



## Our System

- ◆ 72 schools
  - 39 elementary schools
  - 1 pre-k through grade 8 school
  - 18 middle schools
  - 12 high schools
  - 2 special schools
- ◆ Total enrollment: 48,571
- ◆ Per pupil expenditure:
  - \$70.27 per day
  - \$12,650 per year
- ◆ Ranked as Maryland's top school district on the Maryland School Assessment
- ◆ \$612.9 million operating budget for Fiscal Year 2008
- ◆ 1.7% of budget for administrative costs

## Our Classrooms

- ◆ Teacher/student ratio:
  - Kindergarten 1:22
  - Grades 1-2 1:19
  - Grades 3-5 1:25
  - Grades 6-8 1:20.5
  - Grades 9-12 1:23.5
- ◆ Ratio of computers to students: 1:4
- ◆ Classrooms with Internet access: 99%

## Our Teachers

- ◆ Howard County employs 4,483 teachers
- ◆ 71% hold master's degrees
- ◆ Average number of years taught in county: 8.8
- ◆ Average years of experience: 11.7
- ◆ Salary range: \$42,407 - \$87,163

## Our Students

- ◆ Ninety percent of Howard County graduates continue their education beyond high school with 66% attending four-year colleges or universities.
- ◆ Class of 2007 National Merit finalists: 30 students
- ◆ Class of 2007 SAT:
  - 73.5% students tested
  - Verbal/Critical Reading Score: 538
  - Mathematics Score: 557
  - Writing Score: 538
- ◆ Attendance Rate:
  - Grades 1-5 96.4%
  - Grades 6-8 95.8%
  - Grades 9-12 94.5%
- ◆ Drop-out rate (Grades 9-12): 1.23%\*
  - \* State satisfactory standard is 3% or less.
- ◆ Over 1,900 students participate in our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program, representing 71 different languages, (primarily Spanish and Korean) and 80 different countries.
- ◆ Percentage of students who have participated in a variety of Gifted and Talented Education
  - Program offerings:
    - K to Grade 5 43%
    - Grades 6-8 43%
    - Grades 9-12 41%

## What others are saying...

The July 2007 issue of *Forbes* magazine lists the Howard County Public School System among the top 10 school districts in the nation when it comes to providing the best public education for the price.

In August 2006, *Money* magazine named Columbia/Ellicott City the 4th best place to live in the nation. According to the magazine, "Kids are schooled in Maryland's top-performing district, where they continually score up to 50% above average on state tests."

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