

HENRY W. GRADY HIGH SCHOOL

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Henry W. Grady
High School

A 2001 Georgia School of Excellence

SCHOOL PROFILE FOR 2015-2016

Established in 1947 and located in Midtown Atlanta, Henry W. Grady High School combines a proud past and a promising future. Named for Henry W. Grady, editor of *The Atlanta Constitution* and a proponent of a “New South” in the post Civil War era, Grady High School has a long tradition of producing Atlanta’s leaders. In 2004, Grady received the Title I Distinguished School Award, while in 2003, the Southern Regional Education Board’s school reform plan, *High Schools That Work*, named Grady one of seven national Gold Award winners for its work in reading, mathematics, and science. Fordham University and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development presented Grady with the National School Change Award for 2002. Grady was also named a Georgia School of Excellence in 1991, 1995, and 2001 and its former Magnet School of Communication consistently produced award-winning work in print and broadcast journalism, forensics, publishing, and the fine arts. In 2010, as part of the Atlanta Public Schools’ High School Transformation project, Grady High School transitioned into an academy model with four academies, each with a different theme-based emphasis. At that time, the four academies were Public Policy and Justice, Biomedical Sciences and Engineering, Business and Entrepreneurship, and Communications and Journalism. In 2015, Grady High School course offerings expanded to include the following pathways: Advanced Academic, World Languages, Fine Arts, Instrumental Music, Theatre Arts, Visual Arts, and Career, Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE).

Grady High School, College and Career Connection (CCC) was named first runner-up for the 2011 College Board “Inspiration Award”. The Inspiration Awards celebrate schools for their outstanding college-preparation programs and partnerships among teachers, parents and community organizations. Through dedication and commitment, school communities have opened doors to higher education for students facing economic, social and cultural barriers by improving their academic environment, creating a college-going culture and helping a significant proportion of students realize the promise of higher education. Winning secondary schools demonstrate significant and consistent growth across the entire student population in the number of students taking rigorous courses and the percentage of students accepted to two or four-year colleges. The CCC is a valuable resource for Grady students and parents to become better informed about post-secondary opportunities. CCC is a joint project of the school counselors and parent volunteers.

Grady is fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools an accreditation division of AdvancED. The school is a member of the Georgia High School Association and competes in interscholastic events with other high schools in Region 5AAA-B, including volleyball, softball, football, cross country, cheerleading, basketball, swimming, soccer, track and field, debate, tennis, golf, baseball, water polo and lacrosse.

The Grady community values the racial, economic, and academic differences within its population. A hallmark of the school is its genuine acceptance of diversity. Committed to excellence in public education for all students, Grady is an inner-city public school that works. The mission of Henry W. Grady High School is to provide each student with a challenging and interactive education, to encourage students from all walks of life to strive for their highest level of achievement, and to model responsible and ethical behavior that empowers students with the skills to create positive change in our society.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY FACTS

Type: Public School, Grades 9 – 12 (Atlanta Public Schools)

Location: Midtown area of Metropolitan Atlanta

Enrollment: 1313 (Class of 2016: 326)

Organization: Semester (four x eight block)

Ethnic Demographics: Students: 51% African-American, 36% Caucasian, 13% Other; 42% of student body is eligible for free/reduced lunch. School and community facts is based on August 5, 2015 enrollment data.

SAT DATA

2014 Average SAT Scores	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Total
Grady High School	512	489	501	1502
Georgia	488	485	472	1445
National	497	513	487	1497

Class of 2015 National Merit Scholar: 1 Finalist

Class of 2015 National Achievement Scholars: 2 Semi-Finalists

CURRICULUM

Grady High School maintains a curriculum that is college preparatory. The curriculum is rigorous and demanding that includes honors and advanced placement (AP) courses in all subject areas. All students pursue a college preparatory curriculum and must earn a minimum of 24 Carnegie Units to meet graduation requirements as outlined by the Atlanta Public School District.

Graduation Requirements

Courses	Carnegie Units
English Language Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Science	4
Social Studies	3 ½
Modern Language/Latin	2
Health	½
Physical Education	1
Career, Technical and Agricultural Education,	1
Modern Language/Latin or Fine Arts	
Electives	3 ½
Community Service (75 hours)	½

Advanced Placement Course Offerings: Biology, Calculus AB, Comparative Government and Politics, Computer Science, Language Composition, Literature Composition, Environmental Science, French, Latin, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Music Theory, Physics, Psychology, Spanish, Statistics, Studio Art, 2D/3D Design, European History, U.S. History and World History. Students are advised to take no more than five AP courses in any given semester. In AP courses, a ten point weight is added to individual semester course grades of 70 and above on the transcript.

Grading Scale

	Points	Quality
A	100-90	4
B	89-80	3
C	79-70	2
F	69-0	0

Class rank is determined by the numeric average for all subjects taken in grades 9-12. Valedictorian and Salutatorian rank is confirmed at the end of fall semester of their senior year.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Of the Class of 2015, 276 students graduated from Grady: 157 accepted to four year colleges. This class earned 11,699,390.00 in scholarships.

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Agnes Scott College
Alabama A&M University
Alabama State University
Albany State University
Appalachian State University
Armstrong Atlantic State University
Art Institute of Atlanta
Atlanta Metropolitan College
Atlanta Technical College
Auburn University
Ball State University
Bard College
Berry College
Boston University
Brandeis University
Breanau University
Brown University
Bryant University
Chattahoochee Technical College
Clark Atlanta University
Clayton State University
College of Charleston
College of the Holy Cross
College of Wooster
Colorado College
Colorado State University
Columbia University
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Davidson College
DeVry University
Dickinson College
Dillard University
Duke University
Eckerd College
East Carolina State University
Elon University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Emerson College
Emory University
Fayetteville State University
Flagler College
Florida A&M University
Florida State University
Fordham University
Fort Valley State University
Furman University
Gainesville State College
George Washington University
Georgetown College
Georgia College and State University
Georgia Gwinnett College
Georgia Institute of Technology
Georgia Military College
Georgia Perimeter College
Georgia Southern University
Georgia State University
Gordon College

Goucher College
Grambling State University
Guilford College
Hampton University
Harvard College
Hawaii Pacific University
Howard University
Illinois State University
Jackson State University
Jacksonville State University
John Hopkins University
Johnson C. Smith State University
Kennesaw State University
Kentucky State University
Lane College
Le Cordon Bleu
Lawrence University
Lewis & Clark College
Liberty University
Livingston College
Louisiana State University
Loyola University
Macaulay Honors College at Queens
Middle Tennessee State University
Miles College
Mississippi State University
Monroe Community College
Morehouse College
Mount Holyoke College
New York University
Notre Dame College
North Carolina A& T University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina State University
North Georgia College & State University
Northwestern University
Oglethorpe University
Ohio State University
Ohio Wesleyan University
Oxford College of Emory University
Paine College
Pepperdine University
Purdue University
Reed College
Rhodes College
Samford University
Savannah College of Art & Design
Savannah State University
Simmons College
Smith College
South Carolina State University
South Georgia College
Southern Polytechnic State University
Spelman College
St. John's College
St. John's University
Stanford University
Stetson University

Stillman College
Syracuse University
Tennessee Tech University
Tennessee State University
Texas Southern University
Texas Tech University
The Citadel
The College of William & Mary
The Creative Circus Art Institute
The United States Military Academy
Tulane University
Tusculum College
Tuskegee University
United States Air force Academy
United States Naval Academy
University of Alabama Birmingham
University of Alabama Tuscaloosa
University of Arkansas
University of Buffalo
University of California Berkley
University of Cincinnati
University of Florida
University of Georgia
University of Illinois
University of Kansas
University of Kentucky
University of Louisiana at Lafayette
University of Maryland
University of Miami
University of Mississippi
University of North Carolina Ashville
University of Oklahoma
University of Pennsylvania
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Tampa
University of Tennessee
University of the Arts
University of Toledo
University of West Georgia
University of West Virginia
University of Minnesota
University of Pennsylvania
Valdosta State University
Vanderbilt University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Virginia Military Institute
Virginia Tech
Voorhees College
Wake Forest
Washington University
Wellesley College
Wesleyan College
Western Kentucky University
Western Michigan University
West Point
Xavier University
Yale University

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION: Superintendent: Dr. Meria Joel Carstarphen

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