



Forest Park High School

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2025-2026 School Profile

Forest Park High School, which opened in September of 2000, is a comprehensive high school of 2283 students and is located in a suburban community approximately 35 miles south of Washington, D.C. Forest Park provides a variety of vocational preparation programs that use modern laboratories as well as challenging academic offerings that strongly emphasize college preparation. Forest Park High School is one of two high schools in PWCS designated as a Center for Information Technology.

Forest Park High School is fully accredited by the Virginia Department of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Definition of Curriculum

Prince William County Public Schools offers a comprehensive menu of course options to help all students prepare for life after high school. Options are available with the potential to earn college credits through increased Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Cambridge, and dual enrollment (DE) offerings. Students have access to course work that may earn them industry certifications that can lead to gainful employment opportunities.

Specialty Program Information:

Center for Information Technology Program (IT)

The Center for Information Technology offers opportunities for students to study a wide range of information technology programs covering three main areas: computer programming and database management, graphics and multimedia, and hardware and networking. An extensive advanced placement (AP) program is also available within this program. Programs leading to professional and general certification are offered. These certificate programs include computer graphics, multimedia, computer repair, computer programming, and networking. Students need at least two years in upper-level classes to prepare for the advanced graphics, network, and programming certifications.

To participate in the program, students must be enrolled in at least one iT core class each year and must complete a sequence of iT classes in grades nine through twelve.

Profile of 2025 Graduates

Advanced Studies Diploma	56.41%
Standard Diploma	41.83%
Applied Studies Diploma	1.76%
Four Year College	44.23%
Two Year College	33.01%
Other Continuing Education	7.21%
Military	6.09%

2023-24 SAT Mean Scores

	Forest Park	PWCS	Virginia	Nation
ERW	523	520	564	519
Math	496	489	537	505

All students have the opportunity to select the SAT scores reported to colleges. The PWCS transcript lists only the highest combined scores from all test administrations.

Grade Distribution 2024-25

A	B	C	D	F
46.26%	23.71%	17.4%	9.37%	3.26%

Grading Scale Effective September 2009

		1.0 Weighted	0.5 Weighted	Unweighted
A	90-100	5.0 points	4.5 points	4.0 points
B+	87-89	4.4 points	3.9 points	3.4 points
B	80-86	4.0 points	3.5 points	3.0 points
C+	77-79	3.4 points	2.9 points	2.4 points
C	70-76	3.0 points	2.5 point	2.0 points
D+	67-69	1.4 points	1.4 point	1.4 points
D	60-66	1.0 point	1.0 point	1.0 point
F	below 60	0 points	0 points	0 points

Reporting Class Percentile

All courses with Carnegie units of credit are used to compute GPA and percentile, shown on student transcripts. Starting with the class of 2022, PWCS reports class percentile instead of class rank. Courses are not evaluated on a pass/fail basis. Pass/fail grades awarded by other school systems shall not be used when computing the GPA unless the other school system can provide a grade corresponding to those awarded by PWCS. All students earning an Advanced Studies or Standard diploma are included in the senior class percentile.

Advanced Placement Program

Advanced Placement courses are taught in all Prince William County high schools. These courses adhere to the stringent requirements prescribed by the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB) and are awarded grade point values based upon a 5.0 scale. Courses designated advanced/accelerated are indicated by a plus (+) beside the course title on the student transcript.

Advanced Placement Courses

AP English Literature/Composition	AP Calculus AB
AP English Language/Composition	AP Calculus BC
AP Seminar	AP Statistics
AP US Government	AP Biology
AP Comparative Government	AP Chemistry
AP African American Studies	AP Environmental Science
AP US History	AP Physics C: Mechanics
AP World History	AP Spanish Language
AP Human Geography	AP Studio Art Drawing
AP Psychology	AP Studio Art 2-D
AP Economics	
AP Computer Science I A	
AP Computer Science Principles	

Dual Enrollment

Forest Park High School partners with Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) to offer dual enrollment opportunities for students to earn high school and college credit simultaneously. These courses, indicated by "DE" in the course title, are taught within the high school day by YOUR SCHOOL faculty who are credentialed NOVA adjunct faculty.

Dual Enrollment Courses

English College Composition 11 DE	US & VA Government DE
Survey World Lit 12 DE	Environmental Science DE
English College Composition 12 DE	IT Web Tech DE
US & VA History DE	Teachers for Tomorrow

Graduation Requirements

Students entering 9th grade in 2018-2019 and beyond

VDOE Diploma Type:	Advanced Studies	Standard Diploma
Units of Credits	26 units	22 units
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	3
Science	4	3
Social Studies	4	3
Foreign Language	3 of 1 (or) 2 of 2	0
Health/Physical Education	2	2
Economics & Personal Finance	1	1
Fine Arts or CTE	1	1
Other Electives	* 2-3	*5

Additional Requirements for Both Diplomas:

- Verified Credits** 5
- CTE Credentialing Exam or One Advanced Course
- Virtual Course for Credit or Non-Credit
- CPR/First Aid/AED Training
- Courses to satisfy this requirement shall include at least two sequential electives.
- ** Students earn a verified credit when they pass the Standards of
- Learning End-Of-Course test administered in certain courses, in addition to passing the course. Students can take total of 11 tests during their high school tenure.

Seven Period A/B Schedule

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

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