BALTIMORE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL for young women

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHIC

- 6-12 GRADES
- 100% FEMALE
- 97% BLACK
- 3% MULTIRACIAL
- 1:16 TEACHER STUDENT RATIO

ENROLLMENT

TOTAL ENROLLMENT 361

UPPER SCHOOL (9-12) 215

CLASS OF 2025 46

NATIONAL MERIT

4 NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN RECOGNITION PROGRAM SEMIFINALISTS

RANKING

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT BLSYW AS ONE OF THE TOP FIVE CHARTER SCHOOLS IN MARYLAND

EXCELLENCE IN GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION (EGATE) RECIPIENT

BALTIMORE LEADERSHIP SCHOOL FOR YOUNG WOMEN
2026-27 SCHOOL PROFILE

ABOUT US

The Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women (BLSYW) is a single-gender, middle-high (6-12), college-preparatory public charter school serving Baltimore City students through a lottery-based admissions process. Founded in 2009, BLSYW offers a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) curriculum designed to prepare young women for college, career, and leadership. BLSYW is a two-time recipient of the Excellence in Gifted and Talented Education (EGATE) Award, recognized by PK–12 Maryland Public Schools for programs aligned with the state's Criteria for Excellence. The school has also been ranked as the top charter school in Baltimore City by U.S. News & World Report, reflecting our commitment to student achievement and innovation.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

BLSYW follows the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) requirements for students to earn a Maryland high school diploma. In addition to the Maryland diploma, students have the option to opt in to earn a BLSYW Diploma, which includes additional academic, college preparatory, and experiential learning requirements designed to prepare students for success in college and beyond.

The BLSYW Diploma recognizes a student's commitment to academic excellence, learning, leadership, community, and professional growth. To earn a BLSYW Diploma, a student must complete the following additional requirements:

- Earn 22 credits
- Earn one or more credits in a dual-enrollment or Advanced Placement course
- Complete 125 community service hours

While students may be limited to a robust course selection due to scheduling conflicts and enrollment limitations at a small school, we offer a variety of partnerships to expand student academic experiences, including the following:

- Dual enrollment college courses are available to select students at the University of Baltimore.
- Honors courses in English, Mathematics, and Science are available to all students.
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses are available to upper school students.

CREDITS

The Upper School operates on a four-period schedule, with each academic class meeting for 90 minutes per day. Students take the same courses during Quarters 1 & 2 and transition to a new set of courses for Quarters 3 & 4. Through BLSYW's dual enrollment partnerships, eligible students may also enroll in college-level courses that allow them to earn both high school and college credit concurrently toward their diploma. The following courses are offered:

Subject	Courses Offered	# of Years	# of Credits
English	AP English Literature & Composition, AP English Language & Composition, English I, English II, English III, & English IV	4	4
Mathematics	Geometry, Financial Literacy, Algebra I, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus, Probability & Statistics, & Calculus I	4	4
Science	Biology, Chemistry & AP Environmental Science	3	3
Social Science	American Government, U.S. History & Modern World History	3	3
World Language	Spanish I & Spanish II	2	2
Technology	Computer Science	1	1
Fine Arts	Modern Dance, Ballet, Fundamentals of Classic & Modern Dance, Fundamentals of Art, Pre-AP 2-D Art and Design, & Pre-AP Visual Arts	1	1
Physical Education	Personal Fitness	.5	.5
Health Education	Health I & Health II	1	1
Electives	Urban Solutions, Psychology, Effective Communication & Economics	2.5	2.5
		Total	**22**

GRADING SYSTEM

Course grades are not weighted; however, Honors, Dual Enrollment, and Advanced Placement (AP) courses receive an additional 1.0 point in the annual GPA calculation. Students are ranked according to their weighted cumulative GPA, and transcripts are updated at the conclusion of each academic year. In addition to meeting all required coursework, students must earn a passing score on the High School Assessments in English, Algebra, Government, and Science, as well as complete a minimum of 75 hours of community service to meet graduation requirements.

A+ 97-100	A 93-96	A- 90-92	B+ 87-89	B 83-86	B- 80-82
C+ 77-79	C 73-79	C- 70-72	D+ 67-69	D 63-66	D- 60-62
F 0-59					

CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our girls are encouraged to participate in co-curricular activities as 6th graders to build soft skills for success in their postsecondary endeavors. Below are our programming offerings;

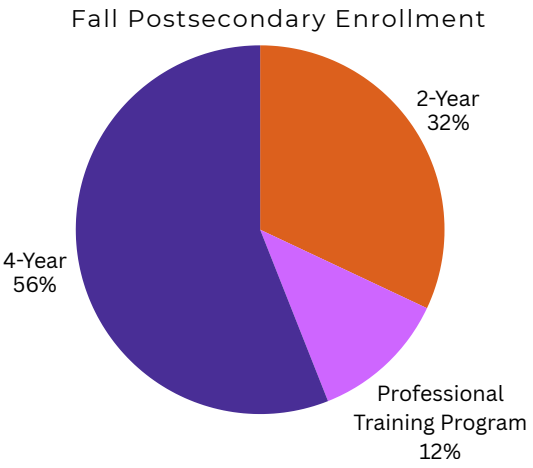
Clubs: Student Government Association, Robotics Team, Theatre, Charm Magazine, iMentor, and BLSYW Big Sister Little Sister Mentoring Program.

Athletics: Volleyball, Basketball, STEP, Dance, and Cheerleading.

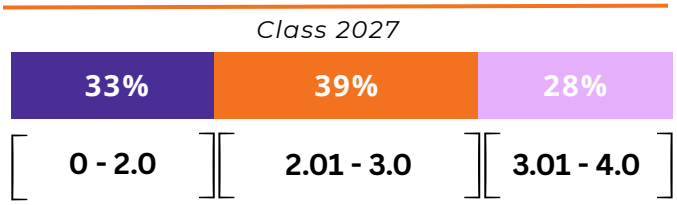
CLASS OF 2026 SAT SCORES

TOTAL	SCORE
Average Combined Score	829
Average EBRW	424
Average Math	405

CLASS OF 2026 ENROLLMENT



CUM GPA UNWEIGHTED DISTRIBUTION



MATRICULATION TO COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Since 2016 BLSYW graduates matriculated to the following colleges and universities:

Alabama A & M University
Alabama State University
Allegany College of Maryland
American Intercontinental University
American University
Anne Arundel Community College
Baltimore City Community College
Benedict College
Bennett College
Bethune Cookman University
Bowie State University
Capitol Technology University
Carroll Community College
Case Western Reserve University
Central Piedmont Community College
Cheyney University of Pennsylvania
Cochise College
Collin County Community College
Columbia Southern University
Community College of Baltimore County
Coppin State University
Eastern Gateway Community College
Elizabeth City State University
Fayetteville State University
Florida Memorial University
Frostburg State University
Full Sail University
Goucher College
Grand Canyon University
Hampton University
Harford Community College
Howard Community College
Johns Hopkins University
Johns Hopkins University - Peabody
Johnson & Wales- Charlotte
Lancaster Bible College
Lincoln University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University of Maryland
Maryland Institute College of Art
McDaniel College
Middlesex College
Morgan State University
Mount St Mary's University
National University
New York University
Norfolk State University
North Carolina A&T State University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina Wesleyan College
Northcentral University
Northeastern University
Notre Dame of Maryland University
Pace University
Pennsylvania College of Art & Design
Philander Smith University
Rosemont College
Rust College
Snead State Community College
South Puget Sound Community College
Southern New Hampshire
St. Mary's College of Maryland
Stevens-Henager University
Stevenson University
Strayer University
Susquehanna University
Syracuse University
Temple University
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology
The Evergreen State College
The University of Alabama, Huntsville
Towson University
Tyler Junior College
University of Alabama
University of Baltimore
University of Maryland, Baltimore Co
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Maryland, Eastern Shore
University of Maryland, Global Campus
University of South Alabama
University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of The Arts
Walden University
West Virginia University
Western Governors University
Wilmington University
Wor-Wic Community College