MASSAPONAX HIGH SCHOOL

"Home of the Panthers"

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DIVISION LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

Spotsylvania County is located fifty miles south of Washington, D.C. and includes 400 square miles along the southern boundary of the Rappahannock River Region of Virginia. Until recently, Spotsylvania was one of the fastest growing school divisions in the United States. Urban communities emerged in the northern parts of the county while the southern part of the county remains rural. The school division serves approximately 24,000 students and is comprised of 33 schools, including a career and technical center, 2 special academies, and John J. Wright Educational and Cultural Center. In addition, SCPS participates with area school divisions to offer The Commonwealth Governor's School (CGS).

MASSAPONAX SUMMARY

Massaponax High School opened in 1998 and is located in a suburban area southwest of Fredericksburg. Massaponax offers a wide variety of academic, CTE (career and technical education) courses, and specialized programs to meet student needs. Massaponax staff maintain a focus on high academic achievement while creating a learning environment in which all students can be successful. Students are encouraged to select rigorous courses that will provide an intellectual challenge and will better prepare them for future educational and career pursuits. Students are considered full-time when they are taking at least five units of credit.

CURRICULUM SUMMARY

Massaponax offers appropriately rigorous learning opportunities that include regular, honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and Dual Enrollment (DE) courses. Students may earn the AP Capstone Diploma by meeting the requirements established by the College Board. Students may also pursue acceptance into the regional Commonwealth Governor's School (CGS). CGS is a unique school that provides highly motivated students with a challenging, differentiated and interdisciplinary program in science, mathematics, social studies and English. Students enrolled in CGS have a designation in the notes field on the transcript indicating their participation in our most rigorous academic program.

MASSAPONAX COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Amanda Blake	Director of Counseling, Sm-Z	x5226
John Alexander	Counselor, A-Ca	x5224
Laura Digges	Counselor, Cb-Ga	x5227
Felicia Minor	Counselor, Gb-Ko	x5223
Marybeth McBroom	Counselor, Kp-Pa	x5225
Eugene Flamm	Counselor, Pb-Sl	x5228
Duette Thomas-Herring	Secretary	x5222
Lisa Brown	Registrar	x5221

ASSESSMENT AVERAGES

Test	MHS	VA	US
SAT Reading & Writing	560	584	533
SAT Math	520	567	528
SAT Total	1080	1151	1060

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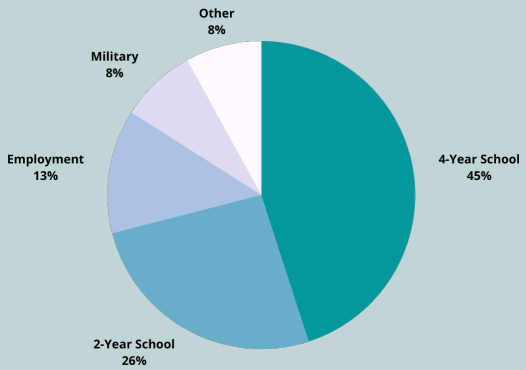
GPA CALCULATION AND CLASS RANK

Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Enrollment (DE) courses are weighted in the GPA calculation for students. Advanced/honors courses provide a higher level of rigor, but are not weighted in the GPA calculation. Courses graded on a pass/fail basis do not impact a student's GPA. GPA is calculated for each student at the end of each school year. For seniors, an additional GPA calculation is made at the end of the first semester. After calculation of the GPA for all students, students are ranked within their class. Partially-enrolled students and students pursuing an applied studies diploma are excluded from class ranking.

GRADE DISTRIBUTION

GPA	Number of Seniors
1.0-1.99	43
2.0-2.99	84
3.0-3.99	143
4.0-up	98

POST SECONDARY PLANS



STANDARD DIPLOMA

Students entering the 9th grade in school years 2018/19 and beyond must earn 22 standard units of credit and 5 verified credits:

Discipline Area	Standard Units of Credit Required	Verified Credits Required
English	4	2
Mathematics	3	1
Lab Science	3	1
History & S Science	3	1
Health & PE	2	
World Language/ Fine Arts/ CTE	2	
Econ./Personal Finance	1	
Electives	4	
Student Selected Tests		
Total	22	5

ADVANCED DIPLOMA

Students entering the 9th grade in school years 2018/19 and beyond must earn 26 standard units of credit and 5 verified credits:

Discipline Area	Standard Units of Credit Required	Verified Credits Required
English	4	2
Mathematics	4	1
Lab Science	4	1
History & S Science	4	1
Health & PE	2	
World Language	3	
Fine Arts/ CTE	1	
Econ./Personal Finance	1	
Electives	3	
Student Selected Tests		
Total	26	5

DIPLOMA TYPES EARNED

Advanced Diplomas	52%
Standard Diplomas	44%

GRADING SCALE

10-point Grading Scale	4.5 Scale Unweighted Courses		5.5 Scale Weighted Courses	
90= A	98-100 = 4.50 95-97 = 4.25 90-94 = 4.00	A	98-100 = 5.50 95-97 = 5.25 90-94 = 5.00	A
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F	59 or less = 0	F	59 or less = 0	F