Health/PE
- 0.5 cr: Art
- 0.5 cr: Music
- 1.0 cr: Senior Project
- 0.5 cr: Internship
- 3.5 cr: Electives

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Students must complete 100 community service hours to graduate.

SENIOR PROJECT

All seniors must complete a year-long research project incorporating a 15-page paper, oral presentation, and a tangible product. The paper and presentation are graded by GW professors and experts in the fields. Students must pass Senior Project to obtain a SWW diploma.

INTERNSHIP

All students are required to complete an internship in the community consisting of at least 60 hours of service under the supervision of a professional in a potential career field.

GRADING SCALE

The lowest passing grade is a 64 (D). For school years 2007-2008 and after, the grading scale is as follows:

93-100	A	4.0	87-89	B+	3.3	77-79	C+	2.3	67-69	D+	1.3
90-92	A-	3.7	83-86	B	3.0	73-76	C	2.0	64-66	D	1.0
			80-82	B-	2.7	70-72	C-	1.7	0-63	F	0

GPA WEIGHTING

Honors Courses (+0.5), AP Courses (+1.0), Dual Enrollment (+1.0)

*As of SY 2016-2017, SWW designated certain core courses as honors.

STUDENT DISCIPLINARY POLICY: DCPS is committed to best serving all students no matter their background or school. Effective 2019-2020, DCPS will not discuss or release a student's disciplinary record with any post-secondary institution unless required by law. This includes, but is not limited to information pertaining to suspensions, expulsions or any other disciplinary violation or misconduct.

ADMISSION

All students who reside in the District of Columbia are eligible to apply to School Without Walls. Admission is based on an admissions test, previous school records, and a personal interview. Students must have a minimum 3.0 GPA to be considered for admission. Each year, roughly 1,300 students apply to the freshman class for 145 seats. To remain at SWW, students must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

All SWW students must complete AP World History and AP English Language, and students must take the corresponding AP exam. SWW has an Equity & Excellence rate of 98.6% (percentage of graduating seniors who scored a 3 or higher on at least one AP exam).

For the 2020-2021 school year, SWW is offering the following

22 AP courses:

English Lang & Comp	World History
English Lit & Comp	US History
Calculus AB	US Govt & Politics
Calculus BC	Human Geography
Statistics	Art History
Biology	Studio Art
Physics 1	Music Theory
Physics C	Latin
Environmental Science	Chinese Language
Seminar	French Language
Research	Spanish Language

CLASS RANK

SWW no longer ranks students. Instead, the school recognizes students with high cumulative GPAs as graduating *summa cum laude* (GPA of 3.8 or above), *magna cum laude* (GPA of 3.60 to 3.79), or *cum laude* (GPA of 3.40 to 3.59).

SAT/ACT RESULTS

Data for the Class of 2020

Average SAT Score: ERW 649, Math 625, Total 1274

Average ACT Score: Composite 28.5, English 30.6, Math 26.5,

Reading 30.1, Science 26

DCPS Statement on Grading Guidance for Secondary Students:

In response to the COVID-19 health emergency, DCPS has prioritized equity and rigor in our grading policies to ensure all students are supported academically as they navigate the challenges of the pandemic. Modifications to our grading policy include:

- Students who earn a "C" and/or "D" grade will see it displayed on their transcript as passing grades of "P"
- Students may elect for "C" and/or "D" grades to display on their transcript and count toward their GPA
- Students may elect to have grades of "A" and/or "B" display on their transcript as passing grades of "P"
- A grade of "P" is GPA neutral and indicates that a student demonstrated proficiency in the course
- Students are assigned "I" (incomplete) grades if they have not yet met course standards
- Students with "I" grades, have until January 2021 to resolve "I"s from last school year. Students have until the end of summer 2021 to resolve "I" grades from this school year.

SWW ATHLETICS AND CLUBS

SWW offers 20 varsity sports and a variety of extracurricular clubs including Choir, Stage Band, Dance, Drama, Robotics, STEAM, Model UN, Debate, Ethics Club, Student Government, Yearbook, Gender Sexuality Alliance, Best Buddies, Newspaper, Key Club, Future Business Leaders of America, African Culture Club, Poetry Club, Film Team, Men of Strength, Women Inspiring Strength & Empowerment, and many more!

KEY COMMUNITY PARTNERS

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DUAL ENROLLMENT AT LOCAL UNIVERSITIES

Students in good academic standing are able to enroll in college courses *free of charge* through the programs outlined below.

- **The George Washington University Early College Program (GWCEP)** allows SWW students to enroll full-time at GWU during their junior and senior years of high school. GWCEP students are considered full-time GWU students and take five college classes each semester. At the completion of the program, GWCEP students earn both their high school diploma and an Associate of Arts degree from GWU's Columbian College of Arts and Sciences. GWU accepts up to 15 students for each cohort. The first cohort of GWCEP students graduated in spring 2011. **All college courses taken by GWCEP students that count for high school credit are included on the high school transcript and are weighted with an additional 1 quality point. College courses that do not count for SWW credit are not included on the high school transcript.**
- **The George Washington University Exposure Program** allows SWW students with qualifying GPA and PSAT scores to enroll in college courses beginning the summer after their sophomore year. Accepted students may take one course per semester and must reapply each semester. **Exposure program courses are not included on the high school transcript, are not factored into students' GPAs, and do not earn an additional quality point.**
- **The DCPS Dual Enrollment Program** allows DCPS students with qualifying academic credentials to take college courses during their senior year at local universities. SWW students are eligible to take courses at Georgetown University, Catholic University, and the University of the District of Columbia Community College. **With DCPS approval, students can earn high school credit.**

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES FOR THE CLASS OF 2020

Allegheny College	Georgia Institute of Technology	Radford University	University of Colorado Boulder
American University	Georgia State University	Reed College	University of Connecticut
Appalachian State University	Gettysburg College	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Delaware
Arizona State University-Tempe	Grambling State University	Rhodes College	University of Denver
Arkansas Baptist College	Hampshire College	Rice University	University of Exeter
Ball State University	Hampton University	Roanoke College	University of Florida
Bard College	Harvey Mudd College	Rochester Institute of Technology	University of Georgia
Barnard College	High Point University	Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology	University of Glasgow
Bates College	Hobart William Smith Colleges	Rutgers University-New Brunswick	University of Illinois at Chicago
Belmont University	Howard University	Saint Augustine's University	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Beloit College	Indiana University-Bloomington	Saint Mary's College of California	University of Kentucky
Benedict College	Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores	San Diego State University	University of Louisville
Bennington College	Ithaca College	San Francisco State University	University of Maine
Bethune-Cookman University	James Madison University	San Jose State University	University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Binghamton University	John Cabot University	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Maryland-College Park
Boston University	Johns Hopkins University	Savannah College of Art and Design	University of Massachusetts Boston
Brandeis University	Kenyon College	Seton Hall University	University of Massachusetts-Amherst
Brown University	King's College London (University of London)	Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania	University of Massachusetts-Lowell
Bryn Mawr College	Lafayette College	Skidmore College	University of Miami
Bucknell University	Lehigh University	Smith College	University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo	Lewis & Clark College	Sonoma State University	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
California State Polytechnic University, Pomona	Lincoln University	Southern University and A & M College	University of Missouri-Columbia
California State University-Los Angeles	Livingstone College	Spelman College	University of North Carolina at Asheville
California State University-San Bernardino	Longwood University	St Mary's College of Maryland	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Carleton College	Louisiana State University	St. John's College	University of North Carolina Wilmington
Carnegie Mellon University	Loyola Marymount University	St. John's University	University of Oregon
Case Western Reserve University	Loyola University New Orleans	Stanford University	University of Pennsylvania
Catholic University of America	Macalester College	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of Pittsburgh
Chapman University	Maryland Institute College of Art	Suffolk University	University of Richmond
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania	Marymount University	SUNY at Purchase College	University of Rochester
Clark Atlanta University	McDaniel College	SUNY College at Oswego	University of San Francisco
Clark University	McGill University	SUNY Polytechnic Institute	University of Scranton
Clemson University	Miami University-Oxford (Business)	Syracuse University	University of South Carolina-Columbia
Colby College	Michigan State University	Talladega College	University of Southampton
College of Charleston	Mills College	Temple University	University of St Andrews
Colorado State University-Fort Collins	Monmouth University	Texas A & M University-College Station	University of Tampa
Columbia University in the City of New York	Montgomery College	The Naropa University	University of the District of Columbia
Cooper Union	Morehouse College	The New School	University of Toronto
Coppin State University	Morgan State University	The University of Arizona	University of Utah
Cornell University	Mount St. Mary's University - Maryland	The University of Edinburgh	University of Vermont
CUNY Bernard M Baruch College	Muhlenberg College	The University of Texas at Austin	University of Virginia
CUNY Brooklyn College	New England College	Towson University	University of Warwick
CUNY Hunter College	New Mexico State University	Trinity College	University of Washington, Seattle
Delaware State University	New York University	Trinity University	University of Wisconsin-Madison
DePaul University	New York University (Shanghai)	Trinity Washington University	Vassar College
Drew University	Norfolk State University	Tufts University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Drexel University	North Carolina A & T State University	Tulane University of Louisiana	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Duke University	North Carolina Central University	United States Air Force Academy	Virginia State University
Duquesne University	North Carolina State University at Raleigh	United States Naval Academy	Washington Adventist University
Earlham College	Northeastern University	Universiteit van Amsterdam	Washington State University
Eastern Michigan University	Northern Arizona University	University of Albany, SUNY	Wellesley College
Elon University	Northern Vermont University-Lyndon	University College London	Wesleyan University
Emerson College	Northwestern University	University of Bristol	Whitman College
Emory University	Notre Dame of Maryland University	University of California-Berkeley	Wilkes University
Fairfield University	Oberlin College	University of California-Davis	William and Mary
Fashion Institute of Technology	Occidental College	University of California-Irvine	Winston-Salem State University
Fayetteville State University	Ohio State University	University of California-Los Angeles	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Otis College of Art and Design	University of California-Riverside	Xavier University
Florida Atlantic University	Pace University-New York	University of California-Santa Barbara	Xavier University of Louisiana
Florida State University	Pennsylvania State University	University of California-Santa Cruz	Yale University
Fordham University	Pitzer College	University of California, San Diego	
George Mason University	Pomona College	University of Central Florida	
George Washington University	Purdue University	University of Chicago	
Georgetown University	Queen Mary University of London	University of Cincinnati-Main Campus	