

Hammond High School

PROFILE

2011-12

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Since 1977, the motto at Hammond High School has been "Where People Are Important," and our staff and students exemplify that motto every day!

Our diverse staff and student body work collaboratively to create a school that is built on the 3 Rs: Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships. Students have access to a rigorous curriculum with courses at all levels of challenge, including Advanced Placement courses, Gifted and Talented classes, and inclusion courses for students with special needs. This commitment to academic excellence ensures that all students are well prepared for their post-graduate college and career goals.

Students also have a myriad of opportunities to engage in relevant academic activities, including Gifted and Talented Mentorships, Career Academies, and hands-on experiences in all of our curricular areas. Our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) offerings are on the cutting edge, with our teachers receiving multi-year training as a NASA 21st century learning team. Our Fine Arts department has won countless awards at the county, state and national levels.

Hammond students build strong relationships and excel in their co-curricular and extracurricular endeavors. We have more than 30 clubs dedicated to school and community service and spirit. In the past year, our Advisory program was recognized by the Maryland State Department of Education as an exemplary Character Education program, the Robotics Team won the Battle of Baltimore, the It's Academic Team was a Baltimore regional finalist, our girls track teams won county and regional championships, and our Dance program received the prestigious professionalism award at the Maryland Dance Festival.

Hammond's dedicated staff and talented students exemplify excellence in teaching and learning and create a school culture that values critical thinking, diversity, and the enthusiastic embrace of limitless possibilities!

Marcy Leonard, Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened - 1976

Additions/Renovations:

1996 (A), 1998 (R)

School Capacity: 1,220

(This does not include additional capacity provided by 4 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 1,319

Ethnicity

White	37.0%
Asian	8.6%
Hispanic	10.6%
American Indian/Alaskan	0.3%
African American	36.2%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%
Two or more races	7.3%

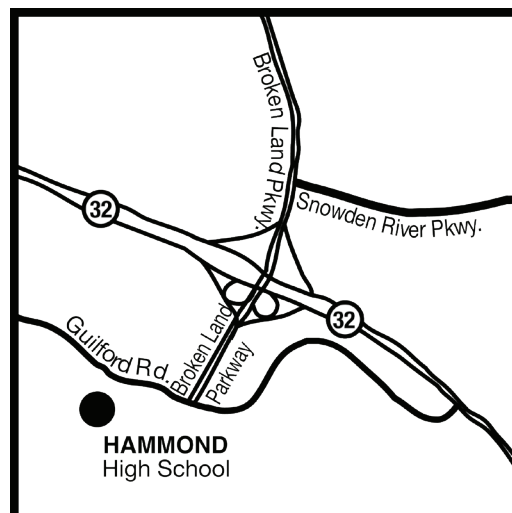
Students Receiving Special Services 2010-11

Ltd. English Proficient	3.8%
Free/Reduced Lunch	24.4%
Special Education	10.5%

Graduation Rate: 85.2%*

*4-year adjusted cohort

PTA members: 404



Achievement Data

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HSA Passrates for Class of 2011

Subject	Takers	Passed	Bridge Plan Accepted	Met Requirement
Algebra	308	299	6	99.0%
Biology	308	279	12	94.5%
Government	308	287	11	96.8%
English	308	274	9	91.9%
Met with Combined Score	14.9% (46/308)			
Met Requirement	99.7% (307/308)			

SAT Scores and Participation

School Year	N	Percent Participating	Hammond HS Mean Scores		
			Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
2010-2011	221	71.3	509	518	505
2009-2010	202	60.7	515	518	505
2008-2009	161	62.6	529	525	515

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
2009-2010	315	12.6%	27.3%	21.3%	19.0%
2010-2011	361	14.2%	27.4%	21.3%	19.1%

More Accomplishments

World Language Department offers AP classes in French, Italian, and Spanish and National Honor Society Chapters in those languages. Students also participate in Poetry Alive Contest, World Languages Spring Showcase, and Foreign Travel.

The **Ninth-Grade Team** focuses on the needs of the 9th grade learner to ensure a successful student transition from middle school. The BEARS (Behavior, Excellence, Attendance, Respect, and Safety) recognizes 9th grade students who demonstrate positive behaviors.

National Merit Finalists: 1

Special Programs: Alternative Education Program, Early Childhood Development - Little Bear Nursery Gifted and Talented Research Program - college-level research with mentors, Emotionally Handicapped Program, Life Skills Program, Project Lead the Way

Class of 2011 Documented Decisions

Attend a 4-year college	51.9%
Attend a 2-year college	38.0%
Specialized school/training	1.9%
Employment	2.6%
Enter the military	3.6%

Accomplishments

Art Department participates in school, local, state, and national juried exhibitions; students maintain and restore Inner Harbor Carousel. Art Staff named High School Career Teacher of the Year by Maryland State Art Ed Association.

Dance Department - Students have been awarded and honored in the Maryland Distinguished Scholar in the Arts, The Washington Post Arts Scholars, and Maryland All State Dancers.

English Department - The English department ensures that all students complete a four-year writing portfolio, ensuring that they have the reflective and analytical skills necessary for a successful transition to two and four year colleges.

ESOL Department - Consists of 53 students learning English who speak 8 different languages. The co-teaching model is used in American Government, Biology, English 10, Introduction to Ecological Systems, and Health.

Gifted and Talented Research Program

Through technology and onsite visitations, students explore college/career interests, write knowledge-based papers supported by research, and present projects to classes and Student Learning Conference.

Math Department - Students at all grade levels compete countywide on our Math Team. Participation in the University of Maryland Mathematics Competition is high.

Music Department - Music ensembles perform and compete nationally receiving Excellent and Superior ratings at festivals and competitions. Ensembles include Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, Concert Choir, Vocal Ensemble, and Guitar Ensemble.

Physical Education and Health Education - The Health education program certifies several hundred students in American Red Cross Adult CPR each year helping to make the Hammond High community a safer place to live.

Science Department - Instrumental in leading faculty toward technology as a teaching tool, encouraging students to individually participate in research programs.

Social Studies Department fosters civic responsibility through the Student Government Association, Mock Trial competition, Leadership courses, and Leadership U participation.

Special Education Department - Co-teaching gives students specialized instruction in a general education setting.

Theatre Department stages two productions annually. Advanced Theatre classes perform One Acts in May.