



Highlights of our School and Students

Committed to economic diversity--more than 40% of our students receive financial aid, double comparable schools.

In Washingtonian Magazine's Nurturing Communities category — Extraordinary students with learning differences arrive often with experiences of failure and with support are transformed and then head to success in college and beyond.

Unique Curriculum ~ We are the Change We Want to See in the World

Our students do thousands of hours/year of community service in the greater DC area. A 7-yr graduate contributes about 500 hrs. -- 6x the National Honor Society requirements.

High school students give back to the community through weekly internships: Arlington Independent Media, Earth Sangha, Alexandria Adult Day Services Center Audubon Naturalist Society, Inova Alexandria Hospital, Jerome Buddie Ford Nature Center, Phoenix Bikes, Sierra Club DC, Winkler Botanical Preserve, The US Botanical Garden, The National Zoo...

Award-Winning Ecology Curriculum by the Commonwealth of Virginia -- We train a new generation of ecological stewards by teaching about the environment and our impact on it. Lots of hands-on learning -- soil analysis, environmental surveys, planting seedlings to stabilize erosion along riverbeds, pulling invasive plants...

Award-Winning Students – , 2 photos selected for Northern Virginia Conservation Trust Photography Contest (2019). Won 3 “Best in Category” in juried All-City Arts Show (2018)

Weekly field studies and community service are vibrant learning opportunities beyond the classroom at: DC Kitchens, Bikes Across America, Arlington Food Assistant Center, Alexandria Archeology, Assateague Island Ecology Camping, Blue Plains Water Treatment Facility, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center Marsh Studies...

The Grounds Reflect What We Teach

HGS is designated a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation.

HGS has adopted Pike's Branch Creek—Students and faculty do clean ups several times a year.

HGS won an award from Fairfax County for the best "small commercial" land conservation project in 2010.

Fully Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

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We truly are grateful.

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