

Howard High School

PROFILE

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Howard High School, in its 66th 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.

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: 1,890

Official count 9/30/18

Ethnicity FY19

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	17.0%
Black/African American	21.6%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	6.9%
White	47.4%
Two or more races	7.0%

Students Receiving Special Services FY18

Free/Reduced Lunch	12.7%
Ltd. English Proficient	≤5.0%
Special Education	7.9%

2017 Graduation Rate: 94.8%*

**4-year adjusted cohort*

PTSA members: 806

Administrators:

Nick Novak, Principal
 Dale Castro, Assistant Principal
 Shawn Hastings, Assistant Principal
 Karen Mason, Assistant Principal
 Brian Sackett, Assistant Principal
 Napoleon Saunders, Assistant Principal

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Achievement Data

HoHS Performance on State Tests – FY18

Measure	Results
Percent Proficient Mathematics	73.3%
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	44.1%

SAT Scores and Participation

School Year	Number	Percent Participating	Howard HS Mean Scores		
			Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW)	Mathematics	Composite
2017–18	404	88.0%	586	595	1181
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	% of Exams with Score of 3	% of Exams with Score of 4	% of Exams with Score of 5
2017–18	1163	26.9%	29.8%	26.0%	21.0%
2016–17	1238	30.0%	29.7%	25.3%	17.7%
2015–16	1116	27.6%	29.0%	25.4%	18.8%

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

Special Programs

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

Educational Partnerships

- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter
- The Arc of Howard County
- Columbia (MD) Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.
- Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc.
- The Horizon Foundation
- Howard Community College
- Howard County Library, Miller Branch
- Sport Clips, Turf Valley
- Turf Valley Resort
- Under Armour, Inc.

Accomplishments

- Number of Seniors: 406
- National Merit Commended Scholars: 16
- National Merit Semifinalists 2018: 3
- National Merit Finalist: 1
- Scholarships: 147
- Scholarships Awarded: \$3.7 Million
- It's Academic Playoff Semi-Finalist, 2016, Quarter-finalist 2018
- Healthy Howard Silver Medal School: 2014, 2016
- Baseball – 2018 4A Region and State Champions
- Boys Outdoor Track State Champion Triple Jump, 2016
- Boys Outdoor Track County Champions, 2016, 2018
- Boys Indoor Track Region Championships 2nd Place, 2016, County Champions 2018
- Girls Indoor Track Region Championships 2nd Place, 2016
- Girls Outdoor Track – County Champions, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017; 4A Region Champions, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018
- Boys Cross Country – 2017, 2018 County Champions
- Girls Cross Country – 2018 County Champions, 2018 4A Regions Champions
- Boys Lacrosse – County Champions, 2014, 2015, 2016; Regional Champions, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018; State Finalist, 2014, 2016; State Champions, 2015
- Women's Basketball – County Champions, 2014, 2016, 2018
- Softball – County Champions, 2014, 2016, Region Champions 2018
- 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
- MSDE School Accountability 5 Star Rating for 2017–18