

Latin Cafe 2nd Street Family Forum

October 10, 2024

@ 6:30 pm

via Zoom

Agenda

- Welcome!
- DC CAPE highlights
- Fall Fest
- Latin Pride!
- New Cell phone policy
- Safety on campus
- Questions & Answers

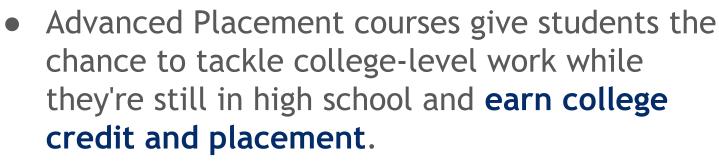
- 1. Please stay muted to eliminate background noise.
- 2. Video is encouraged (but up to you). We would love to see your faces!
- 3. You can turn on live subtitles. Click on the More link in the toolbar.
- 4. Please ask your questions in the chat, we will answer LIVE.





2023-2024 Academic Results



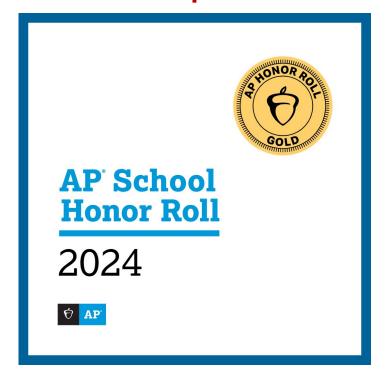


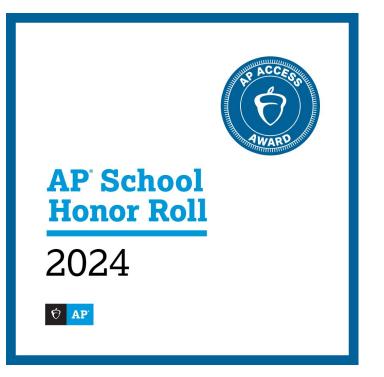


- We offered 15 AP courses in SY2023-24:
 - Biology, Calculus AB and BC, Chemistry, Chinese, Computer Science Principles and Applications, English Language and Literature, Environmental Science, French, Human Geography, Latin, Physics, and Statistics.

 Washington Latin's 2nd Street Upper School received two awards for our Advanced Placement performance.







We earned a "Gold" Designation on AP School Honor Roll, based on the following performance:

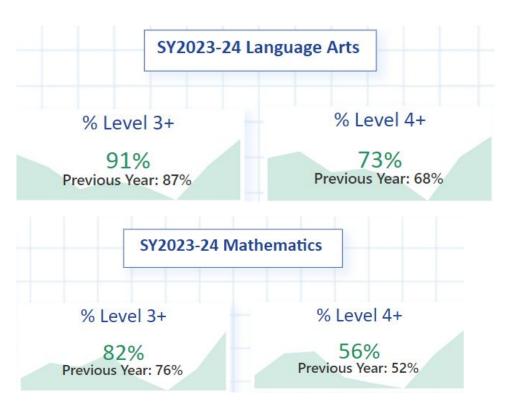
- 75% of our graduating class took an AP exam during their high school career
- 63% of our graduating class earned a passing score on one or more AP exams
- 10% of our graduating class took 5 or more AP Exams during high school
- We earned an AP Access Award for "providing all students the chance to participate in AP, including students of underrepresented populations."

What is DC CAPE?



- Annual test required for all public schools in DC
- Administered each spring in Math and English/Language Arts (ELA) in grades 5-10
- DC Science test also in spring for 5th and 11th
- A good test of our students' growth and achievement at both individual and school-level
- DC CAPE is also used in *rating schools*, including Latin

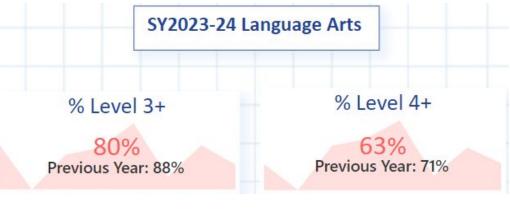
Overall DC CAPE Performance - Middle School

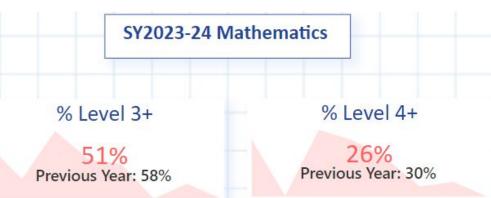


 Our performance at levels 3 and 4 for both ELA and Math were historic high-marks since we began PARCC testing.



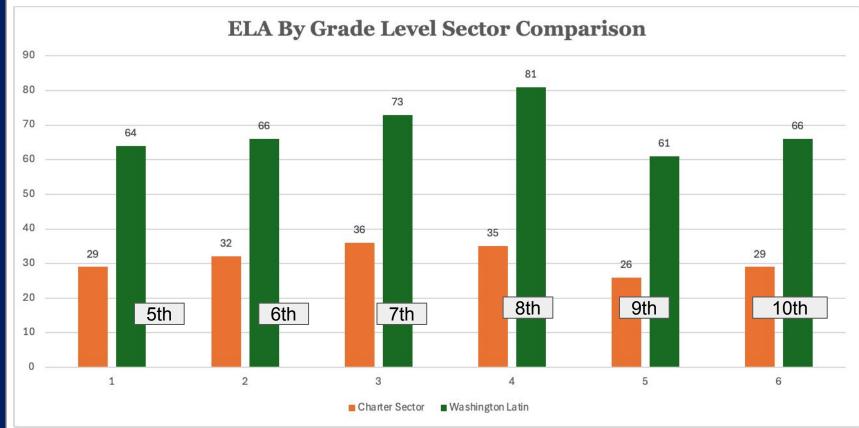
Overall DC CAPE Performance - Upper School



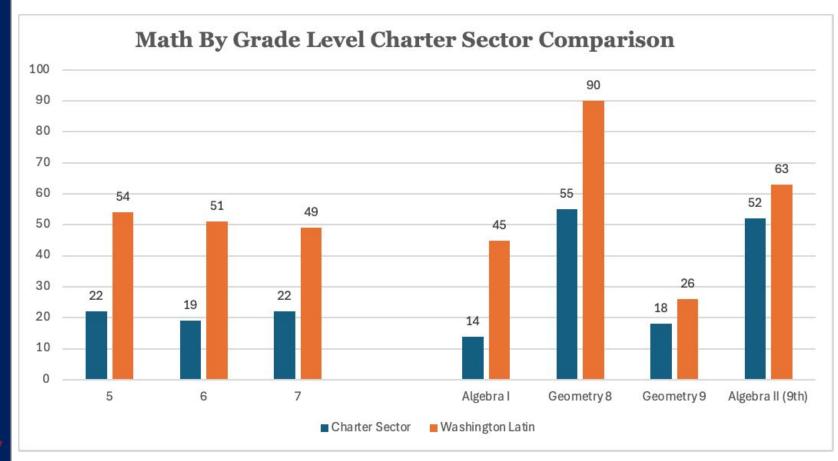


Our performance on Upper School Math and English exams fell relative to SY2022-23.











Key takeaways



Latin continues to outperform the DC Charter School sector average in:

- Every grade level in both ELA and Math
- Every subgroup, including by race, IEP status, STAR.
- Math performance continued to improve, with small gains in these scores. Gaps persist between groups at Latin, however.
- We must collectively communicate the importance of DC CAPE to our high school students.

Family Activities Fall Fest & Latin Pride



Join us! Saturday, October 19, 4pm-8pm What is Fall Fest?



- Parent-Faculty Association hosted event for ALL Latin students and families - FREE food and drinks!
- Activities include:
 - Face Painting & Costumes to Wear and Swap
 - Sports & Field Games
 - Inflatables
 - Cupcake Walk and Edible Crafts
 - Movie "Ghostbusters" (2016 version)
- Advisory attendance competition Pizza party prize!
- Upper School students volunteer for community service!
- Questions? Can you help out? Email dcdurcan5@gmail.com!

We need you! Latin Pride Campaign October 19-31

Funds we raise during Latin Pride will go to both the school's general operating fund and the Parent Faculty Association (PFA's) budget, which funds classrooms, teachers, and social activities. While this is not the only fundraising campaign at Latin for parents, it is our most important.



Our Goals

- A total of \$300,000 raised
- 100% of families participate
- \$600/per student suggested or what family can afford

Cell Phone Policy Updates & Reminders



How is it going 6 weeks in?



Operational changes

- **Morning** Students generally arriving in time to turn in phones
- Afternoon Departure takes about 5 minutes! Note: we ask that parents picking up students for early dismissal arrive at least 15 minutes before dismissal.
- **During school day -** Parent-student communications so far handled through reception.

Culture changes

Particularly in our Upper School, a new *vibrancy* during both morning and afternoon breaks. More students engaging with one another. Increased club and other extracurricular participation.

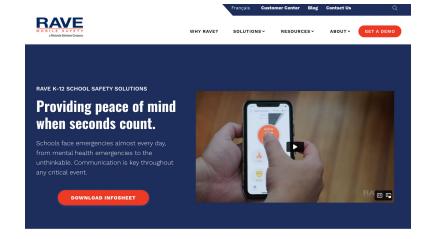
Safety Updates



Quick Notes

- First things first
- DC Alliance and PCSB
 Bi-weekly School Safety call with MPD, DMPSJ, DME & Metro Transit
- Dialogue about effective policing
- Security review by DC/national school security expert
- Exploring mobile security solutions









informed about general topics, such

issues, through notifications.







Instant alerts can be sent to appropriate staff and 9-1-1 by activating a panic button app to coordinate next steps. Direct Integration with 9-1-1 means Incident details and location data can be immediately accessed by those arriving on scene.

What schools are experiencing



Social media threats

- Both local and "spam" from anywhere
- DC government (Mayor's office, MPD) working in new ways to support schools'
 - Mayor convened summer meeting with Principals across
 DCPS and DCPCS schools to discuss safety
 - MPD reached out to Latin to directly support safety with presence with September social media scare
- Blessing of NOT having phones in students'
 hands/pockets/bags → less sharing = less amplification of
 misinformation (fear, distraction, stress)

What Latin is doing

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Building security

- Doors and entrances fewer entry points
- Enhanced security at the main entrance
- New security guard starting tomorrow to provide additional support between 12pm and 5pm
- Added ten additional cameras and upgraded/modernized existing cameras at entrances/exits
- Nota Bene: Landline phones in all classrooms



