# Hope and Academic Excellence in the Nation's Capital

## Cornerstone Schools of Washington, D.C., Inc.

#### 2019-2020 Cornerstone Schools of Washington, D.C.

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## Community

Cornerstone School is located in the heart of Southeast Washington, D.C., within view of the United States Capitol. Cornerstone predominantly serves children from Wards 7 and 8, the two poorest wards in the city. Almost all of Cornerstone's students qualify for free or reduced lunches. The student body is 97% African-American, 2%Hispanic and 1.0% other.

#### School

Cornerstone School is a private, Christian school serving 180 students in grades K-12. The school opened as a Pre-K through 6th grade school in the fall of 1997, added middle school in the fall of 2007 and began offering high school in the fall of 2010. Cornerstone graduated its first senior class in the spring of 2013. Cornerstone School is a member of Christian Schools International (CSI) and of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA).

#### Curriculum

Cornerstone Schools offers a classical curriculum that is focused on college preparation. While we do not offer AP or IB courses, our core classes are academically rigorous, and some students dual enroll at local community colleges for courses beyond our core curriculum. To graduate, a student must earn 22 credits for a standard diploma (3 math, 3 Lab Science, 4 English, 3 History/Social Science, 2 Language, 2 Bible/ Theology, 1.5 Fine or Performing Arts, 1 Life Preparation/Technology, and 2.5 Electives), and 26 credits for an advanced diploma (4 Math, 4 Lab Science, 4 English, 4 History/Social Science, 3 Language, 2 Bible/ Theology, 1.5 Fine or Performing Arts, 1 Life Preparation/Technology, and, 2.5 Electives).

Our curriculum includes Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, Calculus, Consumer Math, Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy, Computer Science, Humanities I (Ancient Literature & History, Humanities II (13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Cent. Literature & History), Humanities III (19<sup>th</sup> Cent.-Modern Literature & History) Humanities IV (Capstone Literature & History), Microeconomics, Latin I, II and III, Spanish I, II, and III, Art, Music, Music History, Health & Physical Education, Christian Foundations, Old Testament, New Testament, and Christian Apologetics. [Not every course is offered every year.]

Literature: Peterson & O'Hare, An Iliad, Homer, Odyssey; Plato, The Republic (excerpts); Virgil, Aeneid; Augustine, Confessions; Dante, Inferno; Shakespeare, Julius Caesar, Macbeth, Much Ado About Nothing; Douglass, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass; Dickens, A Tale of Two Cities; Turgenev, Father and Sons; Ibsen, A Doll's House; Wilde, The Importance of Being Earnest; Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby; Hurston, Their Eyes Were Watching God; Wright, Black Boy; Lewis, The Great Divorce; Miller, Death of a Salesman; Orwell, 1984; Wiesel, Night; Achebe, Things Fall Apart

#### Rank

Valedictorian and Salutatorian are determined by highest cumulative GPA for courses taken in 9th to 12th grades. Because our senior classes are very small (average 7 students), we do not assign class rank.

#### **Grade Point Average (GPA) Calculation**

GPA is computed using the quality points shown below. Beginning with grade 9, all subjects, passed or failed, are included in the computation except those electives that are Pass/Fail. A minimum of 22 credits is required for graduation. Grades are recorded on the transcript, and GPA is computed at the end of each school year.



### **Grading and Ranking**

Percentage	Letter Grade	<b>GPA Points</b>
93-100	A	4.00
90-92	A -	3.66
87-89	B+	3.33
83-86	В	3.00
80-82	B-	2.66
77-79	C+	2.33
73-76	C	2.00
70-72	C-	1.66
60-69	D	1.00
0-59	F	0.00

#### Classes of 2013-2019`

There were 47 graduates in the Classes of 2013-2019.

- 1 earned a 4.0
- 12 earned 3.5–3.99
- 7 earned 3.0–3.49
- 15 earned 2.50–2.99
- 11 earned 2.0–2.49
- 1 earned less than a 2.0 (1.95)

## **Post High School Placement**

- 91 percent of Cornerstone's 47 graduates were accepted into either 2- or 4-year colleges.
  - o 32 of 43 graduates matriculated to 4-year colleges
  - o 8 of 43 graduates matriculated to 2-year institutions and/or technical schools
  - o 3 of 43 graduates deferred college

## Colleges Attended by Cornerstone Graduates from the Last Seven Years

- Art Institute, Washington, DC
- Bowie State University
- Carver College
- Coppin State University
- Delaware State University
- George Mason University
- George Washington University
- Harrison University of Science
- Indiana Tech
- Liberty University
- Med Tech
- Marymount University
- Montgomery College

- Morgan State University
- Prince Georges Community College
- Radford University
- Trinity University
- University of Dayton
- University of Delaware
- University of the District of Columbia
- University of Maryland, College Park
- University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
- Virginia Union University
- Wilmington University
- Xavier University of Louisiana

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