

Harper's Choice Middle School

PROFILE

2016-17

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Harper's Choice Middle School is committed to meeting the needs of our diverse learning community. Our students bring with them a rich mixture of cultures and talents that contribute to a global school community.

HCMS students have access to a rigorous academic program including a variety of enrichment opportunities. Enrichment opportunities at HCMS include 3 Lego Robotics Teams, Tri-M Music Honor Society, and a number of athletic and academic intramural programs including Lacrosse, Volleyball, Basketball, Latin, and Drama which are offered throughout the year. Students may participate in a multitude of curricular enrichment programs including HCTV, Speech and Debate, Filmmaking, and the Green Team. Students may also participate in our CATS (Cougar Academic Tracks for Success) after school program, a partnership with Howard County Recreation and Parks. In addition to our wide variety of academic activities, the HCMS staff, students, and community promote a safe and nurturing environment through our award-winning Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program.

The success and stability of Harper's Choice is directly related to our highly qualified and dedicated staff as well as the involvement and the support of our parents and community. The wide variety and number of opportunities for students at HCMS is made possible through the active support of our PTA.

Established in 1973, Harper's Choice Middle School has been serving the community for over 40 years. Our staff, students, and community are proud of the rich history of HCMS and focused on continuing to prepare our students for participation in a diverse, challenging, and increasingly competitive global society.

Adam Eldridge, Principal
Yvonne Jackson, Assistant Principal
Kristin Terry, Assistant Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened - 1973

Additions/Renovations
2001 (R)

School Capacity: 506
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 5 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 565

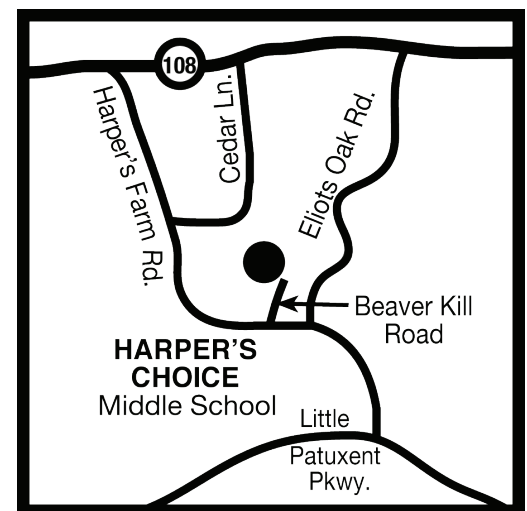
Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan	0.2%
Asian	8.5%
Black/African American	44.8%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Hispanic/Latino	14.3%
White	25.3%
Two or more races	6.9%

Students Receiving Special Services 2015-16

Free/Reduced Lunch	43.6%
Ltd. English Proficient	≤5.0%
Special Education	11.1%

PTA members: 144

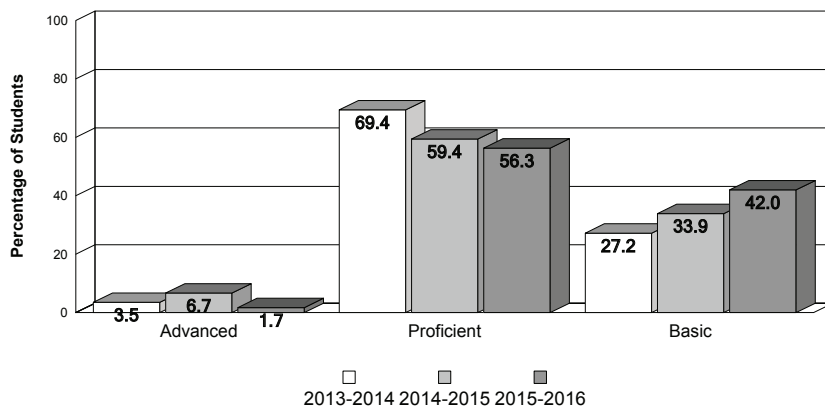


Achievement Data

Harpers Choice Middle School PARCC Assessment Performance Results

Performance Level	Mathematics		English Lang. Arts	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Level 5: Exceeded expectations	<=5	<=5%	<=5	5.7%
Level 4: Met expectations	30.7%	27.8%	28.3%	27.1%
Level 3: Approached expectations	25.6%	25.1%	25.6%	28.7%
Level 2: Partially met expectations	23.5%	30.3%	23.0%	18.4%
Level 1: Did not meet expectations	17.8%	13.5%	20.6%	20.1%

MSA - Science



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

Accomplishments

- Maryland Green School, Certified
- Maryland PBIS Silver Award, 2012–14
- Healthy Howard Silver Award from the Howard County Health Department, 2012–14
- Maryland Fine Arts Grant provides Shakespeare Residency Program, 2012–16
- HCPSS Debate Team winners
- Play 60 Grant Recipient
- History Bee Champion, 2016
- History Bowl Semifinalist, 2016
- Two recognized Carson Scholars, 2016
- Professional Development School in partnership with Towson University to support education interns.
- CATS After School Program recognition by Howard County Department of Citizen Services
- Top 10 finalist in Lego Robotics Competition

Special Programs

- Python Programming
- Drama Program
- Environmental Education Week at NorthBay Camp
- Extended Day/Year Program - Bridges Grant (21st Century Community Learning Centers) for Academic Intervention and Enrichment
- Student enrichment activities: Research Design Class, Book Club, Debate Team, HCTV Television Production, Lego Robotics Teams, and World Culture Seminar
- Girls on the Run
- History Day Competition
- Partnership with Howard County Office on Aging, providing senior citizen mentors
- Sweet Serenades (a performing arts evening sponsored by Music Boosters)
- Tri-M Music Honor Society