

Patapsco Middle School

PROFILE

2011-12

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Since opening our doors in 1969, Patapsco Middle School has maintained a tradition of high academic standards, positive school climate, and a strong collaborative relationship among the community, staff, and students. At Patapsco Middle School, we work hard to create an atmosphere of exploration and accomplishment so that each student has the opportunity for academic success and positive character development. Students are the number one priority.

As a school community, we recognize the uniqueness of middle school-aged students and challenge them to think creatively and critically as they strive for excellence. We encourage responsible decision-making and respect for self and others. Patapsco Middle is committed to having all students meet the rigorous performance standards established by county, state, and national agencies in order to promote college and career readiness.

Recognizing the importance of a well-balanced educational program that meets the needs of all our students, our academic program features comprehensive coursework that is complemented by a large variety of enriching and supplemental opportunities both within the school day as well as beyond normal school hours. We offer a wide range of services and special programs designed specifically to meet the needs of our diverse student population.

A strong, supportive PTA is an essential component of the Patapsco experience. Parent volunteers work with students and teachers on a daily basis. The PTA has been instrumental in supporting our school wide initiatives over the years.

We welcome visitors to Patapsco Middle School and encourage our community members to partner with us to ensure the success of all our students. Talented staff, involved families, and respectful students make Patapsco a great place to work and learn!

Cynthia Dillon, Principal
Carol Ketterman, Assistant Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened - 1969

Additions/Renovations

1974 (R), 1996, 2003 and 2004 (R)(A)

School Capacity: 662

(This does not include additional capacity provided by 2 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 583

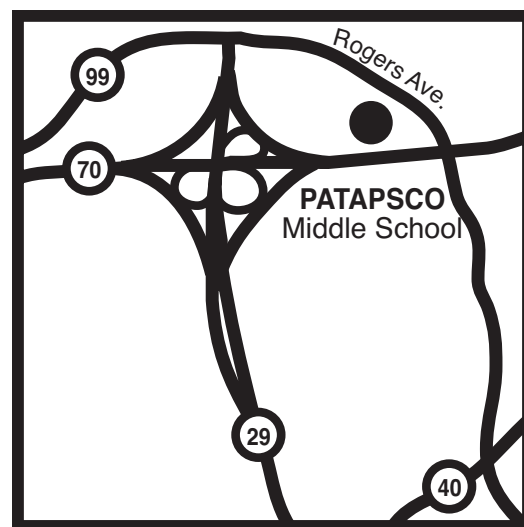
Ethnicity

White	57.6%
Asian	23.8%
Hispanic	5.7%
American Indian/Alaskan	0%
African American	9.3%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.2%
Two or more races	3.4%

Students Receiving Special Services 2010-11

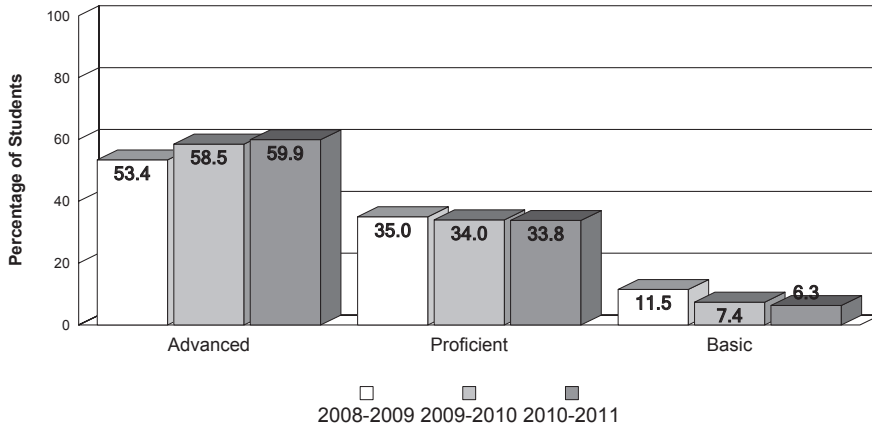
Ltd. English Proficient	2.0%
Free/Reduced Lunch	9.3%
Special Education	8.1%

PTA members: 420

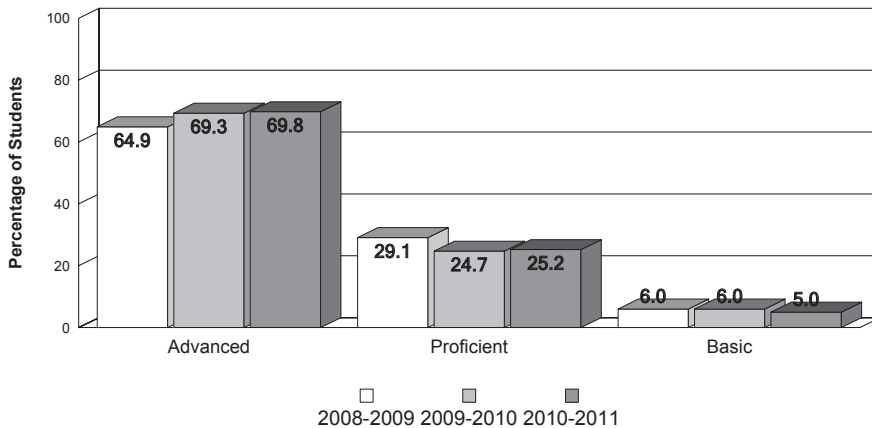


Achievement Data

Patapsco Middle School MSA - Mathematics



MSA - Reading



MSA Standards - Percent Advanced/Proficient

School Year	MSDE AYP Standards		Howard Cty Standard	Patapsco MS	
	Reading	Mathematics		Reading	Mathematics
2008-2009	75.9	64.3	AYP% or 70%	94.00	88.50
2009-2010	80.8	71.5	AYP% or 70%	94.00	92.60
2010-2011	85.6	78.6	AYP% or 70%	95.00	93.70

Accomplishments

- Healthy Howard School
- Howard County GT Middle School Chorus and Orchestra
- Howard County Vocal Solo and Ensemble Festival
- Maryland Junior All-State Chorus and Band Participants
- Music in the Parks Festival winners
- Music in the Parks Overall Choir Award
- 'Our Voice' authors and artists
- STEM Sweepstakes Winner, 2010
- Stock Market Game State and Regional Winners

Special Programs

- Barbershop Choir
- Conversation Clubs – Parents and Students
- Debate Club
- Drama Club
- Enrichment Fair
- Extended Day Program
- Green Team
- Homework Club
- Hall of Acknowledgment Honor Roll
- International Table Soccer
- Jazz Band
- Knight Morning Show
- Literary Guild
- MESA
- "Mix-it Up" Day
- Patapsco Character of the Month
- Patapsco Knight Music
- Patapsco's Promise Service Learning
- National Geography Bee
- National History Day
- National Spelling Bee
- Outdoor Education Program
- Parent Conversation Club
- Patapsco Faire
- School-wide Seminar Enrichment Program
- Shakespeare Residency
- Writer's Guild

Business Partnerships:

- Carrabba's of Ellicott City
- Bright Minds Foundation
- The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults