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JAMES A. GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

**SEATTLE, WASHINGTON
SCHOOL PROFILE
FALL 2015**

School Information

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Four-year Public High School
Grades 9 – 12, Semester schedule

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Grading and Class Rank

The Seattle Public Schools (SPS) has an 11-Point Grading Scale

(A: 93-100%; A-: 90-92%; B+: 87-89%; B: 83-86%; B-: 80-82%; C+: 77-70%; C-: 70-72%; D+: 67-69%; D: 60-66%; E: below 60%).

School Community

Garfield is an urban four-year high school with a culturally diverse student body and a reputation for rigorous college preparatory classes. About 1,700 students attend the school. Of the approximately 370 who graduated last year, 69 percent plan to attend four-year colleges, and 22 percent plan to attend two-year colleges. School highlights include: Numerous Advanced Placement (AP) classes, a nationally recognized performing arts program, an award winning student newspaper and a comprehensive outdoor education program. Garfield consistently has more National Merit finalists than any other public high school in Seattle.

Curriculum Highlights and Special Programs

Advanced Placement: Garfield students make up more than 70% of the SPS students who take Advanced Placement exams. The school offers 19 AP courses, as well as 10 honors courses. Students following the selective-college admissions curriculum typically complete three or four AP classes by the end of their junior year.

Performing Arts: The Performing Arts Department provides a number of rich opportunities for students interested in musical performance including marching band, jazz ensemble, orchestra, choir, vocal jazz and drama. The jazz ensemble and symphonic orchestra have earned national and international recognitions. Both travel extensively to competitions and festivals, and regularly tour overseas.

Running Start: This program provides eligible junior and senior students the opportunity to attend a community college and earn high school and college credits simultaneously.

SAT Profile of College-Bound Seniors

Through June 2015, 253 college-bound seniors took the SAT Reasoning Test. In addition, 70 students took 172 Subject tests.

Garfield High School Code: 481115

**Distribution of 2015 Graduates
SAT Scores**

Score	Reading	Math	Writing
700-800	72	72	60
600-690	104	100	90
500-590	55	63	73
400-490	58	60	63
MEAN	538	546	524

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Graduation Requirements (Class of 2016)

All students must meet the following requirements to graduate:

American Government	1 semester
Fine Arts	2 semesters
Health	1 semester
Language Arts	8 semesters
Mathematics	6 semesters
Occupational Education	3 semesters
Physical Education	3 semesters
Science	4 semesters
US History	2 semesters
World History	3 semesters
Electives	9 semesters

Also required:

- Community Service Learning, 60 hours
- Pass the state-required exams
- Culminating Project
- High School Plus Plan

PSAT / National Merit Results

CATEGORY	# Students 2015	# Students 2016
Finalists	15	TBD
Semi-Finalists	15	7
Commended Scholars	44	32
Achievement Scholars	1	0
Hispanic Recognition	1	0

World Languages at Garfield

Language	Levels Offered	AP Level
French	3	No
Japanese	4	Yes
Latin	4	Yes
Spanish	4	Yes

**Advanced Placement Program at GHS
(18 current AP courses)**

Honors Courses (10 total)

The following are offered at Garfield:

History:

- US History 11AH, 11BH
- World History 1H, 2H

Language Arts:

- Intro to Lit (9th) AH, BH
- World Lit (10th) AH, BH

Math:

- Geometry AH, BH
- Algebra 2 AH, BH
- Pre-Calculus AH, BH

Science:

- Biology AH, BH
- Chemistry AH, BH
- Physics 1H, 2H

Garfield's Results on May 2015 AP Exams

Exam	# of Students	Score				
		5	4	3	2	1
Biology	104	23	39	31	11	0
Calculus AB	80	26	15	20	10	9
Calculus BC	23	8	5	4	2	4
Chemistry	44	3	10	15	9	7
Computer Science A	31	10	11	4	2	4
English Language & Comp	154	58	39	32	22	3
English Literature & Comp	73	16	26	22	8	1
Environmental Science	60	15	23	5	9	8
Government & Politics US	84	12	16	33	14	9
Japanese Lang. and Culture	14	5	2	5	1	1
Latin Vergil	7	1	4	1	1	0
Macroeconomics	14	3	5	3	1	2
Microeconomics	3	1	2	0	0	0
Physics C – Mechanics	25	3	7	8	5	2
Spanish Language	7	4	1	1	1	0
Statistics	26	6	6	8	5	1
Studio Art 2 D Design Portfolio	5	0	1	4	0	0
Studio Art Drawing Portfolio	6	0	2	3	1	0
World History	122	6	29	44	33	10
United States History	166	29	52	39	27	19