

# Howard High School

## PROFILE

2017-18

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Howard High School, in its 65th year, serves families from Ellicott City, Elkridge, Hanover and Columbia. The population is both culturally and economically diverse with over three quarters of our graduates enrolling in post-secondary institutions.

Like all other Howard County high schools, Howard High has a yearlong schedule that provides students with the opportunity to earn seven credits. Our daily schedule is composed of five 50-minute periods and one pair of alternating classes of 100 minutes each. We encourage all our students to complete their four-year high school program in creative ways including concurrent enrollment, new programs offered at the Applications and Research Lab, and mentorships. We encourage the acquisition of knowledge that will offer multiple options for college or career upon graduation.

The school improvement process drives the instructional programs offered at Howard High School in close alignment with the Howard County Public School System goals and the initiatives of the Maryland State Department of Education. Our School Improvement Team and our Leadership Team focus on data-driven decision-making that will identify, develop, and implement strategies and programs that will benefit and enhance the achievement of all students in all student groups. The continuous professional development of our staff in alignment with these goals and strategies is a top priority in order to better serve the needs of all our students. We pride ourselves in working to create an educational environment that will improve our community and the world at large.

Nick Novak, Principal

### Fast Facts

**Facility opened:** 1952

**Additions/Renovations:** 1960 (A), 1964 (A), 1971 (A), 1975 (A), 1977 (R), 2001 (R), 2002 (R), 2004, 2006 (A), 2009 (R)

**School Capacity:** 1,420  
*(This does not include additional capacity provided by 15 portable classrooms.)*

**Total Enrollment:** 1,914

#### Ethnicity

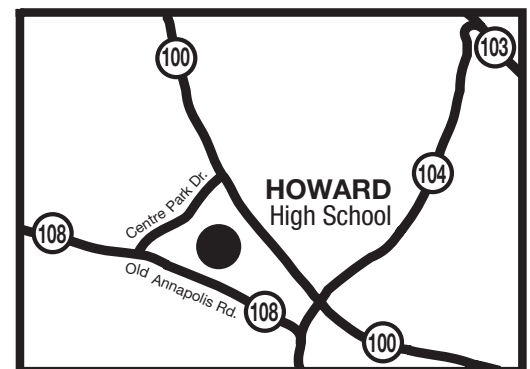
American Indian/Alaskan	0.1%
Asian	15.8%
Black/African American	21.3%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Hispanic/Latino	6.6%
White	49.2%
Two or more races	7.1%

#### Students Receiving Special Services 2016-17

Free/Reduced Lunch	12.5%
Ltd. English Proficient	≤5.0%
Special Education	6.5%

**2017 Graduation Rate:** 94.8%\*  
\*4-year adjusted cohort

PTA members: 806



## Achievement Data

SAT Scores and Participation*					
School Year	N	Percent Participating	Howard HS Mean Scores		
			Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW)	Mathematics	Composite
2016-17	349	88.1%	584	587	1171

\*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	1231	29.9%	29.9%	25.3%	17.6%
2015-16	1116	27.6%	29.0%	25.4%	18.8%
2014-15	1158	28.9%	34.0%	22.1%	15.0%

State accountability information can be accessed at [www.mdreportcard.org](http://www.mdreportcard.org).

## Special Programs

- Academic Letters
- Academy of Finance (AOF)
- Alternative Education Programs
- Androcles Academic Intervention
- Character Education Program
- Culinary Academy
- Emergency Medical Service (EMS)
- Excellent Attendance
- Extended Day Program after school tutoring
- Howard's Scholars
- Lion's Time
- Love My Life – Mix it Up Day
- Maryland's Tomorrow
- Math, Engineering, Science Achievement
- Ninth Grade Transition Program
- Peer Tutoring
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (schoolwide)
- Principal's Advisory
- Project Lead The Way Engineering
- Project Leo
- Reading Acceleration Program
- SAT Initiative (Stop, Think & Act!)
- Scientist-In-Residence
- Teacher Academy
- Technology Tuesday

### Educational Partnerships

- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter
- Centre Park Grill
- Columbia (MD) Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
- Eggspectation
- Genesis Arts
- Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc.
- Green Valley Marketplace
- The Horizon Foundation
- Howard County Library, Elkridge Branch
- Subway, Centre Park Drive
- The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County
- Tino's Italian Bistro & Wine Bar

## Accomplishments

- Number of Seniors: 461
- National Merit Commended Scholars: 14
- National Merit Semifinalists 2017: 4
- Scholarships: 133
- Scholarships Awarded: \$1 Million
- It's Academic Playoff Participant, 2014; Semi-Finalist, 2016
- Healthy Howard Silver Medal School: 2014, 2016
- Boys Outdoor Track State Champion Triple Jump, 2016
- Boys Outdoor Track County Champions, 2016
- Boys Indoor Track Region Championships 2nd Place, 2016
- Girls Indoor Track Region Championships 2nd Place, 2016
- Girls Outdoor Track – County Champions, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017; 4A Region Champions, 2014, 2015, 2016
- Boys Lacrosse – County, Regional Champions, 2014, 2015, 2016; State Finalist, 2014, 2016; State Champions, 2015
- Women's Basketball – County Champions, 2014, 2016
- Softball – County Champions, 2014, 2016
- Boys Soccer – 2014 Region Champions
- Football – County Champions, 2014, 2015, 2017; Region Champions, 2014, 2015, 2017; State Semi-Finalist, 2014; State Finalist, 2015
- Girls Golf – County Champions 2014, 2015
- Girls Lacrosse - Region Champions 2015, 2016, State Semi-Finalist 2016
- National Honor Society Inductees: 160
- Howard Scholars: 66