



# Howard County Public School System

## PROFILE

2017-18

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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.

### 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.

## Our System

### 77 Schools

- 42 elementary schools
- 20 middle schools
- 12 high schools
- 3 education centers

### Total Enrollment: 56,799\*

- Pre-K: 1,314
- Elementary (K-5): 24,978
- Middle (6-8): 13,180
- High (9-12): 17,233
- Special School: 94

\*Official count (9/30/17)

### Operating Budget FY18

\$819.1 million

### Capital Budget FY18

\$65.3 million

### Per Pupil Budgeted Expenditure FY18

\$82.22 per day/\$14,800 per year

## Our Classrooms

### 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

Ratio of computers to students: 1:2

Classrooms with internet access: 100%

## Our Staff FY17

- 4,675 classroom teachers, 74% of whom hold a master's degree or above
- Total staff: 8,435

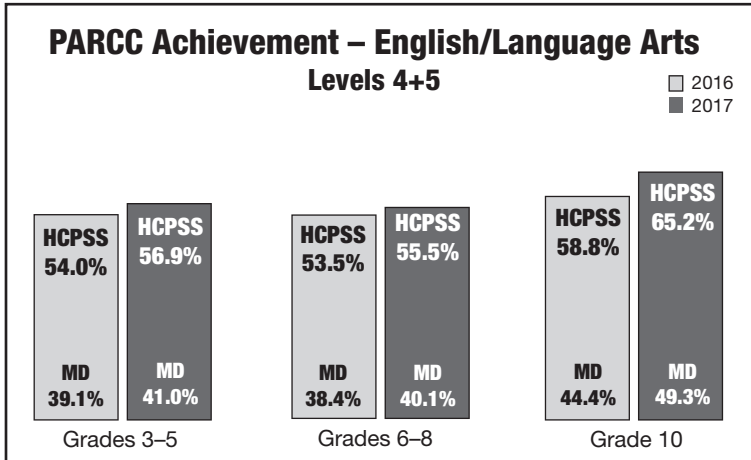
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### Staff Race/Ethnicity† FY18

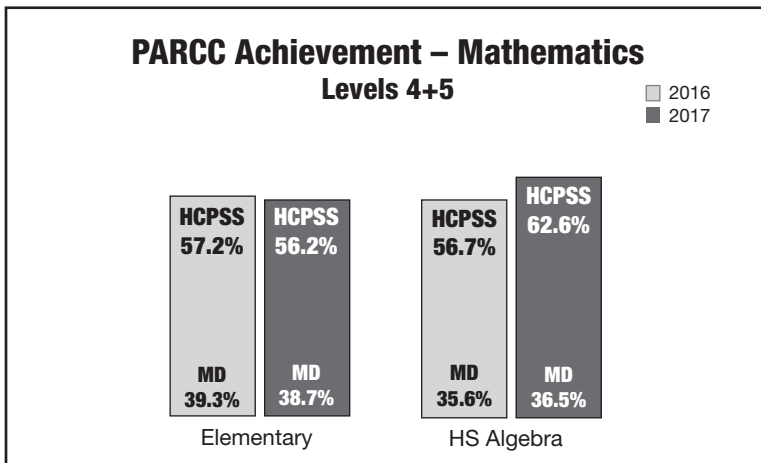
Asian	4.1%
Black/African American	16.8%
Hispanic/Latino	3.0%
White	74.9%
Other	1.3%

†Total is >100% due to rounding.

## Achievement Data



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



## 2017 SAT Mean Scores

	Composite Score	Evidenced-based Reading & Writing	Mathematics
HCPSS	1,161	581	580
Maryland	1,046	528	518
National	1,044	527	517

Significant revisions were made to the SAT in March 2016; therefore, scores are not comparable with prior year results.

## Advanced Placement Test Results

School Year	Number of Exams Taken	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
2016-2017	11,280	30.1%	27.1%	27.4%	25.4%
2015-2016	10,508	28.2%	26.2%	27.1%	26.3%
2014-2015	9,917	27.3%	28.4%	27.7%	24.7%

## More Facts

### Our Students

#### Race/Ethnicity FY18

American Indian/Alaskan	0.2%
Asian	21.9%
Black/African American	23.6%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%
Hispanic/Latino	10.7%
White	37.3%
Two or more races	6.2%

#### Students Receiving Special Services FY17

Free/Reduced-price Lunch	22.1%
Ltd. English Proficient	5.1%
Special Education	8.8%

#### Attendance Rate FY17

Elementary:	96.1%
Middle:	96.2%
High:	95.3%

#### ESOL Program FY17

- 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 and Telegu (languages of India), Korean, Chinese, Burmese and Urdu.

#### Gifted and Talented Program FY17

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%

#### Graduation Rate FY17: 92.3%\*\*

\*\*4-year adjusted cohort

#### Class of 2017

38 National Merit Finalist scholarships  
 38 National Merit Semi-Finalist nominations  
 171 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.

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

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