

Atholton High School

PROFILE

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Atholton is an exceptional comprehensive high school with a reputation of excellence. Atholton High School, embraces a diverse student body committed to academic achievement and community involvement. Our highly qualified staff members provide a rigorous and relevant curriculum to prepare our students for college and career goals.

Atholton's instructional program is tailored to meet the needs of all our students and offers a broad spectrum of courses in a variety of levels. We also offer Computer Science, Accounting, Principles of Business and Marketing, Foundations of Technology, and Engineering Design. Other curriculum programs include, World Languages, Art, Drama, Dance, Music, Physical Education, and an awarding winning Army JROTC program. We offer over 50 co-curricular clubs to meet the interests of our students.

Atholton is consistently ranked among the best high schools in the area. Student participation and performance on SAT, ACT and Advanced Placement tests place Atholton among the best in the state. Students are provided with opportunities to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills necessary for success beyond high school.

Our school has a strong community commitment and families are greatly involved with PTSA. We are proud to be a school where we build lifelong learners, challenge students with rigorous instruction and nurture students in a safe environment.

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1966

Additions/Renovations

1972 (A), 1977 (A), 1988 (R/A), 1997 (R), 2003 (R/A); 2015 (R/A)

School Capacity: 1,460

Total Enrollment: 1,504

Official count 9/30/18

Ethnicity FY19

| | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| American Indian/Alaskan | ≤5.0% |
| Asian | 19.1% |
| Black/African American | 24.4% |
| Hawaiian/Pacific Islander | ≤5.0% |
| Hispanic/Latino | 8.7% |
| White | 41.4% |
| Two or more races | 6.1% |

Students Receiving Special Services FY18

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|-------------------------|-------|
| Free/Reduced Lunch | 10.3% |
| Ltd. English Proficient | ≤5.0% |
| Special Education | 7.4% |

2018 Graduation Rate: ≥95%*

**4-year adjusted cohort*

PTSA members: 661

Administrators:

Robert A. Motley, Principal
 Adrienne Nasir, Assistant Principal
 Sam Richman, Assistant Principal
 Lisa Veslany, Assistant Principal

Updated January 2019

Achievement Data

AHS Performance on State Tests – FY18

| Measure | Results |
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| Percent Proficient Mathematics | 77.8% |
| Percent Proficient English Language Arts | 57.0% |

SAT Scores and Participation*

| School Year | Number | Percent Participating | Atholton HS Mean Scores | | |
|-------------|--------|-----------------------|--|-------------|-----------|
| | | | Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW) | Mathematics | Composite |
| 2017–18 | 295 | 87.5% | 617 | 619 | 1236 |
| 2016–17 | 278 | 85.0% | 596 | 598 | 1193 |

*Senior class only

Advanced Placement Test Results

| School Year | Number of Exams Taken | % Students Taking an AP Exam | % of Exams with Score of 3 | % of Exams with Score of 4 | % of Exams with Score of 5 |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2017–18 | 985 | 30.0% | 26.0% | 33.3% | 27.5% |
| 2016–17 | 882 | 28.1% | 27.3% | 28.6% | 29.5% |
| 2015–16 | 835 | 26.7% | 24.3% | 30.9% | 30.4% |

State accountability information for AHS can be accessed at <https://hcpssne.ws/ahs-reportcd>

Special Programs

- 54 student clubs
- 38 interscholastic sports teams, 4 allied sports teams
- Academic Life Skills
- Alternative Education
- Black Student Achievement Program
- Career Research and Development
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Future Educators Association
- Head Start Partnership
- High School Assessment Intervention Program
- JROTC
- Ninth Grade Team
- Reading Acceleration
- Student Leadership Cadre

Educational Partnerships

- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter
- Ballet Mobile, Inc.
- Columbia (MD) Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
- Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc.
- Head Start, Old Cedar Lane
- Hickory Ridge Community Association
- Howard Community College
- Howard County Library, Central Branch
- Sunrise Assisted Living
- The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County

Accomplishments

- National Merit Finalists: 4
- National Merit Commended: 31
- AP Scholars: 22
- AP Scholar with Honor: 18
- AP Scholar with Distinction: 40
- Maryland Seal of Biliteracy: 14
- JROTC program maintained status as an Honor Unit with Distinction, 2018 (since 2013)
- JROTC Drill Team competed in All-Army, National Drill Championships, 2015, 2018
- JROTC Academic Team, 9th Place Army Team, 2016; All Service National Academic Championships, 2015, 2016
- Orchestra – Orchestra Midwestern Invitation, 2017; Featured at Maryland Music Educators' Association Conference, 2016
- Band Program – Band Music for All National Concert Band Festival Invitation, 2016; National Band Association Eastern Division Blue Ribbon Program of Excellence Award, 2015
- Robotics – First Robotics Competition Winner, Chesapeake District, 2016; Greater DC Regional Entrepreneurship Award, Dean's List Winner and Battle of Baltimore Winning Alliance, 2015
- Boys Soccer – Regional Champions, 2015
- Named Academic All American by Howard County Chapter of US Lacrosse, 2015
- Girls Soccer – Regional Champions, 2017
- Girls Volleyball – Regional Champions, 2017; State Champions, 2016