

# Bonnie Branch Middle School

## PROFILE

2011-12

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Bonnie Branch Middle School is focused on being a beacon for academic success and community involvement. Our school nurtures a safe and caring learning community, ensures high academic standards, and welcomes parent and community involvement.

As we focus on achievement, we strive to provide our students with opportunities for learning. It is expected that our students will perform successfully on curriculum and assessments, but it is critical that they be responsible students committed to their own learning potential.

Programs are in place to support student achievement including after-school intervention programs, intramurals, and student recognition for outstanding performance. Our PTA plays an integral role in school activities, and parents are valued as key players in every child's academic program.

Students are learning to be community citizens, with a daily news broadcast, performing musical arts, and enrichment activities and projects in addition to student service learning projects that benefit our community. The Bonnie Branch Middle School mission focuses on the 3 R's for success: readiness, responsibility, and respect. Relationships and learning provide the foundation on which practices, traditions, and expectations are built. Navigating success together with our staff, students and parents will ensure our course for the school year.

Carolyn Jameson, Principal  
Nan Brown, Assistant Principal

### Fast Facts

**Facility opened** - 1999

**School Capacity:** 662  
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 2 portable classrooms.)

**Total Enrollment:** 705

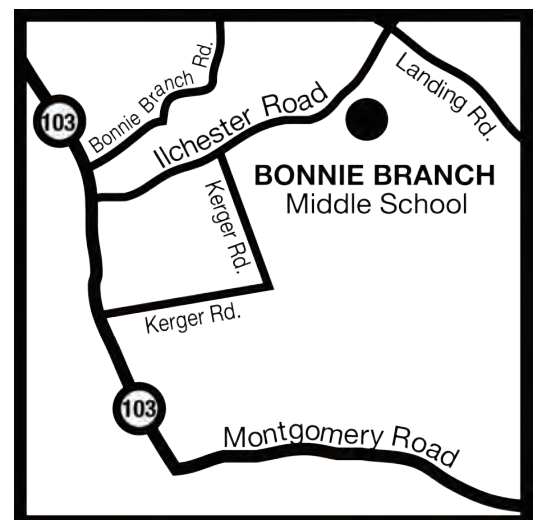
#### Ethnicity

White	52.3%
Asian	11.8%
Hispanic	5.2%
American Indian/Alaskan	0%
African American	23.8%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.3%
Two or more races	6.5%

#### Students Receiving Special Services 2010-11

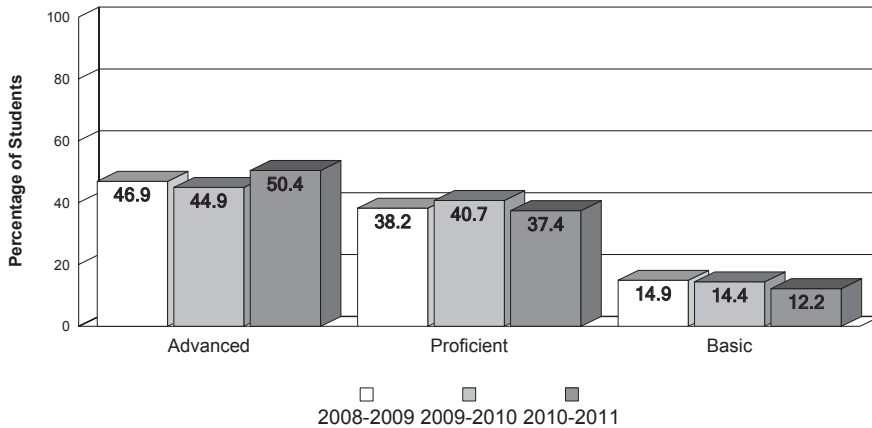
Ltd. English Proficient	2.1%
Free/Reduced Lunch	13.4%
Special Education	9.7%

**PTA members:** 300

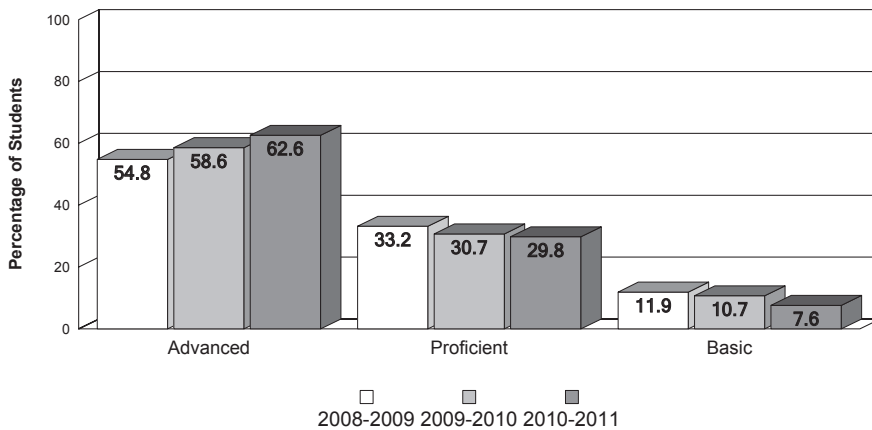


## Achievement Data

### Bonnie Branch Middle School MSA - Mathematics



### MSA - Reading



### MSA Standards - Percent Advanced/Proficient

School Year	MSDE AYP Standards		Howard Cty Standard	Bonnie Branch MS	
	Reading	Mathematics		Reading	Mathematics
2008-2009	75.9	64.3	AYP% or 70%	88.10	85.10
2009-2010	80.8	71.5	AYP% or 70%	89.30	85.60
2010-2011	85.6	78.6	AYP% or 70%	92.40	87.80

## Accomplishments

- Staff meets Highly Qualified standards.
- Student participation in Howard County GT Orchestra, Honors and GT Band, GT Chorus, and Maryland All-State Band and Orchestra.
- PBIS Green Ribbon School Award.
- Student-led Tennis Shoe Drive, which collected over 500 pairs of tennis shoes to recycle and donate.
- Black Saga After-School Program - tied for 2nd place in state, 2010.
- School Debate Team won the Howard County Debate Competition; a BBMS student won the national middle school debate competition.
- History Day students won second place in county competition and competed at state level.

## Special Programs

- Team Stand - teaches students through interactive activities and service learning about the value of diversity, acceptance, and helping others.
- TOPS – To Organize and Prepare for Success intervention program for reading and math during CORE.
- "Read and Hit a Homerun" Reading Initiative with Bowie Baysox Baseball Team.
- G/T Instructional Leadership Seminar.
- Student participation in Student Service Learning, Empty Bowls hunger project.
- Student leadership through WEB (Welcome Everybody) Ambassadors, Student Team Leaders and Shark Talk, and Student Government (with School Improvement Team participation).
- Positive Behavior Program with Scholar Dollars and the Shark Shop.
- Annual School Play.
- Monthly Students of the Month, Quarterly Honor Roll, Breakfast of Champions for Straight A students, and Annual Presidential Awards.
- Annual Outdoor Education program.
- Student After-School Intramurals.
- Poetry Slam, Black History Poetry Night.
- Curriculum-based field trip experiences, which include Maryland Science Center, Medieval Times, Patapsco State Park stream study with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Terrapin Adventures.
- Student 'Green Team' to encourage recycling and study building energy use.
- S.T.E.M. After-School program.