



# FAST FACTS Howard County Public School System

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## Our Vision

Every student and staff member embraces diversity and possesses the skills, knowledge and confidence to positively influence the larger community.

## Our Mission

HCPSS ensures academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student in an inclusive and nurturing environment that closes opportunity gaps.

## Our System

### 77 Schools

42 elementary schools  
20 middle schools  
12 high schools  
3 education centers

### Total Enrollment: 58,868

Pre-K: 1,360  
Elementary (K-5): 25,499  
Middle (6-8): 13,838  
High (9-12): 18,171  
Special School: 117

*\*Official count (9/30/19)*

### Operating Budget FY20

\$901.3 million

### Capital Budget FY20

\$56.6 million

### Per Pupil Budgeted Expenditure FY20

\$85.22 per day/\$15,340 per year

## Our Staff

- 4,820 classroom teachers, 77% of whom hold a master's degree or above
- Total staff: 8,608 (10/18-10/19)

### Staff Diversity<sup>†</sup>

Total Staff 27%  
New Teachers 34%  
School Administrators 30%

<sup>†</sup>Proportion representing minority groups for the time period of 10/16/18 to 10/15/19.

## Our Students

### Race/Ethnicity FY20

Asian 22.7%  
Black/African American 24.2%  
Hispanic/Latino 12.0%  
White 34.5%  
Other ≤5.0%  
Two or more races 6.3%

### Students Receiving Special Services FY19

Free/Reduced-price Meals 23.8%  
English Learners 5.9%  
Special Education 9.8%

### Attendance Rate FY18

All Grades ≥95%

### Gifted and Talented Program FY19

Percentage of students who have participated in Gifted and Talented Education Program offerings:  
K-Grade 1: GT talent development instruction provided to all students

Grades 2-5 56%  
Grades 6-8 57%  
Grades 9-12 66%

### Graduation Rate FY18: 92%\*\*

*\*\*4-year adjusted cohort*

### Class of 2019

36 National Merit Finalist scholarships

### HCPSS Performance on State Tests

Measure	FY18 Results			FY19 Results		
	ES	MS	HS	ES	MS	HS
Percent Proficient Mathematics	57.5%	55.2%	66.9%	56.7%	53.7%	69.9%
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	56.5%	57.9%	60.2%	57.8%	60.5%	70.7%
Percent Proficient Science	---	---	---	42.6%	53.9%	---

### SAT Scores and Participation (Senior Class Only)

School Year	Number	Percent Participating	Mean Scores		
			Evidenced-based Reading & Writing	Mathematics	Composite Score
2018-2019	3,155	80.4%	596	606	1202
2017-2018	3,133	80.5%	599	607	1206
2016-2017	3,075	81.9%	592	593	1184

### Advanced Placement Test Results

School Year	Number of Exams Taken	Students taking an AP Exam	Exams with Score of 3	Exams with Score of 4	Exams with Score of 5
2018-19	11,198	28.5	27.5	27.9	27.1
2017-18	11,358	29.7%	26.3%	28.1%	27.1%
2016-17	11,353	30.2%	27.0%	27.3%	25.4%

The Maryland School Report cards for HCPSS can be found at:  
<https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov>

## Our Classrooms

### Class Size Targets

**Grade Level**      **Teacher/student ratio**  
Kindergarten 1:22  
Grades 1-2 1:20  
Grades 3-5 1:26  
Middle 1:21  
High 1.4:28

Ratio of computers to students: 1:2

Classrooms with internet access: 100%