

FACTS

about the Howard
County Public
School System
2011-2012

Our System

- 74 schools
 - 40 elementary schools
 - 19 middle schools
 - 12 high schools
 - 3 education centers
- Total enrollment: 50,418
- Per pupil expenditure:
 - \$75.89 per day
 - \$13,660 per year
- Ranks among Maryland's top performing school districts on the Maryland School Assessments
- \$683.8 million operating budget for Fiscal Year 2012
- 1.6% of budget for administrative costs

Our Classrooms

- Teacher/student ratio targets:

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 4,646 teachers
- 68% hold master's degrees or above
- Average years of experience: 13
- Salary range: \$45,810 - \$91,465

Our Students

- Nearly 92% of Howard County graduates continue their education beyond high school with 64% attending four-year colleges or universities.
- Class of 2011 National Merit finalists: 33 students
- Class of 2011 SAT:
 - Nearly 80% students tested
 - Critical Reading Score: 542
 - Mathematics Score: 561
 - Writing Score: 542
- Attendance Rate:

Grades 1-5	96.1%
Grades 6-8	95.8%
Grades 9-12	95.1%
- Graduation Rate: 89.5*
*4-year adjusted cohort
- Over 2,250 students participate in our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program, representing 60 different languages, (primarily Spanish and Korean) and 86 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...

- In 2010, "excellent schools" was one of the many reasons that Columbia/Ellicott City ranked #2 on *Money* magazine's list of Best Places to Live.
- The school system was named a 2011 "Gold" Healthy Workplace and Innovation Award winner by Healthy Howard, Inc.
- The school system received the 2009 Choose Civility Award as an outstanding example of civility in Howard County.