

# Centennial High School

## PROFILE

2009-10

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For 32 years, Centennial High School has maintained an enviable reputation as one of the premier high schools in the state. Centennial was recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as a Silver Award Winner, America's Best High Schools, 2008. We are very proud of our teachers and students who continue to challenge themselves in their "commitment to excellence." In recent years, Centennial's many stakeholders have worked diligently to diversify our learning opportunities in order to meet student needs and interests. Humanities, Photography, Chinese Language, African American Literature, African American History, Academic Life Skills, SAT Preparation, Advanced Composition, Career Academies, and Jazz Band are just a few of the many unique course offerings that contribute to making Centennial an excellent school. In 2007, *Newsweek* magazine's Advanced Placement Challenge Index placed Centennial High School in the top 150 schools in the United States.

Our faculty is committed to the mission of identifying and challenging our students in order to know and understand each learner as an individual. It is our goal to provide a safe and emotionally supportive environment that fosters mutual respect and individual integrity. We strive to develop in our students the critical skills necessary to become self directed, lifelong learners within a diverse and changing world. With course offerings that encompass the areas of intervention, enrichment, and acceleration, Centennial High School provides our students with the tools to meet and exceed curricular expectations, state mandates, and individual goals.

Our notorious "Eagle Pride" is the product of our many co-curricular and extracurricular programs that so aptly exemplify the true spirit of Centennial High School. Our PTSA, Parents Council of Black Students, Korean Parents Community, Latino Advancement Committee, Athletic Boosters, and Band Backers play a major role in developing critical connections with our staff and students. We are proud of our collaborative relationships with both parents and community that make Centennial High School a great place to teach and learn.

Carl Perkins, Principal

### Fast Facts

**Facility opened** - 1977

**Additions/Renovations:**  
1998 (R), 2002 (R)(A)

**School Capacity:** 1,360  
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 4 portable classrooms.)

**Total Enrollment:** 1,489

#### Ethnicity

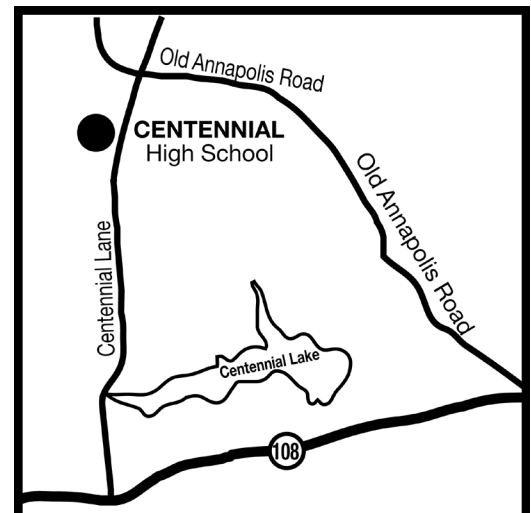
White	59.6%
African American	8.0%
Asian	29.4%
Hispanic	2.6%
Native American	0.2%
Not Reported	0.3%

#### Students Receiving Special Services 2008-09

Ltd. English Proficient	2.3%
Free/Reduced Lunch	4.7%
Special Education	4.4%

**Dropout Rate:** .33%

**PTA members:** 700



## Achievement Data

### Centennial High School

HSA Passrates for Class of 2009				
Subject	Takers	Passed	Bridge Plan Accepted	Met Requirement
Algebra	354	352	1	99.7%
Biology	354	349	1	98.8%
English	354	347	1	98.3%
Government	354	352	1	99.7%
Met with Combined Score		2.8% (10/354)		
Met Requirement		100.0% (354/354)		

## Accomplishments

- A. James Clark School of Engineering – Top 25 Engineering source school

### Staff:

- Milken Outstanding Educator Award
- Washington Post Educator Leadership Award
- Intel Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Sciences
- Instructional Assistant of the Year
- Presidential Scholars (2)
- Tandy Scholars (2)
- Christa McAuliffe Award
- Maryland Earth Science Teacher of the Year
- Howard County Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year
- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certification

### Athletics:

- 14 People Tree Awards
- 120 County Championships
- 102 Regional Championships
- 40 State Championships

### Academics:

#### 2009

- It's Academic-Baltimore Champions

#### 2007

- First Place HC Math League
- It's Academic Baltimore Champions
- Intel Talent Search Semi-Finalist

## Special Programs

- Academic Life Skills
- Alpha Achievers
- Best Buddies Program
- Black Student Achievement Program
- Confucius Classroom – Chinese Language and Culture
- ESOL
- Humanities Program
- Latin Advancement
- Maryland Voices Writing Project
- Project Lead the Way
- Professional Development School

### SAT Scores and Participation

School Year	N	Percent Participating	Centennial HS Mean Scores		
			Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
2008-2009	311	86.6	571	607	576
2007-2008	295	84.5	577	607	584
2006-2007	356	91.0	574	604	582

## Other Facts

Named one of the top 1500 schools nationally by *Newsweek* magazine. Ranked 247 of 1564 schools in the nation, based on the advanced placement challenge index for 2009.

### Educational Partnerships:

- CoHo Grill
- Dorsey Hall Merchants
- Home Depot
- Howard County General Hospital
- Howard County Library
- WR Grace

### Class of 2009 Documented Decisions

Attend a 4-year college	80.4%
Attend a 2-year college	7.7%
Specialized school/training	0.4%
Employment	0%
Enter the military	0.7%