

Howard High School

PROFILE

2016-17

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Howard High School, in its 64th year, serves families from Ellicott City, Elkridge, Hanover and Columbia. The population is both culturally and economically diverse with over three quarters of our graduates enrolling in post-secondary institutions.

Like all other Howard County high schools, Howard High has a yearlong schedule that provides students with the opportunity to earn seven credits. Our daily schedule is composed of five 50-minute periods and one pair of alternating classes of 100 minutes each. We encourage all our students to complete their four-year high school program in creative ways including concurrent enrollment, new programs offered at the Applications and Research Lab, and mentorships. We encourage the acquisition of knowledge that will offer multiple options for college or career upon graduation.

The school improvement process drives the instructional programs offered at Howard High School in close alignment with the Howard County Public School System goals and the initiatives of the Maryland State Department of Education. Our School Improvement Team and our Leadership Team focus on data-driven decision-making that will identify, develop, and implement strategies and programs that will benefit and enhance the achievement of all students in all student groups. The continuous professional development of our staff in alignment with these goals and strategies is a top priority in order to better serve the needs of all our students. We pride ourselves in working to create an educational environment that will improve our community and the world at large.

Nick Novak, Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened - 1952

Additions/Renovations - 1960 (A), 1964 (A), 1971 (A), 1975 (A), 1977 (R), 2001 (R), 2002 (R), 2004, 2006 (A), 2009 (R)

School Capacity: 1,420
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 15 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 1,830

Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan	0.1%
Asian	14.9%
Black/African American	22.0%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Hispanic/Latino	6.5%
White	50.0%
Two or more races	6.7%

Students Receiving Special Services 2015-16

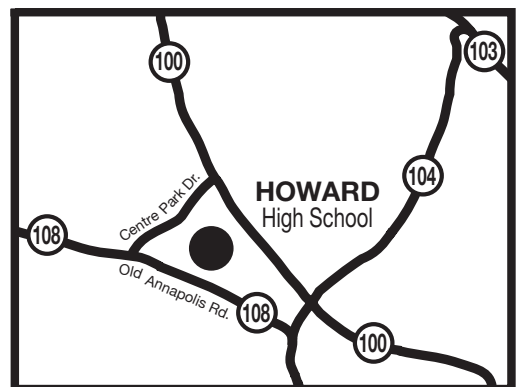
Free/Reduced Lunch	11.6%
Ltd. English Proficient	≤5.0%
Special Education	6.6%

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

Class of 2016 Documented Decisions

Attend a 4-year college	65.7%
Attend a 2-year college	26.4%
Specialized school/training	≤5.0%
Employment	≤5.0%
Enter the military	≤5.0%

PTA members: 806



Achievement Data

SAT Scores and Participation					
School Year	N	Percent Participating	Howard HS Mean Scores		
			Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
2015-2016	375	87.6%	537	548	523
2014-2015	350	86.2%	538	553	528
2013-2014	351	88.2%	530	544	525

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	1116	27.6%	29.0%	25.4%	18.8%
2014-2015	1158	28.9%	34.0%	22.1%	15.0%
2013-2014	1088	27.2%	32.3%	26.7%	15.7%

Special Programs

- Academic Letters
- Academy of Finance (AOF)
- Alternative Education Programs
- Androcles Academic Intervention
- Character Education Program
- Culinary Academy
- Emergency Medical Service (EMS)
- Excellent Attendance
- Extended Day Program after school tutoring
- Howard's Scholars
- Lion's Time
- Love My Life – Mix it Up Day
- Maryland's Tomorrow
- Math, Engineering, Science Achievement
- Ninth Grade Transition Program
- Peer Tutoring
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (schoolwide)
- Principal's Advisory
- Project Lead The Way Engineering
- Project Leo
- Reading Acceleration Program
- SAT Initiative (Stop, Think & Act!)
- Scientist-In-Residence
- Teacher Academy
- Technology Tuesday

Accomplishments

- Number of Seniors: 424
- National Merit Commended Scholars: 14
- National Achievement Finalists 2014: 1
- Scholarships: 133
- Scholarships Awarded: \$1 Million
- It's Academic Playoff Participant, 2014; Semi-Finalist, 2016
- Mock Trial Group: County Champions: 2010, 2011, 2014
- PBIS Gold Medal School: 2009–12, 2014
- Healthy Howard Silver Medal School: 2014, 2016
- Boys Outdoor Track State Champion Triple Jump, 2016
- Boys Outdoor Track State Champion Pole Vault, 2014
- Boys Outdoor Track County Champions, 2016
- Boys Indoor Track State Champion 300 Meter Run, 2014
- Boys Indoor Track Region Championships 2nd Place, 2016
- Girls Indoor Track Region Championships 2nd Place, 2016
- Girls Outdoor Track – County Champions, 2014, 2015, 2016; 4A Region Champions, 2014, 2015, 2016
- Boys Lacrosse – County, Regional Champions, 2014, 2015, 2016; State Finalist, 2014, 2016; State Champions, 2015
- Women's Basketball – County Champions, 2014, 2016
- Softball – County Champions, 2014, 2016
- Boys Soccer – 2014 Region Champions
- Football – County Champions, 2014, 2015; Region Champions, 2014, 2015; State Semi-Finalist, 2014; State Finalist, 2015
- Girls Soccer - 2014 Region Champions, State Finalists
- Girls Golf – County Champions 2014, 2015
- Girls Lacrosse - Region Champions 2015, 2016, State Semi-Finalist 2016
- National Honor Society Inductees: 160
- Howard Scholars: 66