

Atholton High School

PROFILE

2017-18

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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.

JoAnn Hutchens, Principal

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: 1,479

Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan	0.2%
Asian	19.7%
Black/African American	21.5%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%
Hispanic/Latino	7.9%
White	43.8%
Two or more races	6.9%

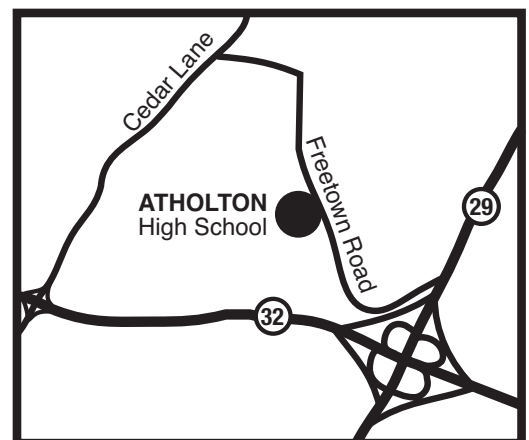
Students Receiving Special Services 2016-17

Free/Reduced Lunch	8.7%
Ltd. English Proficient	≤5.0%
Special Education	6.7%

2017 Graduation Rate: ≥95%*

*4-year adjusted cohort

PTSA members: 661



Achievement Data

SAT Scores and Participation*					
School Year	N	Percent Participating	Atholton HS Mean Scores		
			Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW)	Mathematics	Composite
2016-17	277	84.7%	596	597	1193

*Senior class only

Advanced Placement Test Results					
School Year	Number of Exams Taken	% 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
2016-17	876	28.0%	27.4%	28.8%	29.2%
2015-16	835	26.7%	24.3%	30.9%	30.4%
2014-15	711	22.5%	26.6%	30.7%	27.6%

State accountability information can be accessed at www.mdreportcard.org.

Special Programs

- 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

2017

- Regional Champions in Girls Soccer
- Regional Champions in Girls Volleyball
- Orchestra Midwestern Invitation
- 4 National Merit Finalist, 17 National Merit Commended students
- National Merit Finalists: 17
- National Merit Commended: 27
- National Achievement Outstanding Participants: 4
- 54 student clubs
- 38 interscholastic sports teams and 4 allied sports teams
- 902 AP Exams administered
- 85.6% of AP test-takers earned a 3 or higher

2016

- State Champions in Volleyball
- Band Music for All National Concert Band Festive Invitation
- Orchestra featured at Maryland Music Educators' Association Conference
- JROTC program accredited by U.S. Army, maintained Honor Unit with Distinction
- JROTC Academic Team, 9th Place Army Team, All Service National Academic Championships
- 12 National Merit Finalist, 27 National Merit Commended students
- First Robotics Competition Winner, Chesapeake District

2015

- Band Program – National Band Association Eastern Division Blue Ribbon Program of Excellence Award
- Boys Soccer – Regional Champions
- JROTC US Army designation as Honor Unit with Distinction (last 3 years)
- JROTC Drill Team All-Army, National Level, Drill Championships
- JROTC Academic Team, All Service, Academic Championships
- Academic All American by Howard County Chapter of US Lacrosse
- Robotics – Greater DC Regional Entrepreneurship Award, Dean's List Winner and Battle of Baltimore Winning Alliance