

STUDENT HONORS AND AWARDS
CLASS 2025

- 25 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist (Class of 2025)
- 46 National Merit Commended Students (Class of 2025)
- 23 National Merit Scholarship Finalist (Class of 2025)
- 2 College Sponsored Merit Scholar (Class of 2025)
- 7 Corporate - Sponsored Merit Scholar (Class of 2025)
- 11 U.S. Presidential Scholars Candidates (Class of 2025)
- 142 Maryland Seal of Biliteracy (Class of 2025)

2025 AP Exams

- 305 AP Scholars with Distinction
- 112 AP Scholars with Honor
- 195 AP Scholars



Richard Montgomery High School has been recognized as a Blue-Ribbon School
by both the State of Maryland and the U.S. Department of Education.

Staff at Richard Montgomery High School have won local and national recognition including: MCPS English Language Development School Leader Award (2024-2025); Montgomery County Washington Post Principal of the Year 2019-2020; MCPS Teacher of the Year (2017-2018, 2024-2025); Marion Greenblatt Teacher Awards (2017, 2011, 1999); MCCPTA Principal of the Year (2016) and international recognition including: Fulbright exchanges to Japan (2006) and Ghana (2008). They have won selection as master examiners and workshop leaders for the International Baccalaureate Organization. In addition, numerous teachers have earned National Board Certification for Teachers, published books and in scholarly journals, served as Advanced Placement graders, and on the MCPS Curriculum and Assessment team.

EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

Richard Montgomery High School is proud to offer students a rich and varied selection of clubs and societies. Please visit our website at: <https://sites.google.com/mcpsmd.net/rm-extracurricular-activities/home> for more details.

Activism: Doctors Without Borders, EcoMoco RMHS, EmpowHER, The Green Team, Health Care Access for All (HAFA), Mindful Athletes Alliance, Morgan’s Message, Ocean Conservation Club, Refugee Aid and Awareness Club, RM Neurodiversity Alliance, Rocket Minds Matter, Save Endangered Species Club, Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA), Sri Lankan Youth Organization, Students Against Antisemitism, Students Against Trafficking,, Student Equity Committee (SEC), UNICEF

Athletics: RM Athletics Program involves nearly 400 student-athletes in football, soccer, tennis, field hockey, cross-country, golf, volleyball, cheer-leading, and poms. Please visit www.RocketAthletics.org for team schedules, scores, rosters, news and events.

Arts: Calligraphy, Classical Arts and Humanities Club, Fashion Club, Food and Film, Marching Band, National Art Honor Society, National Tri-M Music Honor Society, One Acts, Origami Club, Resonance, RM Film Society & Dark Room, RM Karaoke Club, RM Music & Lyrics

Business: Distributing Education Club of America (DECA), RM Investment Club, RM Finance Club

Community Service: Becca’s Closet, CAPSA Tutoring, CLEO Initiative, Clean Our Communities (COC), Families 4 Families, Generation Z Tutoring, Interact Club, Kare for Kids, Lifesavers, Paramount Learning, Readability Club, Red Cross Club, RM4Change, RM Compostology, Scientific Minds of America, Small Things Matter, So What Else?, Storytime Circle Club, Thoughtful Treasures Club

Culture and Identity: African Student Union (ASU), Arab Student Organization, Asian American Club, Black Student Union (BSU), Chicas Charlando, Chinese Culture Club, Chinese Traditional Instrument Club, Chinese Honor Society (NCHS), Ethiopian Eritrean Student Association (EESA), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Globe Trekkers, International Culture and Cuisine Club (ICCC), Jewish Student Union, Japanese Club, M2 (Multicultural & Multiracial Club), Middle Eastern North African Arab Club (MENA), Muslim Student Association, Myth Club, National French Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Little Manilatown, Southeast Asian Club, South Asian Student Association (SASA)

Hobbies and Games: Cardboard Community, Chess Club, Crafty Corner, Cubing Club, Dungeons & Dragons Club, Formula 1 Club, Gaming Club, Game Maker Club, Geoguessr Club, Puzzle Hunt Club, Quizbowl/It’s Academic, RM Cars and Coffee, RM LEGO Club, The Fishing Club

Homework Club: Homework Club meets every Thursday after school until 4:15 in the back of the Media Center. Tutors and snacks available. All are welcome.

Language Arts/Acquisition: American Sign Language Club, Banned Books Club, Creative Writing Club, Fine Lines, Forensics, For the Plot, Marooned, National English Honor Society, RM Lit Club, The Tide

Leadership: Ladies With Character (LWC), Minority Scholars Program (MSP), National Honor Society (NHS), National Society of Black Engineers Jr. (NSBE), RM Sports Management Club (RSMSC), Rockets 4 Success, SGA, TEDx RM, The Jaguar Scholars Program (JSLP)

Math and Logic: Debate Team, Mathletes, Math Modeling Club, Math Team, National Math Honor Society

Non-Varsity Sports and Fitness: Bollywood Dance Club, Cricket Club, Elite Spike Ball, Girls’ Boxing, Gym and Nutrition Club, Hiking Club, Hockey Club, K-pop Dance Club, RM Grappling Club, RM Outdoors Club, RM Rock Climbing, Weightlifting Club

Science and Technology: Active Medical Professionals (AMP), AI/Maching Learning Club, Astrophysics Club, Aviation Club, Biology Club, Biomedical Seminar and Health Club, Chemistry Club, Engineering Club, Envirothon, Girls Who Code, Hispanics in STEM, Kids Are Scientists Too (KAST), Kid Coders, Med Mystery Solved, National Science Honor Society, Naturalist Club, Physics Club, Quantum Club, RM Cybersecurity Club, RM Emerging Diseases (RMED), RM Rocketry Club, RM STEMConnect, Robotics, Science Olympiad, Teach and Learn Code, The RM CSI, Women in Stem (WISTEM), Youth Pioneers in STEM

Social Studies: Archaeology Club, Economics, Government, and Politics, Foreign Affairs Club, Linguistics Club, Model Congress, Model UN, National History Honor Society, Philosophy Club, Psychology Club, RM C-SPAN Documentary Club, RM Law Policy and Ethics Club, Women in History

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2025-2026 Profile

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THE COMMUNITY AND THE SCHOOL

Richard Montgomery High School (RMHS) opened in 1892 as the first high school in Montgomery County. It is located in Rockville, Maryland, a suburb in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area. The Rockville community makes up the second largest city in Maryland and has a socio-economically diverse population representing the cultures of 70 countries. With 26.2% Hispanic students, 15.2% African American students, 24.1% Asian students; 27.7% White students; 6.5% multiracial students; 32.7% of students who participate in the Free and Reduced Meals System (FARMS); 8.9% Special Education students and 12.2% Emergent Multilingual Learners (EML), RMHS mirrors the diversity of Montgomery County. A school of 2,394 students, RMHS maintains a comprehensive four-year curriculum that includes the students of an International Baccalaureate Program, a Middle Years Program, a rich Advanced Placement Program, an Honors Program, Special Education, and an English Language Development Program (ELD Program). The school benefits immensely from all of its programs and has blended them into a unified and successful academic community.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND HONORS PROGRAM:

Richard Montgomery High School has received national acclaim for the depth and breadth of its Advanced Placement (AP) Program. Students may choose from among 24 AP courses. For the May 2025 AP exams, Richard Montgomery administered 2,748 exams to 1,265 students. Of the 2,748 scores, 83% were 3 or higher, and 62% were 4 or 5. In addition to AP and IB courses, Richard Montgomery offers honors, certificate of merit, and other advanced level courses, which are designated with “HON”, “CM”, or “ADV” on student transcripts.

Advanced Placement Courses:	Advanced Level Courses:
2-D Art & Design	Adv. Ceramics/Sculpture 2, 3, 4
3-D Art & Design	Advanced Design Applications
Art History	Advanced Journalism (newspaper)
Biology	Advanced Journalism (yearbook)
Calculus AB	Advanced Orchestra
Calculus BC	Advanced Painting
Chemistry	Advanced Photography 2, 3, 4
Chinese Language & Culture	Advanced Studio Art 2, 3
Computer Science A	Advanced Technological Applications
Computer Science Principles	American Sign Language 3
Economics - Macro	Anatomy & Physiology
Economics - Micro	Calculus/Applications
English Language & Composition	Chamber Singers
English Literature & Composition	Chinese Language, levels 3-7
Environmental Science	Chorus 2 and 3
French Language & Culture	Computer Programming
Human Geography	Making for Engineers e4usa
Music Theory	Forensic Science
Physics C (Elect. & Mag, & Mechanics)	French Language, levels 3-7
Psychology	Guitar 2, 3, 4
Spanish Language & Culture	Internship
Statistics	Jazz Ensemble
U.S. Government & Politics	Multivariable Calculus/Differential Equations
U.S. History	Composition Spanish Language, levels 3-7
World History	Piano 2
	Symphonic Band
	Symphonic Orchestra
	Philharmonic Orchestra
	Musical Theatre
	Theatre 2

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ELD Program):

The Richard Montgomery High School ELD Program supports Emergent Multilingual Learners (EML) to prepare them for a successful life in the United States socially and academically. We provide rigorous English instruction based on their grade level and language levels. This may be in sheltered classes with other EML students at the same language levels or in classes co- taught by a content teacher and an EML certified teacher. In addition, most students who are beginner and intermediate English speakers receive extra support in math, science and social studies classes. We provide additional counseling for students and their parents/guardians. Not only do we work to bolster their academic English, we teach study skills so that students thrive in school and move on to college and/or a career, ultimately to contribute to our community as global citizens. Additionally, some students are eligible for our SLIFE (Students with Limited or Interrupted Formal Education) program, which is designed to meet the linguistic and academic needs of EML students who had interrupted schooling. The approach used in this program combines English language development as well as specialized sheltered instruction in reading and math.

TEST DATA

STUDENTS			
Seniors: 569	Juniors: 539	Sophomores: 613	Freshmen: 673

MCPS administered the SAT to registered students in September, October, November, and December during national test administrations at selected school test centers. In April 2025, the SAT School Day was administered in all MCPS high schools.

SAT 2024-2025 (CEEB Code: 210910)		
Evidence Based Reading and Writing:		621
Mathematics:		615
Total:		1236

ACT 2024-2025	
School Composite Mean: 28.9	State Composite Mean: 24.7

ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS 2025		
1,265 Students Tested		2,748 Exams Taken
Scores of 5: 873 (32%)	Scores of 4: 827 (30%)	Scores of 3: 567 (21%)

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE EXAMS 2025			
304 Juniors and Seniors Tested		851 Exams Taken	
Scores of 7: 112 (11%)	Scores of 6: 313 (39%)	Scores of 5: 286 (33%)	Scores of 4: 97 (14%)

Dual Enrollment Collegiate Options

MCPS encourages students to participate in dual enrollment opportunities with local colleges. All college courses are offered at a free or reduced tuition rate. Students may be awarded high school credit for the approved college courses successfully completed. If students choose this option, the college course grades appear on the high school transcript denoted by course titles starting with “CL ADV” followed by the subject and the grade earned in the course. College courses on the high school transcript receive quality points toward their GPA. Families wishing to learn more about Early College and other Dual Enrollment opportunities in partnership between Montgomery College and MCPS may learn more on the MCPS website. Here you will be able to access application links, deadlines, and other pertinent information. <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/partnerships/dual-enrollment>

In 2025, Richard Montgomery graduated 4 students with both a high school diploma and an associate’s degree from Montgomery College which were earned simultaneously though the Early College program.

High School Course taken in Middle School

High school courses taken in middle school will only count in the GPA if it helps improve the overall GPA. There is an automated process that runs twice a year (midyear and end of year) that will automatically exclude grades that bring the GPA down and include grades that improve the GPA. Information on this process is available in the MCPS Regulation IKC-RA.

DISTRIBUTION OF CUMULATIVE GPAs for the Richard Montgomery HS Class of 2025

The Montgomery County Public Schools Board of Education eliminated the policy of providing class rank for students beginning with the class of 1994. Although class rank is not listed on transcripts, the student’s weighted and unweighted GPAs are provided. Weighted GPAs are calculated by adding one quality point to an A, B, or C in Advanced Placement or Advanced Level Courses or to an A, B or C in Honors Courses.

Range	Class GPA	Class Weighted GPA
4.51 & above	0%	37%
4.01-4.50	0%	22%
3.51-4.00	56%	12%
3.01-3.50	17%	12%
2.51-3.00	14%	8%
2.01-2.50	8%	5%
1.51-2.00	4%	4%
1.01-1.50	1%	0%

Beginning in 2025-2026, MCPS final course grades will be calculated using the average marking period percentages, which may affect GPAs. Grades on transcripts from 2025-2026 forward may not be directly comparable to those from prior years. For details, visit <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/grading-and-reporting/>.

MARYLAND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

22 Credit Hours of Coursework Including the Following:

4 English, 3 Social Studies, 4* Math (*including Algebra and Geometry and must be enrolled in Math each year of HS), 3 Science, 1 Fine Art, 1 Technology Education, 1 Physical Education, 1 Health, 4.5 Electives including 2 credits in the same world language, 75 hours of Student Service. Students must complete high school assessments in English, Algebra, Biology, and Government. Students who earn 240 hours or more above the Student Service Learning requirement of 75 hours earn a Certificate of Meritorious Service from Montgomery County.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

MAGNET PROGRAM:

Richard Montgomery High School’s Magnet Program is an IB continuum model recognized for its excellence throughout the world. Each year the school accepts approximately 125 students from a pool of over 1,000 applicants countywide. Acceptance is based on a portfolio containing test scores, writing samples, and a resume. The Magnet Program provides these students with a rigorous and demanding interdisciplinary liberal arts education, which, upon completion of the designated course of study, earns them an internationally recognized diploma. Magnet students also take advantage of the many AP classes offered at the high school and sit for both AP and IB examinations. RMHS offers the IB Middle Years curriculum program at the magnet level in 9th and 10th grades, as well as the IB Diploma Program in 11th and 12th grades. Richard Montgomery Magnet and IB courses are advanced level classes and are designated “RMS” and “IB” on student transcripts.

RICHARD MONTGOMERY MAGNET COURSES:

RMS English 9 & 10	IB Precalculus
RMS World Languages – Chinese, French, Spanish	RMS Biology
RMS Geometry	Magnet Chemistry
Analysis & Application of Functions	AP US Government
	AP US History

IB MIDDLE YEARS PROGRAMME (MYP):

The Richard Montgomery High School MYP is the first of its kind in the state of Maryland to be authorized and accredited by the International Baccalaureate (IB). The MYP is a five-year program for students aged 11-16 years. The high school portion of the program therefore exists in partnership with our local middle school, Julius West (Grades 6-8). Students continue in the MYP at RMHS and engage in a rigorous course of study in six or more subject areas. These include: English language arts, world languages, humanities, mathematics and sciences as required subjects, and at least one of three elective subjects including visual and performing arts, design technology and physical and health education. In grade 10, students undertake a long term, independent research project called a Personal Project. Students who have successfully completed the project will show a passing mark (CR) for the “MYP Research Seminar” course on their transcripts.

IB DIPLOMA PROGRAMME (DP):

The Richard Montgomery High School DP, founded in 1987, has been continuously authorized and accredited by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO). The DP is a two-year program for students in 11th and 12th grades. The requirements for an IB diploma include IB course work and passing scores on examinations in English, world language, mathematics, experimental science, social studies, and one elective; completion of a course entitled Theory of Knowledge; a 4,000-word extended essay, and significant Creativity, Activity and Service (CAS) experiences. On average, approximately 40 students join the full IB Diploma Programme beginning in their 11th grade year. These students join the magnet program cohort of students in pursuing the full IB Diploma. Students who joined in 11th grade did not take magnet courses in 9th and 10th grades, but rather took rigorous classes as a part of the Middle Years Programme.

RICHARD MONTGOMERY DP COURSES:

IB English Language and Literature	IB Environmental Systems & Societies
IB English Literature	IB Physics
IB Business Management	IB Mathematics: Applications & Interpretation
IB Computer Science	IB Mathematics: Analysis & Approaches
IB World Languages—Chinese, French, Spanish—Through level 7	IB Film
IB History: Europe 2	IB Social & Cultural Anthropology
IB History: Africa and Middle East 2	IB Sports, Exercise, & Health Science
IB Economics	IB Theatre
IB Global Politics	IB Visual Arts
IB Philosophy	
IB Biology	
IB Chemistry	