

# COURTLAND HIGH SCHOOL



*“Home of the Cougars”*

6701 Smith Station Road  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553

Phone 540.898.4445  
Fax 540.898.4448  
www.spotsylvania.k12.va.us  
CEEB Code 472 127

Cliff Conway, Principal

## DIVISION LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION

Spotsylvania County is located fifty miles south of Washington, D.C. and includes 400 square miles along the southern boundary of the Rappahannock River Region of Virginia. Until recently, Spotsylvania was one of the fastest growing school divisions in the United States. Urban communities emerged in the northern parts of the county while the southern part of the county remains rural. The school district serves approximately 24,000 students and is comprised of 33 schools, including a career and technical center, 2 special academies, and John J. Wright Educational and Cultural Center. In addition, SCPS participates with area school divisions to offer The Commonwealth Governor’s School.

## COURTLAND SUMMARY

Courtland High School opened in 1980 and is located in a rapidly growing suburban area southwest of Fredericksburg. Courtland offers a wide variety of academic, CTE (career and technical education) courses, and specialized programs to meet student needs. Courtland staff maintain a focus on high academic achievement while creating a learning environment in which all students can be successful. Students are encouraged to select rigorous courses that will provide an intellectual challenge and will better prepare them for future educational and career pursuits. Students are considered full-time when they are taking at least five units of credit.

## CURRICULUM SUMMARY

Courtland offers appropriately rigorous learning opportunities that include regular, advanced/honors, Advanced Placement (AP), and Dual Enrollment (DE) courses. Students may also pursue acceptance into the regional Commonwealth Governor’s School (CGS). CGS is a unique school that provides highly motivated students with a challenging, differentiated and interdisciplinary program in science, mathematics, social studies and English. Students enrolled in CGS have a designation in the notes field on the transcript indicating their participation in our most rigorous academic program.

### COURTLAND COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Sarah Black	Director of Counseling, F-I	x5126
Sam Henkel	Counselor, A-E	x5124
Alexis Hawkins	Counselor, J-Q	x5125
Mary Nelson	Counselor, R-Z	x5123
Michelle Jarvis-Nelms	Secretary	x5121
Megan Dougherty	Registrar	x5122

### ASSESSMENT AVERAGES

Test	CHS	VA	US
SAT Reading & Writing	557	567	536
SAT Math	529	550	531
SAT Total	1086	1117	1068
ACT Composite	25.0	23.9	20.8



# COURTLAND HIGH SCHOOL

## GPA CALCULATION AND CLASS RANK

Advanced Placement (AP) and Dual Enrollment (DE) courses are weighted in the GPA calculation for students. Advanced/honors courses provide a higher level of rigor, but are not weighted in the GPA calculation. Courses graded on a pass/fail basis do not impact a student's GPA. GPA is calculated for each student at the end of each school year. For seniors, an additional GPA calculation is made at the end of the first semester. After calculation of the GPA for all students, students are ranked within their class. Partially-enrolled students and students pursuing an applied studies diploma are excluded from class ranking.

### GRADE DISTRIBUTION

GPA	Number of Students
1.0-1.99	27
2.0-2.99	55
3.0-3.99	120
4.0-up	57

### MARKING SYSTEM

A - Excellent	90-100
B - Above Average	80-89
C - Average	70-79
D - Below Average	60-69
F - Failing	59 and below

### STANDARD DIPLOMA

Students entering the 9th grade in school years 2011/12 and beyond must earn 22 standard units of credit and 6 verified credits:

Discipline Area	Standard Units of Credit Required	Verified Credits Required
English	4	2
Mathematics	3	1
Lab Science	3	1
History & S Science	3	1
Health & PE	2	
World Language/ Fine Arts/ CTE	2	
Econ./Personal Finance	1	
Electives	4	
Student Selected Tests		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6</b>

### ADVANCED DIPLOMA

Students entering the 9th grade in school years 2011/12 and beyond must earn 26 standard units of credit and 9 verified credits:

Discipline Area	Standard Units of Credit Required	Verified Credits Required
English	4	2
Mathematics	4	2
Lab Science	4	2
History & S Science	4	2
Health & PE	2	
World Language	3	
Fine Arts/ CTE	1	
Econ./Personal Finance	1	
Electives	3	
Student Selected Tests		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>

10-point Grading Scale	4.5 Scale Unweighted Courses		5.5 Scale Weighted Courses	
90= A	98-100 = 4.50 95-97 = 4.25 90-94 = 4.00	A	98-100 = 5.50 95-97 = 5.25 90-94 = 5.00	A
80-89 = B	88-89 = 3.75 86-87 = 3.50 84-85 = 3.25 80-83 = 3.00	B	88-89 = 4.75 86-87 = 4.50 84-85 = 4.25 80-83 = 4.00	B
70-79 = C	78-79 = 2.75 76-77 = 2.50 74-75 = 2.25 70-73 = 2.00	C	78-79 = 3.75 76-77 = 3.50 74-75 = 3.25 70-73 = 3.00	C
60-69 = D	68-69 = 1.75 66-67 = 1.50 64-65 = 1.25 60-63 = 1.00	D	68-69 = 2.75 66-67 = 2.50 64-65 = 2.25 60-63 = 2.00	D
F	59 or less = 0	F	59 or less = 0	F