

2008-2009

Columbus High School

Liberal Arts College Preparatory Magnet

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Mission Statement

The mission of Columbus High School is to prepare students to become well-rounded contributing members of society by providing an academic, social, and ethical environment which promotes success and leads to the desire for lifelong learning.

Estimated Enrollment - 1330

Partners in Education

Aflac, Ft. Benning Maneuver Battle Lab, and St. Paul United Methodist Church

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Columbus High School is a Liberal Arts Magnet, which is 100% college preparatory. Columbus High School offers a rigorous academic program designed to serve students who are highly motivated and are seeking a challenging curriculum to better prepare themselves for college success. Students qualify for entrance into the program based on:

- 8th grade course averages of 82 or higher with the exception of algebra and foreign languages
- Recommendations from counselor, math and English teachers
- Entrance exams performance in math, reading and composition

Students must maintain at least a "C" average in each academic course and are expected to maintain proper behavior in all aspects of student life. Contact the school for a brochure and application or visit www.columbushighga.org.

Gifted Education

The gifted student is totally integrated into every aspect of high school life and is afforded a challenging and stimulating academic environment. Many of our gifted students take advantage of the 26 different AP courses. In 2008, 411 students took 614 AP exams. Additionally, gifted students are provided opportunities through gifted seminars, courses, and specific field trips.

Community Involvement

Through 20 hours of community service each year, the student learns to appreciate Columbus and grows in understanding and empathy. This year magnet students performed over 24,000 hours of community service in 54 different agencies.

Parent Involvement

PTSA helps sponsor Baccalaureate, Senior Dinner, Freshman Orientation, and Honors Night, as well as an Open House each semester. The PTSA offers a variety of fund-raising events and sponsors many school improvement projects. The PTSA and various booster clubs provide countless volunteer hours to the school. Parents are partners with CHS in the education of their children.

Fine Arts

The orchestra, concert bands, jazz ensemble, and advanced choirs have consistently earned superior ratings at competitions. Many CHS vocalists and instrumentalists are typically chosen for All-District, All-State, and the Governor's Honors Program. The outstanding theater department produces three plays and one musical performance annually. In the visual arts, individuals exhibit and compete locally and statewide using a variety of media. Students earn scholarships in all the fine arts areas annually.

Athletics

Columbus High School Athletics is ranked fourth (2007 and 2008) and was ranked second (2006, 2005) in AAA schools in Georgia. Two thirds of the student body participate on 39 different teams:

- Boys'/Girls' Cross Country
- Boys'/Girls' Track
- Boys'/Girls' Basketball
- Boys'/Girls' Tennis
- Boys'/Girls' Golf
- Boys'/Girls' Soccer
- Baseball
- Football
- Swim Team
- Softball
- Cheerleading
- Wrestling
- Rifle Team
- Girls' Volleyball
- Girls' Lacrosse

Recent Athletic Accomplishments (since 2002)

- Boy's Cross Country - 1st Region (2007-1999); Individual State winners (2007-1999); **Individual 1st place State Champion (2007-2006)**
- Girls' Cross Country- **State Champion (2008)**; 3rd State (2005); 1st Region (2008-1997)
- Girls' Basketball-Elite Eight (2006, 2005, 2002); State Runner-up (2004); 1st Region (2002); 2nd Region (2004, 2003)
- Boys' Tennis-4th State (2008-2006); 1st Region (2007, 2006, 2005, 2002); 2nd Region (2004, 2003)
- Girls' Tennis- 4th State (2007, 2006, 2004); 1st Region (2008-2004)
- Girls' Soccer- 4th in State (2008); 5th State (2007); 3rd State (2006); 1st Region (2008-2005, 2002); 2nd Region (2004, 2003)
- Boys' Soccer- Elite Eight (2007); 2nd State (2006); 1st Region (2006); 2nd Region (2007, 2005); 4th Region (2004, 2003); 3rd Region (2002)
- Baseball- **State Champion (2005, 2004, 2000, 1996, 1995, 1994, 1992, 1991, 1984)**; **Ranked 2nd in Nation by USA Today (2004)**; 2nd State (2007, 2006, 2003)
- Girls' Track- **Individual State and National Winner (2005, 2004)**; 5th State (2004, 2002); 3rd Region (2003)
- Boys' Track- 5th State (2008); 4th Region (2004, 2003); 3rd Region (2002)
- Softball- Elite Eight (2008, 2005); 2nd Region (2003, 2002)
- Girls' Golf- State Champions (2006, 2005, 2003, 2002); State Runner-up (2004)
- Boys' Golf- **State Runner-up (2008, 2006, 2005)**; 4th State (2007); 5th State (2003, 2002); 1st Region (2007-2005)
- Wrestling- **State Champions (Duals - 2006)**; 3rd State (Traditional - 2006); State Runner-up (Duals & Traditionals-2005); 1st Area Duals (2009, 2006, 2004); 2nd Area Duals (2008, 2007, 2005); 1st Area Traditional (2007, 2004); City Champions (2009-2008, 2006-2004); **AAA GA Wrestler of the Year (2007)**; Individual State Placers (2007-2003); **Individual State Champions (2007-2005)**
- Cheerleading- **State Champion (2008)**; State Runner-up (2007, 2005, 2003); 3rd State (2006)
- Knox Culpepper Sportsmanship Award (2008, 2006, 2002, 2001)
- Girls' Volleyball- **State Champions (2007)**; Final Four (2006); Elite Eight (2008, 2005); 1st Area (2008, 2007, 2004); 2nd Area (2003); **AAA GA Player of the year (2007)**
- Swimming- 1st Region (2006-2003); **Individual State Winners (2005-2003)** Girls'-1st Region (2008-2003) Boys'-1st (2006-2003)
- Girls' Lacrosse- Elite Eight (2008)

Principal
Judy Whitt

Assistant Principals
Michelle Grier
Rafael Simmons
Wendell Turner

Magnet Director
Janice Hudson

School Facilities
Number of Classrooms - 65
Computer Labs - 4

Accredited by:
Southern Association of
Colleges and Schools

Staff/Student Information & Data

RECENT OUTSTANDING SCHOOL/FACULTY RECOGNITIONS

- Academically ranked second out of 380 Georgia public high schools (2008), third in 2007, and number one (2005, 2004). No report in 2006.
- Platinum (2008 - 2006) and Gold (2005) Awards for Academic Excellence
- Silver Award Recipient (*U.S. News & World Report - 2009, 2008, 2007*) "America's Best High School" - Top 3% of nation's public high schools
- School of Excellence for the GA Partnership Annual Bus Tour (2005)
- Achieving School of Excellence (*Georgia Trend Magazine* (2006)
- Magnet School of Excellence (Magnet Schools of America - 2005)
- Top 5 percent of nation's high schools (*Newsweek* - 2007-2005)
- National Blue Ribbon School (2004)
- National Senior Project Certification (2008)
- Georgia School of Excellence (2004)
- Effective Practices School (2004-2003)
- Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching (2004)
- Pay for Performance (2004, 2002, 2001)
- Girls' Track and Field Coach of the Year (Atlanta Track Club, 2004)
- National Space Club Educator of the Year (2005)
- NASA Educator Astronaut Finalist (2004)
- Six Fulbright Fellowships awarded to CHS teachers
- Georgia Thespian State Board Member
- Sara Spano Page One Top Teacher Award winners - 5
- Muscogee County School District Teacher of the Year (2006, 2000)
- Georgia Teacher of the Year Top Five Finalist (2003)
- Georgia Administrator of the Year (Georgia Thespian Society, 2003)
- National Administrator of the Year (Educational Theatre Association, 2003)
- Gifted Certified Teachers- 23
- AP Certified Teachers- 32
- National Board Certified Teachers - 6
- Georgia AAA Volleyball Coach of the Year (2007)
- All Bi-City Coach of the Year Awards: Boys' Golf, Girls' Cross Country, Boys' Cross Country Girls' Golf, Baseball, Girls' Basketball, Wrestling, Swimming, Boys' Soccer, Girls' Soccer, Volleyball
- Ledger Enquirer* All Bi-City Coach of the Year for all sports (2006)
- National Coach of the Year (Baseball, 2004, 2000)
- Administrator of the Year (PTSA, 4th District, 2004, 2003)
- High Performance Principal (2007, 2006)
- Muscogee County Teacher of the Year Finalists/Semifinalists - 6
- Numerous Phi Delta Kappa Teachers of the Year
- GA Science Teacher of the Year - District 6 (2006)
- GA High School Counselor of the Year - District 5 (2007, 2006)
- National Wrestling Hall of Fame Inductee (2006)
- Alan Shepherd National Technology in Education Award (2007)
- PTSA Educator of the Year (2008)

PERSONNEL DATA

	Administration	Teachers
Total	4	82
Bachelors		20
Masters		41
Specialist	3	19
Doctorate	1	2

STUDENT INCENTIVES

- Honor Roll, Principal's List, Academic Letters of Distinction, Alpha Scholars, and True Blue Awards
- Day of Distinction and Honors Night
- Recognition Luncheons
- Perfect Attendance Awards, SAT Awards, Brag Cards
- Field Trips
- Foreign Travel and Specialty Field Trips
- Academic Concentrations
- Principal's Art Purchase Award
- AP Student Recognition

GEORGIA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION TEST (First Testing)

Class of:	Writing	English	Math	Science	Social Studies
2008	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
2007	100%	100%	100%	98%	100%
2006	100%	100%	100%	98%	100%
2005	100%	100%	100%	92%	99%

SCHOLARSHIPS

Members of the 2008 graduating class qualified for more than \$10 million in merit and HOPE scholarships.

2008 SAT TEST SCORE*

	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Total
Columbus HS	548	562	546	1656
MCSD	473	478	464	1415
Georgia	486	490	477	1453
Nation	502	515	494	1511

*Ranked Ninth Highest (out of 380) SAT Scores in the State by GA DOE

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETIES

- National Honor Society
- National Beta Club Scholarship Winners (2007, 2006, 2004)
- Mu Alpha Theta (National Mathematics Honor Society)
- National Thespian Society
- Foreign Language Honor Societies - (Spanish, German, French, Japanese and Latin)
- National Art Honor Society
- National English Honor Society

RECENT OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Georgia Scholars - 2008 (6) 2007 (5), 2006 (5), 2005 (7), 2004 (11), 2003 (16), 2002 (8) - All MCSD Georgia Scholars came from CHS.
- AP Scholars- 2008 (78); 2007 (67); 2006 (66); 2005 (60); 2004 (24)
- Academic Decathlon- 3rd State (2008, 2007, 2006, 2004); 2nd State (2005, 2003, 2002); 1st Region (2008-2001)
- Botball Team - 2nd State (2005); 3rd Nation in Research Website Competition (2002); 5th State (2004); 3rd State (2003, 2002)
- Science Olympiad Team- 2nd Region (2006, 2004); 7th State (2004); 8th State (2003) individual National awards; 1st Region (2003)
- NASA Student Involvement Program has accepted 31 experiment proposals from CHS students since 2003
- Dance Team - 4th Small Group Jazz - EDA Nationals (2007)
- National Merit Finalists- 2008(6); 2007 (4); 2006 (4); 2005 (4); 2003 (2)
- National Achievement Finalists - 2009 (5); 2008 (3); 2007 (1); 2006 (4); 2005 (4); 2004 (2)
- Military Academy Appointments (2009-2002)
- Debate- 4th State, Individual 1st place State Winners- (2003): 1st Region (2007-2003)
- Star Student - State winner (2003): Local Winner (2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2003, 2002); District Winner (2007, 2006, 2005, 2003);
- One Act Play- State Champion (2007, 2006, 2003); 2nd State (2004), 3rd State (2001): 1st Region (2007-2003)
- Best Actress- State One Act Play (2006, 2003)
- Best Actor - State One Act Play (2004)
- All State Choral Students- 19 members 2008
- Orchestra- Superior Rating (15 years)
- Honor Band- Most students selected in MCSD (2007-2002)
- Math Team- 1st State (2007 GA State Math Tournament); state ranked for the last seven years
- Page One Awards- Area school with the most winners (2008-2002)
- Exchange Club of Columbus - Youth of the Year (2008, 2005, 2003, 2002)
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)- State and Region Individual Winner Annually; State officers
- Science Fair State Winners (2006-2002)
- National History Day Winners (2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2003, 2002)
- Governor's Honors Program- numerous students chosen annually
- American Regions Mathematic League National Competition - State Representative (2007, 2006)
- InvenTeams- 1 of 18 projects selected by Lemelson MIT (2007, 2006)
- Wendy's Heisman State Finalist (2006, 2004)
- Junior Civitan International Community Project of the Year- 1st Runner-Up (2006)
- Numerous academic and athletic individual and team awards in other state and national competitions
- Art Competitions- State and local best of show winners (2008-2003)