

# 2017-2018 School Profile and Special Programs



## Hephzibah High School



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*The Mission of Hephzibah High School is to graduate every student and to create lifelong learners who will succeed in the workplace and become valued citizens in our world community.*

### Quick Reference

Grades: 9-12  
Principal: Dr. Larina Thomas  
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School Hours: 7:30 - 2:30  
Enrollment: 1013  
Area Asst. Superintendent: Dr. Malinda Cobb  
Superintendent: Dr. Angela Pringle

### Quality Points

#### Regular Classes

A = 4.0  
B = 3.0  
C = 2.0  
D = 1.0  
F = 0

#### AP & IB Classes

A = 5.0  
B = 4.0  
C = 3.0  
D = 2.0  
F = 0

### Grading System

A (90-100)  
B (89-80)  
C (79-75)  
D (74-70)  
F (below 70)

### Graduation Requirements

4 ELA  
4 Mathematics  
4 Science  
3 Social Studies  
1 Health/PE  
3 CTAE/Fine Arts/Foreign  
Language/JROTC  
4 Electives  
23 Total Units

**89.28**

Avg. Daily Attendance

**76.4**

Graduation Rate



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## School and Community

Hephzibah High School is the third largest high school by attendance in the Richmond County School System (RCSS). When chartered by the Georgia Assembly in 1870, Brothersville became known as the city of Hephzibah. The school enjoys an even longer history – in 1860 it was chartered by local residents and is the second oldest high school in Richmond County. In 2016, Hephzibah High School began the transition to the International Baccalaureate® (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP). The IB Diploma Programme and the Career-Related Programme are both near-term objectives.

## Class Rank and Grade Point Average

An official class rank is compiled for each grade that is computed at the end of the year. Averages are carried out to three decimal places and final averages are not rounded. Grades for the class of 2016 and 2017 are unweighted. Beginning with the graduating class of 2018, the student grade point average (GPA) will be based on quality points. Regular high school courses will be on a 4.0 scale and AP, IB, and College/University Courses on a 5.0 scale awarded for each grade earned. High school student transcripts include the GPA, class rank, and numerical average.

## General Information

The curriculum at Hephzibah High School aligns with the overall Richmond County goal which guarantees high academic achievement so that our students can become lifelong learners and productive citizens. As a result of the Richmond County goal, Rubiconatlas, a web-based curriculum management tool, has been adopted to support the faculty in carrying forth the curriculum standards mandated for each subject by the state of Georgia. Rubiconatlas encourages members of various school communities to engage in meaningful collaborative conversations for curriculum advancement.

In order to help all students reach those goals set forth by our county, we utilize i-Ready, a diagnostic tool that determines if students are ready instructionally to meet or to exceed rigorous state standards. I-Ready also offers individualized instruction and a way to measure growth. Credit and grade recovery are offered through Edgenuity, a program that provides targeted instruction to help students progress to the expected level after falling short on specific standards.

HHS also offers Cybersecurity, a course that teaches a broad range of skills that include focusing on the fundamentals of internal and external threats to network security and design, enforcing network-level security policies, and protecting an organization's information.

## Special Programs

According to the IB website (<http://ibo.org/en/programmes/middle-years-programme/>), the IB/MYP is a challenging framework that encourages students to make practical connections between their studies and the real world. The MYP is a five-year program, which can be implemented in a partnership between schools, or in several abbreviated formats. Students who complete the MYP Programme are well-prepared to undertake the IB Diploma Programme or the Career-Related Programme.



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The International Baccalaureate® (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP) comprises eight subject groups, providing a broad and balanced education for early adolescents:

- Language Acquisition
- Language and Literature
- Individuals and Societies
- Sciences
- Mathematics
- Arts
- Physical and Health Education
- Design

### Honors, Awards, & Recognitions

- Improved SAT and ACT scores
- Placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Cybersecurity Scavenger Hunt
- Earned two state championships in Sheet Metal
- Attained Two Star National Chapter status in FFA
- Achieved JROTC Honor Unit with Distinction in 2016 for the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year
- Earned Microsoft Office Specialist Certification (35 students)

### College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI)

The College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) is Georgia's statewide accountability system. The CCRPI assesses how well students are prepared for college and careers and ensures that schools are focused on improving achievement among all students. The index measures progress on indicators such as content mastery, student attendance, and preparation for the next school level. Schools earn CCRPI points based on indicators that vary by grade and school level and align with measures of college- and career-readiness. Schools may earn up to a set number of points in three main categories, for a total of 100 possible points.

