

Atholton High School

PROFILE

2016-17

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Atholton is an exceptional comprehensive high school with a reputation of excellence. Serving the west-central portion of Howard County, Atholton High School, embraces a diverse student body committed to academic achievement and community involvement. Our highly qualified staff members provide a rigorous and relevant curriculum to prepare our students for college and career goals.

Atholton's instructional program is tailored to meet the needs of all our students and offers a broad spectrum of courses, in a variety of levels, within each of the major curricular areas. Additional programs at Atholton High School include Forensic Science, World Languages, Career and Technology courses, Art, Drama, Dance, Music, Physical Education, Photography and an awarding winning Army JROTC program. We offer over 50 co-curricular clubs such as Math Team, National Honor Society, Engineering, Robotics, Future Business Leaders of America, and Future Educators Association to meet the needs and interests of our students. Students are also actively involved in Student Government Association, Honor Societies, Best Buddies, and our Student Leadership Cadre. Our forty athletic teams have earned many county, district, regional and state championships.

Atholton is consistently ranked among the region's and country's best high schools. Student participation and performance on SAT, ACT and Advance Placement tests place Atholton among the highest in the state. Students are provided with opportunities to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills necessary for success beyond high school. Approximately 97 percent of our graduates seek post-secondary education.

Our school has a strong community commitment. Families are greatly involved with PTSA, Athletic, Drama, Robotics, Music, and JROTC Boosters. We are proud to be a school where we build lifelong learners, challenge students with rigorous instruction and nurture students in a safe environment.

JoAnn Hutchens, Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened - 1966

Additions/Renovations
1972 (A), 1977 (A), 1988 (R/A), 1997 (R),
2003 (R/A); 2015 (R/A)

School Capacity: 1,460

Total Enrollment: 1,449

Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan	0.3%
Asian	19.3%
Black/African American	20.0%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%
Hispanic/Latino	7.6%
White	46.2%
Two or more races	6.6%

Students Receiving Special Services 2015-16

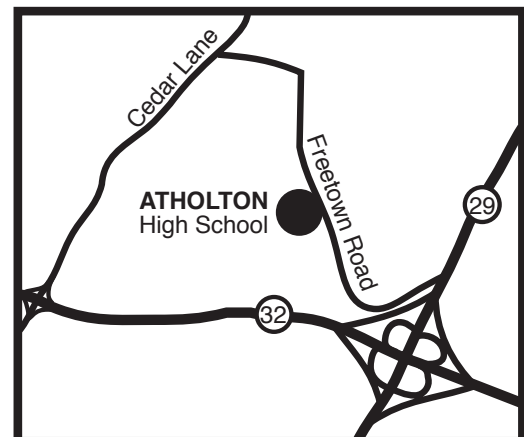
Free/Reduced Lunch	8.5%
Ltd. English Proficient	≤5.0%
Special Education	7.2%

2016 Graduation Rate: ≥95%*
*4-year adjusted cohort

Class of 2016 Documented Decisions

Attend a 4-year college	76.7%
Attend a 2-year college	16.0%
Specialized school, training	≤5.0%
Employment	≤5.0%
Enter the military	≤5.0%

PTSA members: 583



Achievement Data

SAT Scores and Participation					
School Year	N	Percent Participating	Atholton HS Mean Scores		
			Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
2015-2016	289	84.8%	577	588	573
2014-2015	302	83.9%	556	568	548
2013-2014	325	90.3%	564	577	563

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	835	26.7%	24.3%	30.9%	30.4%
2014-2015	711	22.5%	26.6%	30.7%	27.6%
2013-2014	720	22.9%	29.6%	32.5%	21.9%

State accountability information can be accessed at www.mdreportcard.org.

Special Programs

- Academic Life Skills
- Alternative Education
- Black Student Achievement Program
- Career Research and Development
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Future Educators Association
- Head Start Partnership
- High School Assessment Intervention Prog.
- JROTC
- Ninth Grade Team
- Reading Acceleration
- Student Leadership Cadre

Other Facts

- Educational Partnerships: 10
- National Merit Finalists: 12
- National Merit Commended: 27
- National Achievement Outstanding Participants: 4
- 50 student clubs
- 38 interscholastic sports teams and 4 allied sports teams
- 801 AP Exams administered in 2016.
- 85.6% of the AP test-takers earned a 3 or higher

Accomplishments

2016

- State Champions in Volleyball
- Band Music for All National Concert Band Festive Invitation
- Orchestra featured at Maryland Music Educators' Association Conference
- JROTC program accredited by U.S. Army, maintained Honor Unit with Distinction
- JROTC Academic Team, 9th Place Army Team, All Service National Academic Championships
- 12 National Merit Finalist, 27 National Merit Commended students
- First Robotics Competition Winner, Chesapeake District

2015

- Band Program – National Band Association's Eastern Division Blue Ribbon Program of Excellence Award
- Boys Soccer – Regional Champions
- JROTC US Army designation as Honor Unit with Distinction (last 3 years)
- JROTC Drill Team All-Army, National Level, Drill Championships
- JROTC Academic Team, All Service, Academic Championships
- Academic All American by Howard County Chapter of US Lacrosse
- Robotics – Greater DC Regional Entrepreneurship Award, Dean's List Winner and Battle of Baltimore Winning Alliance

2014

- JROTC County and State Drill, Raider, and Color Guard Team Champions
- Howard County Champions in Field Hockey, Baseball, Boys Tennis, and Boys Basketball
- District 3A/4A Champions in Golf
- Girls Track State Champions in 800M, 1600M, 4x800M Relay, Shot Put, and Discus