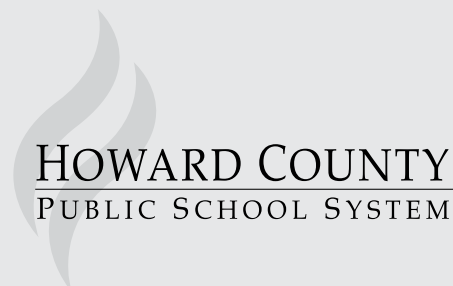




# *Get Involved!*

## *Golden Opportunities for Grandparents, Retirees and Senior Citizens to Participate in Howard County Public Schools*

Experience and wisdom gained over a lifetime can add a valuable dimension to the educational process. By sharing your time and talents, you can help students prepare for responsible citizenship and satisfying careers.



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Hammond High students present "The Importance of Being Earnest." Senior Pass holders gain free admission to most school events and discounted admission to high school plays.



Volunteer Roland McCullough helps elementary students learn to be successful entrepreneurs while building their own greeting card design business – one of many enrichment sessions offered at the Community Based Learning Centers.

## **Senior Pass**

Enjoy free general admission to athletic contests, musical and dance performances and half price admission to theater performances at Howard County schools. The HCPSS offers a free Senior Pass as a way to say "thank you" to community members 65 years and above. To request your free pass, complete the application form included at the back of this flyer.

## **Golden Opportunities**

Receive convenient information about school system happenings via email. *Golden Opportunities* is a free electronic bulletin containing HCPSS news, announcements of school performances and athletic events, opportunities to volunteer or advocate, and other features of particular interest to the senior community. Registration instructions are provided at the back of this flyer.

## **Advisory Committees**

Provide input on school system policies and programs in your field of expertise or interest as an advisory committee member.

*Ad hoc*, or short term, committees convene to review proposals and make recommendations to the Board of Education on specific matters such as budget priorities, school construction, attendance areas, the school calendar, and Board policies.

*Curriculum Advisory Committees* make recommendations about instructional content for a subject area: science, language, math, social studies, and elementary education as well as career academies, school health, and special education.

The *Community Advisory Council (CAC)* serves as a channel for concerns, advice and information from the public to reach the Board of Education.

Notices of committee membership openings are included in *Golden Opportunities* and are posted on the school system website ([www.hcpss.org](http://www.hcpss.org)) and in the local media. You may also inquire about the advisory committee for your subject of interest; ask for the appropriate curriculum office at 410-313-6600.

## Advocacy

As a representative of a powerful constituency – the senior community – you can add strength to budget proposals, policy changes and other important issues that impact Howard County’s public schools and students. You can show your support through testimony at county budget hearings, letters to the local media, and Board of Education meeting attendance. Advocacy opportunities are posted in *Golden Opportunities*; see the back of this flyer for registration instructions.



Stevens Forest Elementary students study the effects of helium on plants with volunteer George Pittman. A retired scientist, Pittman helps students conduct original research as a way to learn about science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Retired professionals share time and expertise to enrich students’ education in many subjects.

## Volunteering

Help students with academic skills or enrichment activities for a few hours each week after school, on Saturday mornings, or over the summer. Volunteers are needed for the following programs at locations throughout the county. Contact the program office for information on specific opportunities.

Program:	Volunteers help students with:	When/where:	Contact:
<b>Academic Intervention</b>	Reading, math and other core subjects	Biweekly after school at all middle and high schools	Academic Intervention Program Office, 410-313-6806 or caroline_walker@hcpss.org
<b>Bridges Over Howard County 21st Century Community Learning Centers</b>	Academics and enrichment, one-on-one or in small groups	After school at several schools	Bridges Program Office, 410-313-7185 or marty_cifrese@hcpss.org
<b>MESA (Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement)</b>	Science or engineering club projects	Weekly after school at many elementary, middle and high schools	MESA Program Office, 410-313-5691 or harold_williams@hcpss.org
<b>Community Based Learning Centers</b>	Reading, math, social and study skills; enrichment activities	After school at several locations	Black Student Achievement Program (BSAP) Office, 410-313-7009 or Elementary level: patricia_branner-pierce@hcpss.org
<b>Saturday Math Academy</b>	Math skills, one-on-one or in small groups	Saturday mornings	Secondary level: vera_wilkins@hcpss.org

## Senior Pass Application

The Senior Pass provides free general admission to music and dance performances and athletic contests, and half price admission to high school theater performances, for Howard County residents 65 years and above. Admission is not transferable.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

### Please bring or mail completed form to:

Howard County Public School System  
c/o Public Information Office  
10910 Route 108  
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

## Golden Opportunities Registration

*Golden Opportunities* is a free online newsletter containing announcements of school performances, opportunities to volunteer or advocate, school system news, and other features. View the latest issue at [www.hcpss.org/parents/golden.shtml](http://www.hcpss.org/parents/golden.shtml).

Sign up online to receive *Golden Opportunities* via email.

- Visit [www.hcpssnews.com](http://www.hcpssnews.com), then:
- Click the tab labeled "Subscribe"
- Scroll down past the list of schools and select the box for "*Golden Opportunities* - News for Seniors"
- Fill in your name under "User Information"
- Scroll down and add one or more email address(es)

The information provided is confidential and will not be shared outside of the Howard County Public School System.



Seniors mingle with students at the Clarksville Middle School annual "Senior Prom."

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