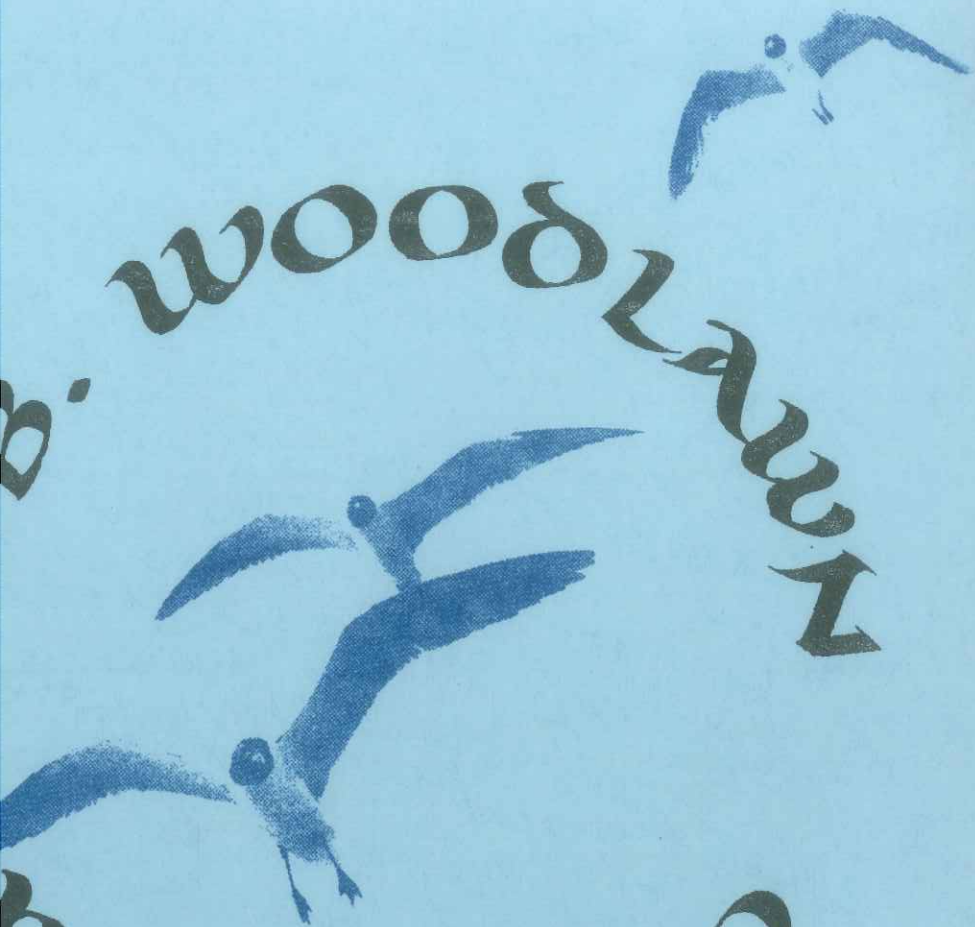


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Program



an alternative secondary program for students in grades 7-12 who want to accept greater responsibility for their own education.

a small community of students and teachers who have chosen this school, working together to create a flexible, personalized learning environment.

an instructional program that can be adjusted to meet each student's needs with the personal commitment on the part of all participants to do so.

an intimate community of people who relate to each other as unique individuals and where close relationships between student and teacher are commonplace.

governed by all who belong to it - each student, teacher and parent granted an equal vote.

located at 4100 N. Vacation Lane, the former Stratford Junior High School, within walking distance of the Central Library and on bus routes to the resources of the Capital.

"The teachers treat you like people and give you the freedom you need."

"The flexibility in the schedule gives me time to try more things and take more subjects."

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Course requirements, set by the state, are the same at H.B. Woodlawn as at all other secondary schools in Arlington.

High academic standards can be achieved at H.B. Woodlawn for several reasons. Because of the small size of the school, each student's ability is well known to teachers. Because the staff and student body are committed to the principle of individualized learning, both in theory and practice, students are challenged to perform to their potential. Independent work at a student's own pace is possible at H.B. Woodlawn without sacrificing contact with the teacher.

FLEXIBILITY IS KEY

Size and philosophy are important elements in H.B. Woodlawn's capacity to meet a student's individual needs, but the real key that makes this logistically possible is a flexible scheduling design.

Classes do not meet for 50 minute periods every day of the week. The H.B. Woodlawn day is divided into fifteen 30-minute modules. This allows classes to run from 30 minutes to 2 hours depending on the nature of the course. For example, English usually meets for 2 "mods" three times a week. This time is concentrated instruction time.

This schedule leaves both students and teachers with time during the day to meet with each other as needed for extra help or guidance on individual projects. Younger students work in open labs. Seventh and eighth graders generally work on a contract system which includes setting their own goals and planning

activities, with teacher guidance, to achieve them. Older students structure their unscheduled time to do independent study, library research and meet with teachers.

Highly motivated and able students can fit more classes into their schedule at H.B. Woodlawn than would be possible at a conventional school. Time spent in class can also be condensed for students who wish to pursue an interest off-campus or who need to work.

TEACHER ADVISORS

H.B. Woodlawn has a unique Teacher-Advisor system rather than a separate counseling department. Each student chooses one teacher to be his/her "teacher advisor." TAs assume responsibility for approximately 20 advisees in the areas of scheduling, personal and academic counseling, parent contact, and applying to college. Most teachers specialize in certain areas of counseling or age groups where they feel most capable. Each T/A "family" has its own personality, and some get together for such social events as dinners, camping trips, or skating parties. Younger students work closely with their TA in planning their school day.

COURSES OFFERED

Most courses available at other secondary schools are also offered at H.B. Woodlawn. Classes in Chemistry, Physics, Choir, Advanced Orchestra, Advanced Band, Driver's Ed and Industrial



"I like having so many choices. It makes learning more interesting and fun."

"I've found my advisor to be a personal friend as well as an invaluable counselor."



"The most important thing I have gotten from this program is the ability to manage my own time."



Arts are taken at the student's home school. Photography, Gymnastics, Intramural Sports, and Performing Arts are a regular part of the H.B. Woodlawn program. Other sports and extracurricular activities offered by the home school are open to H.B. Woodlawn students, as well as use of the Career Center.

In addition to the basic program, the school community often develops other courses. In the past we have offered such diverse classes as Modern China, Russian History, Dance, and interdisciplinary, team-taught classes in the areas of English/Art and Biology/Psychology.

For older students, some classes change each quarter. English (and sometimes Social Studies) electives may be chosen each quarter by voting on a list of possible courses proposed by the teachers and students.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

If a student's specific interest is not offered in a given quarter or year, he or she may propose a course of independent study to the teacher most competent in that field. If accepted by the teacher, they will meet regularly for discussion and review of the student work.

A student may receive course credit for work done outside of school by using community resources: i.e., the Library of Congress, area colleges and universities, or local government and business facilities. This year some H.B. Woodlawn students are enrolled at Northern Virginia Community College in Physics and Latin. Approval must be obtained and the requirements to be met worked out with the teacher.

COLLEGE PREPARATION

We believe H.B. Woodlawn students are able to approach college with a mature and realistic understanding of their interests and abilities and with a heightened commitment to learning for its inherent value.

The transition from a traditional high school to college or employment is difficult for many students. At H.B. Woodlawn, students learn to work on their own initiative, rather than under the constant direction of others. This experience is excellent preparation for the future, in college or career.

TOWN MEETING

H.B. Woodlawn is, for all practical purposes, governed by the weekly Town Meeting where policy matters are discussed and voted upon, with each student, teacher and parent present having one vote. Although legal responsibility for administration of the school resides with the Principal, the moral authority of the Town Meeting is respected.

This gives students rare practical experience in decision-making and facing the "hard facts" that sometimes constrict choices. The meetings are conducted according to parliamentary procedure. Anyone may submit an item for the agenda by posting it on the TM bulletin board but must then be prepared to speak for it at the Meeting.

Evening Town Meetings are held periodically to facilitate parent participation.

"Working on my own makes me feel well prepared for college."

"Town Meeting lets decisions about the school be made by everybody."

RELATIONSHIP TO HOME SCHOOL

Students have concurrent membership in H.B. Woodlawn and their home school (the one they would regularly attend). H.B. Woodlawn students may be members of honor societies and participate in varsity sports, dramatic productions and all extracurricular activities at their home school. The high school diploma is issued by the home school.

"I'm glad I came to this school. It makes me feel responsible."

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is provided from all parts of the County. In addition, shuttle buses operate between H.B. Woodlawn and the high schools to connect with regular high school buses and provide the needed transportation for students participating in varsity sports and other after-school activities.

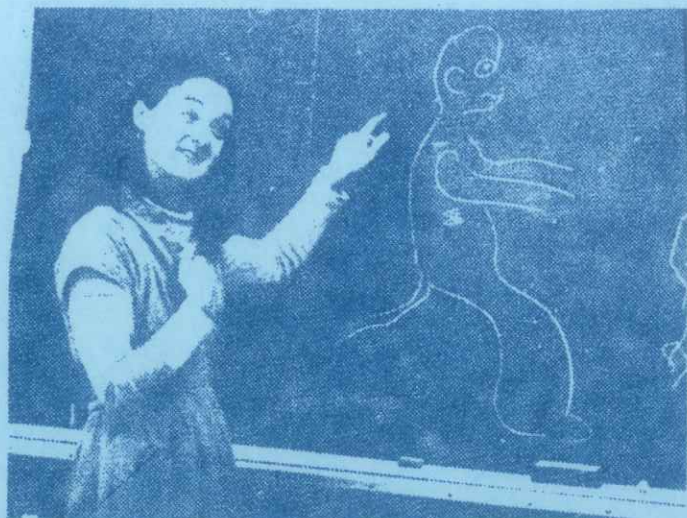
HOW TO TELL IF H.B. WOODLAWN IS FOR YOU

Maturity, an independent spirit, and a love of learning are important traits of the H.B. Woodlawn student. Students will discover that H.B. Woodlawn requires from them extra effort and commitment. They must be willing to become increasingly responsible for their own learning. Students should be well motivated and able to make good use of free time to derive the greatest benefit from the H.B. Woodlawn program.

All interested students and their parents are required to visit the school before applying. You may call the school to arrange for a visit at any time, but special arrangements are made in the spring to facilitate visits.

WHO MAY ATTEND

H.B. Woodlawn is open to any secondary school student living in Arlington County. The maximum enrollment is 417. For further information, call 525-7500.



The relaxed atmosphere lets me get a lot of work done at my own rate and not feel pressured."

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"More freedom & more open-minded teacher-student relationships."