



Brentsville District High School

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2025-2026 School Profile

Brentsville District High School is located 30 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. and is the smallest high school with just over 850 students in grades 9 through 12. Brentsville opened in 1929 making it the third high school to open in the Prince William County Public School (PWCS). Brentsville offers the Cambridge Programme and the Agriculture specialty program.

Brentsville High School is accredited by 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:

Cambridge Programme

Brentsville introduced the Cambridge Programme in 2001–2002. This program includes the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) and the Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE), both developed by the University of Cambridge, one of the world’s top academic institutions.

The IGCSE, typically taken in 9th and 10th grades, is equivalent to a U.S. honors curriculum and prepares students for advanced coursework. Students then progress to AICE courses in 11th and 12th grades, which are equivalent to U.S. college-level classes. AICE includes AS (one-year) and A Level (two-year) courses, with exams assessing in-depth subject knowledge through essay-based formats.

The AICE Diploma requires passing seven exams, including Global Perspectives and Research, with courses selected from four groups:

- Mathematics and Sciences
- Languages
- Arts and Humanities
- Interdisciplinary and Skills-Based (max two credits)

At least one credit must come from Groups 1–3. AICE offers flexibility, academic rigor, and international recognition. For more information please visit the specialty program website: https://brentsvillehs.pwcs.edu/about/specialty_programs/cambridge_programme/index.

PWCS Grading Scale

Grading Scale	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 points	2.0 points
D+	67-69	1.4 points	1.4 points	1.4 points
D	60-66	1.0 point	1.0 point	1.0 point
F	below 60	0 points	0 points	0 points

Profile of Class of 2025 Graduates

Advanced Studies Diploma	54%
Standard Diploma	45%
Applied Studies Diploma	1%
Four Year College	50%
Two Year College	32%
Other Continuing Education	6%
Military	2%

2023-24 SAT Mean Scores

	Brentsville	PWCS	Virginia	Nation
ERW	543	520	564	519
Math	507	489	537	505

*Scores for 2024-2025 are pending. **

All students can 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%	24%	17%	10%	3%

AICE Courses

Art & Design AS/A	Biology AS
Math AS/A	Physics AS
Chemistry AS	French IV/V
Spanish IV/V	English Language
Global Perspectives	Thinking Skills AS/A
World History	Psychology
Physical Education	Classical Studies

Advanced Placement Program

Advanced Placement courses are taught in all PWCS 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 Statistics
 AP Government
 AP Comp Science Principle

Dual Enrollment

Brentsville 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 Brentsville faculty who are credentialed NVCC adjunct faculty.

Dual Enrollment Courses

English College Comp 12
 UV/VA History
 Teachers for Tomorrow
 Biology

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. Transcripts from other districts with pass/fail grades won't affect GPA and percentile unless a corresponding letter grade is provided. All students earning 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 have the opportunity to earn seven credits per year.

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 11 tests during their high school tenure.

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