

# Howard County Public School System

## PROFILE

2017

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Howard County, Maryland is a suburban community of over 310,000 situated midway along the Baltimore-Washington corridor. It is a county of contrasts — a blend of old and new, urban and rural, historical and progressive. The county's borders encompass Ellicott City, one of the country's oldest towns, and Columbia, a planned community conceived and designed 50 years ago by The Rouse Company.

A great community deserves great schools, and the Howard County Public School System is a recognized source of local pride. The school system consistently ranks among Maryland's top school districts based on student performance on state assessments. Howard County students score above the national averages on standardized tests and 93 percent of graduates continue their education beyond high school.

### VISION

Every student and staff member embraces diversity and possesses the skills, knowledge and confidence to positively influence the larger community.

### MISSION

HCPSS ensures academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student in an inclusive and nurturing environment that closes opportunity gaps.

### Four Overarching Commitments:

**Value:** Every HCPSS stakeholder feels happy and rewarded in their roles and takes pride in cultivating the learning community.

**Achieve:** An individualized focus supports every person in reaching milestones for success.

**Connect:** Students and staff thrive in a safe, nurturing and inclusive culture that embraces diversity.

**Empower:** Schools, families and the community are mutually invested in student achievement and well-being.

## Fast Facts

### 76 Schools

41 elementary schools  
20 middle schools  
12 high schools  
3 education centers

### Total Enrollment: 55,638\*

Pre-K: 1,290  
Elementary (K-5): 24,582  
Middle (6-8): 12,897  
High (9-12): 16,768  
Special School: 101

\*Official count from September 30, 2016

### Race/Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan	0.2%
Asian	21.2%
Black/African American	22.8%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%
Hispanic/Latino	10.4%
White	39.1%
Two or more races	6.2%

### Students Receiving Special Services FY16

Free/Reduced-price Lunch	21.5%
Ltd. English Proficient	≤5.0%
Special Education	8.8%

### Attendance Rate FY16

Elementary:	≥95%
Middle:	≥95%
High:	≥95%

### Graduation Rate FY16: 93.2%\*\*

\*\*4-year adjusted cohort

### Per Pupil Expenditure

\$82.17 per day/\$14,790 per year

### Operating Budget

\$808.4 million

### Our Staff

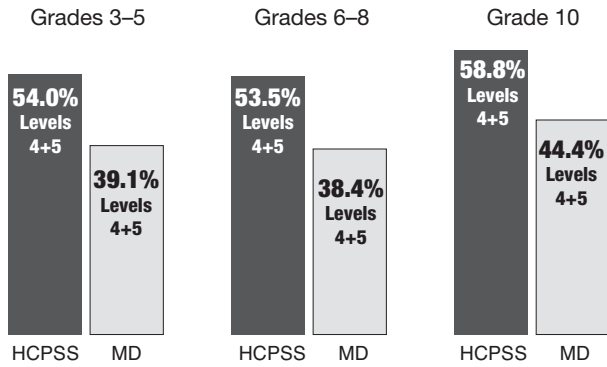
- 4,305 classroom teachers, 72% of whom hold a master's degree or above
- Average years of experience: 13.3
- Total staff: 8,230

Ratio of computers to students: 1:2

Classrooms with Internet access: 100%

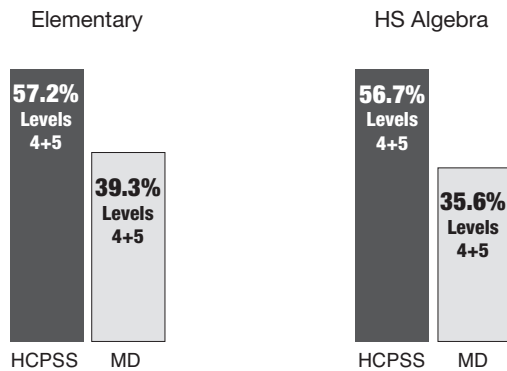
## Achievement Data

### PARCC 2016 Achievement – English/Language Arts



Levels 4+5 are considered on track for college readiness.

### PARCC 2016 Achievement – Mathematics



### SAT Scores and Participation

School Year	Number	Percent Participating	Mean Scores		
			Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
2015-2016	3,238	82.2	546	559	538
2014-2015	3,175	82.1	548	564	543
2013-2014	3,215	83.1	548	564	544

### Advanced Placement Test Results

School Year	Number of Exams Taken	Percent of Students taking an AP Exam	Percent of Exams with Score of 3	Percent of Exams with Score of 4	Percent of Exams with Score of 5
2015-2016	10,508	28.2	26.2	27.1	26.3
2014-2015	9,917	27.3	28.4	27.7	24.7
2013-2014	9,450	26.3	26.8	28.2	25.0

## More Facts

### Class Size Targets

Grade Level	Teacher/student ratio
Kindergarten	1:22
Grades 1-2	1:20
Grades 3-5	1:26
Middle	1:21
High	1.4:28

### ESOL Program

- HCPSS English Learners (EL) represent 100 countries and 82 languages.
- 46% of our ELs are born in the U.S.
- The language most represented by our ELs is Spanish (40%).
- After Spanish, the languages most spoken each represent less than 10% of ELs: Hindi & Telegu (languages of India), Korean, Chinese, Burmese, and Urdu.

### Gifted and Talented Program (FY16)

Percentage of students who have participated in a wide variety of Gifted and Talented Education Program offerings:

K to Grade 5	50%
Grades 6-8	55%
Grades 9-12	65%

### Class of 2016 Documented Decisions

Attend a 4-year college	67.6%
Attend a 2-year college	25.0%
Attend trade/technical school	≤5%
Work full time	≤5%
Military	≤5%

### Class of 2016

51 National Merit Finalist scholarships  
 50 National Merit Semi-Finalist nominations  
 203 Commended Scholar nominations

**Before and After Care** is offered at all Howard County public elementary schools and some middle schools. Care is provided by the Columbia Association or the Department of Recreation and Parks.

**Bus transportation** is provided for Pre-K students who live a half mile from their school, elementary and middle school students who live 1 mile from their school, and high school students who live 1-1/2 miles from their school.

### Kindergarten

Every child who is five years-old on or before September 1 must be enrolled in a public school kindergarten or alternate program approved by the Maryland State Department of Education. Full-day kindergarten is held at all Howard County public elementary schools.

Detailed state accountability performance results can be found at: <http://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov>.