

Howard High School

PROFILE

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Howard High School, in its 71st 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. Howard High School encourages all of 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. The School Improvement Team and the 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. The Howard High School staff prides themselves in working to create an educational environment that will improve the 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: 1,400

(This does not include additional capacity provided by 13 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 1,529

Official count 9/30/23

Ethnicity FY24

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	25.8%
Black/African American	23.9%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	6.6%
White	36.5%
Two or more races	6.9%

Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced Meals	22.9%
English Learners	≤5.0%
Special Education	9.6%

2022 Graduation Rate: ≥95%*

**4-year adjusted cohort*

Administrators:

Steven Fleming, Principal
 Samantha Armstead, Asst. Principal
 Napoleon Saunders, Assistant Principal
 Patrick Scible, Assistant Principal
 Meghan Senisi, Assistant Principal
 Beth DeFrances, Athletics & Activities Manager

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Achievement Data

Howard HS Performance on State Tests*

Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	78.9%	80.0%
Percent Proficient English Mathematics	55.8%	58.7%

SAT Scores and Participation[†]

School Year	Number	Percent Participating	Howard HS Mean Scores		
			Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW)	Mathematics	Composite
2022–23	309	74.3%	588	581	1169
2021–22	330	74.5%	593	597	1190
2020–21	233	49.3%	598	603	1201

[†] 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
2022–23	777	23.4%	27.7%	24.5%	24.1%
2021–22	876	24.9%	27.5%	23.7%	22.9%
2020–21	691	20.2%	27.2%	27.8%	21.6%

State accountability information can be accessed at <http://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/>

Special Programs

- Academic Letters
- Academic Life Skills Classes
- Alpha Achievers
- Alternative Education Prog.
- Best Buddies Program
- Business Management Academy
- Career and Research Development Academy
- Character Education Program
- Computer Programming Academy
- Culinary Academy
- ESOL
- Extended Day Program
- Howard Mentors
- Howard's Scholars
- JROTC (Army)
- Lion Leaders
- Lion's Time
- Ninth Grade Transition
- Peer Tutoring
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
- Principal's Advisory
- Project Lead The Way Engineering Academy
- Reading Acceleration Program
- Student of the Month
- Teacher Academy of MD

Accomplishments

Academics:

- National Merit Finalist 2023: 3
- Maryland Merit Scholars 2023: 21
- 2021 It's Academic Champion
- National Honor Society Inductees: 218
- Howard Scholars Class of 2023: 63
- Celebration of Excellence: 73
- JROTC Certificate of Excellence from National High School Drill Team Competition
- 2022 Math League Champions

Athletics:

- 86 County Championships
- 49 Regional Championships
- 22 State Championships
- 2021 & 2022 Girls Outdoor Track State Champions
- 2019 & 2021 Girls Cross Country State Champions
- 2023 Girls Basketball State Champions

Arts:

- All County Dance Ensemble – 4
- All State Choir Selection – 3
- All State Orchestra Selection – 4
- All State Band Selection - 4
- Winner of Bel Air Marching Band Competition
- 1 of only 2 Superior ratings in Individual Musical Theater
- National Speech & Debate Qualifiers – 3

Educational Partnerships

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter • Columbia (MD) Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority • Columbia Community Care • Giant Food-Distribution Operations • Giant Food, Center Park Drive • Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center • Green Valley Marketplace • Horizon Foundation • Howard County Library • Howard County Food Bank, Elkridge Branch • Living Wellness Chiropractic of Columbia • Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education, Green Schools Program • Prepare for Success, Community Action Council of Howard County • Sundays At Three • The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County • Tino's Italian Bistro & Wine Bar • U.S. Army