



JAMES A. GARFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL PROFILE FALL 2016

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%). Students who take Running Start or Advanced Placement courses will be ranked according to a 5.0 grade scale in those courses when calculating class rank (i.e. an “A” grade in AP World History will count as a 5.0 GPA in calculating the class rank of the student). Honors courses will be graded on a 4.5 grade scale when calculating class rank. Regular courses will be graded on a 4.0 scale.

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. Approximately 25% of each grade level at Garfield is made up of students from the Highly Capable program – Seattle Public Schools’ program for academically gifted students.

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.

Garfield High School Code: 481115

Distribution of 2016 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

Graduation Requirements (Class of 2017)

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
- High School Plus Plan

PSAT / National Merit Results

CATEGORY	# Students 2015-16	# Students 2016-17
Finalists	3	N/A
Semi-Finalists	12	10
Commended Scholars	44	32
Achievement Scholars	1	0
Hispanic Recognition	1	N/A

World Languages at Garfield

Language	Levels Offered	AP Level
French	4	Yes
Japanese	4	Yes
Latin	4	Yes
Spanish	6	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 2016 AP Exams

Exam	# of Students	Score				
		5	4	3	2	1
Biology	114	20	43	37	12	2
Calculus AB	78	38	12	13	6	9
Calculus BC	42	16	6	12	3	5
Chemistry	58	6	11	27	10	4
Computer Science A	46	11	14	16	4	1
English Language & Comp	159	54	52	28	24	1
English Literature & Comp	78	14	36	19	7	2
Environmental Science	101	27	35	8	19	12
Government & Politics US	97	7	23	41	20	6
Japanese Lang. and Culture	22	8	3	10	0	1
Latin Vergil	2	1	0	1	0	0
Macroeconomics	18	0	5	4	3	6
Physics C – Mechanics	46	21	21	1	2	1
Spanish Language	15	3	8	3	1	0
Statistics	29	4	11	11	1	2
Studio Art 2 D Design Portfolio	7	1	4	2	0	0
Studio Art Drawing Portfolio	11	3	1	5	2	0
World History	281	46	70	95	48	22
United States History	71	12	11	28	17	3
French Language	1	0	1	0	0	0