HIGHLIGHTS
• Founded in 1844
• Nation’s oldest all-girls public high school
• Liberal arts college preparatory high school
• 100% 4-year college acceptance, 2006–2008
• Class of 2008 received over $4,000,000 in scholarships and grants
• Members of the Class of 2007–2008 were accepted at 196 different colleges across the country
• Students come from Baltimore City and surrounding counties
• Current population of 855 students is racially, ethnically, and economically diverse
• Rigorous academic program
• Extensive co-curricular and athletic programs
• Blue Ribbon Honorable Mention School, 2002

MISSION
In accordance with the Baltimore City Public School System, our mission is to:

Prepare each of our students to enter the four-year college or university of her choice and to compete successfully in her chosen career.

Western strives to enable its students to become responsible citizens and life-long learners, with the skills, knowledge, and values required for meeting the social, technological, and economic challenges of the future.

ACADEMICS

Comprehensive College Preparation
Western expects its students to meet nationwide collegiate admission standards. All students complete courses in:

• English I–IV or A.P.
• Algebra I & II, Geometry, Precalculus
• World History, American, Gov., U.S. History
• Biology, Chemistry, Physics
• Chinese, Russian, or Spanish (4 years)
• Fine Arts (Art, Dance, Drama, Music)
• Physical Education (Team, Individual Sports)
• Technology Education and Health

Academic Programs
Western offers three academic programs: College Preparatory, Accelerated College Preparatory, and Teacher Academy. All three programs:

• far exceed state graduation requirements
• meet nationwide college admissions standards
• offer the opportunity to enroll in honors and Advanced Placement courses

The Accelerated College Preparatory Program has these additional features:

• most rigorous program
• minimum of 4 honors or Advanced Placement courses per year
• minimum total of 3 A.P. courses required

The Teacher Academy requires four additional courses that prepare students for a career in education:

• Human Growth & Development
• Teaching as a Profession
• Foundations of Curriculum & Instruction
• Educational Academy Internship

Current College-Level Courses Offered

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FACILITIES
• Extensive athletic fields, track, pool
• Renovated gymnasium
• Automated library circulation system
• Renovated science laboratories
• Four full-class size computer laboratories
• Foreign Language laboratory
• Quadrangle courtyard
• Student parking facilities

ATHLETIC TEAMS
Western offers Varsity and Junior Varsity teams. These teams have won many championships, making the Western girls’ athletics program the most successful in Baltimore City Public Schools. Sports include:

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FINE ARTS
Western offers a variety of courses and co-curricular activities in the fine Arts. Students perform and compete in local, state, and national competitions, consistently winning awards. Fields include:

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TECHNOLOGY
• 4 full-class computer labs; wireless laptop cart; 20 video/data projectors
• Staff-supervised computer labs for students before and after school, during lunch time
• School-wide network, Internet, file servers
• Each student provided her own computer account and network file storage, accessible school-wide

ACCREDITATION
Western High School has been accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the Maryland State Board of Education, and the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners.
**CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

- Band
- Modern Dance Troupe
- Campus Crier
- National Art Honor Society
- Chinese Heritage Club
- National Honor Society
- Concert Choir
- Robotics Club
- Drama Club
- Sisters for Black Awareness
- Environmental Club
- Sounds Unlimited
- Fashionettes
- Spanish Club
- Future Educators Association
- Stage Crew
- GSA
- Stock Market Club
- It's Academic
- Student Government Association
- Marching Band
- Teacher Academy of Maryland Club

**STUDENT SUPPORT**

Western provides services to help students succeed in school and prepare for college and a career:

- Coach Classes
- College Bound Specialist
- English as a Second Language
- Freshman Seminar
- Guidance Staff
- National Honor Society peer tutors
- Parent Nights
- School Nurse
- Saturday Academy
- Summer Bridge Program
- University of Maryland Student Support Services
- Western High School Alumnae Mentoring

**APPLYING TO WESTERN**

For applications, please contact the Office of Student Placement at 410-396-8600 or your school guidance counselor.

Interested 8th-grade students may arrange to “shadow,” experiencing a school day at Western. Please contact our Guidance Office at 410-396-7044.

**WESTERN TRADITION**

Western proudly builds on its 164-year heritage with many beloved traditions, including:

- School Song: “Dear Western”
- Motto: “Lucem Accepimus, Lucem Demus” (“We have received light; let us give forth light”)
- Colors: Red and Black
- Mascot: the Dove
- Class Activities: Parent-Daughter Tea, Ring Dance, Junior Prom, Senior Inaugural, Banquet, Farewell, and Prom
- Commencement: graduating seniors wear floor-length formal white gowns, carry a long-stemmed red rose
- Spirit Week
- Spring Revel

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Mrs. Eleanor Matthews ........................................Principal
Mrs. Stephanie Farmer ........................................Assistant Principal
Mrs. Kelly Caswell .............................................Assistant Principal
Ms. Rhonda Clyburn ..........................Assistant Principal
Mr. David Lang ............................Administrative Assistant
Mr. Andrew Tomlinson ..........................Staff Associate

**GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT STAFF**

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Ms. Susanne Gray-Rice ..................................Counselor
Mr. Lee Griffin ........................................Counselor

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