

# HENRY W. GRADY HIGH SCHOOL

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High School

## *A 2001 Georgia School of Excellence*

### SCHOOL PROFILE FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

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:** 1512 (Cohort 2021: 359)

**Organization:** Semester (four x four block)

**Ethnic Demographics:** Students: 37% African-American, 48% Caucasian, 8% Latino/Hispanic, 4% Multiracial, 3% Asian. School and community facts is based on August 24, 2020 enrollment data.

**NEW SAT DATA**

Cohort 2019 Average SAT Scores	Evidenced Based Reading & Writing	Math	Total
Grady High School	581	547	1128
District	512	485	997
State	537	517	1054

**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
Modern Language/Latin	2
Health	½
Physical Education	1
Career, Technical and Agricultural Education,	1
Modern Language/Latin or Fine Arts	
Electives	4
Community Service (75 hours)	½

**Advanced Placement Course Offerings:** Biology, Calculus AB/BC, Comparative Government, Government & Politics, Chemistry, Computer Science A, Computer Science Principles, Language Composition, Literature Composition, Environmental Science, French, Latin, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Music Theory, Physics 1, Physics 2, Psychology, Research, Seminar, Spanish, Statistics, Studio Art, 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. A ten point weight is also added to the final numeric grade for each core content/world language dual enrollment course that is passed with a grade of 70 or above.

**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.

**CLASS OF 2019 HIGHLIGHTS**

National Merit Scholar Semi Finalists: 4 \* Admitted to U.S. Colleges and Universities: 239 \* Admitted to Ivy League Schools: 4 \* Admitted to Georgia State University: 160 \* Admitted to University of Georgia: 47 \* Admitted to Georgia Institute of Technology: 24 \* Zell Miller Eligible Scholars: 105 \* HOPE Eligible Scholars: 94 \* Dual Enrolled Students: 42 (semester 1) 35 ( semester 2) \* Governors Honors Finalists: 6 \* Georgia Seal of Biliteracy: 6 \* Achieve Atlanta Scholars: 85

# COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Of the Class of 2020, 90% graduated from Grady. This class earned \$16,627,310.00 in scholarships.

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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 Asheville  
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. Lisa Herring  
Assistant Principals: Mr. Raymond Dawson, Mr. Rodney  
Howard, Ms. Carrie MacBrien, Ms. Takeshia Hollis, &  
Mr. Willie Vincent  
Registrar: Ms. Chinaester Holland

**Principal:** Dr. Betsy Bockma  
**Counselors:** Dr. Shaketha Blankenship,  
Ms. Chelsea Falcone, Ms. Tina Pellechia,  
& Mr. Lamar Young  
**Graduation Coach:** Ms. Charmaine Gray

