



Thinking of Moving to Washington Grove?

Information for Parents

Last updated Summer 2018

Community Amenities for Kids

- Lake with beach, dock, and diving board. Free swim lessons and lifeguard staff every summer
- Playground, basketball, three tennis courts, soccer/baseball field
- Miles of wooded hiking trails
- Summer in the Parks camp for 5-12 year olds
- Kids' library
- Summer tennis lessons
- Easter egg hunt
- Labor Day weekend athletic events including foot and bike races, mini-triathlon, and field events
- Halloween parade and party
- December holiday show by and for residents



Area Schools

Washington Grove Elementary School

- ~450 students in Head Start and full-day Pre-K through Grade 5.
- 8712 Oakmont St, Gaithersburg, MD 20877 (5-minute walk, across railroad tracks) | (240) 740-0300
- Website: <https://bit.ly/2M6Q9Wf> | MCPS School-at-a-Glance: <https://bit.ly/2HpMNKI>
- School day: 9:25 am-3:50 pm. Five bus stops in town, pick-up and drop-off 9:00 to 9:15 a.m., 4:05 to 4:20 p.m.
- Campus modernized and expanded in 2010
- Two-way English-Spanish immersion program beginning with WGES class of '23 (current 1st graders; see <https://bit.ly/2LvZ6HU> and <https://bit.ly/2sCHIKt> for more information)
- New principal Amy Alonso starting the 2018-2019 school year
- Average class size 15-20 students, depending on grade



- S.O.A.R Child Care before and after school program, 7 am-6:30 pm:
<https://www.soarchildcare.com/>

Forest Oak Middle School

- ~800 students in grades 6-8
- 651 Saybrooke Oaks Blvd, Gaithersburg, MD 20877 (8-minute drive) | (301) 670-8242
- Website: <https://bit.ly/2HspbEZ> | MCPS School-at-a-Glance: <https://bit.ly/2kTkiMn>
- School day: 8:00 am-3:00 pm. Four bus stops in town, pick-up and drop-off 7:35 to 7:45 a.m., 3:15 to 3:25 p.m.
- Campus constructed in 1999
- Fantastic, relatively new Principal Mr. Shahid Muhammad
- Average class size ~22 students



Gaithersburg High School

- ~2400 students in grades 9-12
- 101 Education Blvd, Gaithersburg, MD 20877 (6-minute drive) | 301-284-4500
- Website: <https://bit.ly/2Bt0VQo> | MCPS School-at-a-Glance: <https://bit.ly/2sLS9dP>
- School day: 7:45 am-2:30 pm. Four bus stops in town, pick-up and drop-off 7:35 to 7:45 a.m., 3:15 to 3:25 pm
- Campus expanded and modernized in 2013
- Excellent Principal Dr. Christine Handy
- Signature Academies in Arts and Communication; Business Studies; Leadership and Education; and Science and Technology create smaller schools within a larger school body.
- Project Lead the Way STEM program in Biomedical Sciences
- College Institute program allows eligible students to earn college credits at Montgomery College while completing high school.
- Average class size ~24 students



Magnet and Other School Choice Programs (more information: <https://bit.ly/2JkOyus>)

- Elementary school level:
 - Magnet program at Clearspring Elementary (far away) for gifted 4th and 5th graders who can test in. Extremely competitive. Transportation provided.
 - Spanish, French, and Chinese elementary immersion programs at seven county schools including Washington Grove Elementary.

- Middle school level:
 - Magnet programs: must test in; extremely competitive. Transportation provided.
 - Clemente Middle School in Germantown - science, math and computer science.
 - Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School in Germantown - humanities and communications (this program was formerly housed at Clemente Middle School).
 - Lottery for three magnet schools, none close (and no transportation provided), with particular focuses:
 - Argyle - digital design and development;
 - Loiederman - creative and performing arts;
 - Parkland - aerospace technology and robotic engineering.

- High school level magnet programs: Must test in; extremely competitive. Transportation provided.
 - International Baccalaureate (IB) program at Richard Montgomery HS in Rockville
 - Poolesville HS in Poolesville (far away):
 - Humanities program
 - Science, Math and Computer Science (SMACS) program
 - Global Ecology program

Four-Year Colleges Attended by Washington Grove Kids in Recent Years

Allegany	Oberlin	University of Alabama
Bennington	Ohio Wesleyan	University of Maryland*
Brown*	Penn State	University of Pennsylvania
Duke	Rochester Inst. of Technology	University of Rochester
Cornell	Salisbury	Ursinus
Goucher	Skidmore	Vassar
Longwood	Stanford	West Virginia
Macalester*	St. Mary's College of Maryland	Wilson
Mary Washington	Towson*	Yale
Mount Holyoke		

*multiple students