

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: 49,748
- Per pupil expenditure:
 - \$74 per day
 - \$13,320 per year
- Ranks among Maryland's top school districts on the Maryland School Assessments
- \$656 million operating budget for Fiscal Year 2010
- 1.6% of budget for administrative costs

Our Classrooms

- Teacher/student ratio targets:

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| 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 4,647 teachers
- 63% hold master's degrees or above
- Average years of experience: 12.9
- Salary range: \$45,061 - \$90,965

Our Students

- More than 90% of Howard County graduates continue their education beyond high school with 64% attending four-year colleges or universities.
- Class of 2009 National Merit finalists: 42 students
- Class of 2009 SAT:
 - 72% students tested
 - Critical Reading Score: 544
 - Mathematics Score: 561
 - Writing Score: 546
- Attendance Rate:

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| Grades 1-5 | 96.4% |
| Grades 6-8 | 96.0% |
| Grades 9-12 | 95.2% |
- Drop-out rate (Grades 9-12): 1.4%*
* State satisfactory standard is 3% or less.
- Over 2,000 students participate in our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program, representing 81 different languages, (primarily Spanish and Korean) and 77 different countries.
- Percentage of students who have participated in a variety of Gifted and Talented Education Program offerings:

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| K to Grade 5 | 43% |
| Grades 6-8 | 43% |
| Grades 9-12 | 41% |

What others are saying...

- The school system received the 2009 Choose Civility Award as an outstanding example of civility in Howard County.
- The school system was awarded Healthy Workplaces Accreditation in 2009 by the Howard County Health Department.
- The school system was recognized as 2008 Large Business of the Year by the Howard County Chamber of Commerce.
- The July 2007 issue of *Forbes* magazine listed the HCPSS among the top 10 school districts in the nation when it comes to providing the best public education for the price.