

River Hill High School

PROFILE

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River Hill High School is recognized nationally and internationally. Niche.com has named River Hill High as a top public high school in the Baltimore Area. Also, River Hill received a 5-star rating on the Maryland School Report Card. Student participation in the advanced placement program and National Merit recognition also place our school among the top high schools in the nation. The student population is culturally diverse with a majority of the students enrolled in college preparatory, STEM, world language, and fine arts courses. RHHS is home to the JumpStart partnership between HCPSS and HCC, which offers students the opportunity to earn credits for graduation as well as college credits in English, mathematics, history, business, world language and education.

School improvement is an ongoing commitment to the Strategic Call to Action and the overarching commitments (value, achieve, connect, and empower) are at the core of school improvement. RHHS focuses its core values on Hawk PRIDE: Persistence and Passion, Respect and Responsibility, Innovation and Integrity, Determination and Dedication, and Excellence and Empathy for Everyone.

Several honor society chapters co-exist as part of the RHHS community as well as service networks and leadership organizations. PAC, Principal Advisory Council, promotes student leadership and student voice to identify student needs, concerns and actions in order to make RHHS better and better every day. Athletics and activities support vibrant and spirited student life. For some, the extracurricular experience is an extension of the classroom, as students apply their learning in real-world endeavors. For others, it is a chance to explore interests that extend beyond the classroom. For all, balanced participation in academics, athletics, and activities makes for an outstanding high school experience.

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1994
(RHHS opened in 1996, after the building housed another school while their facility was being rebuilt.)

School Capacity: 1,488

Total Enrollment: 1,378
Official count 9/30/19

Ethnicity FY20

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	34.1%
Black/African American	9.9%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	6.1%
White	43.5%
Two or more races	6.5%

Students Receiving Special Services FY19

Free/Reduced Meals	6.8%
English Learners	≤5.0%
Special Education	6.2%

2018 Graduation Rate: ≥95.0%*
*4-year adjusted cohort

Administrators:

Kathryn S. McKinley, Principal
Kedré Fairley, Assistant Principal
Kelly Hearn, Assistant Principal
Patrick Scible, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter; Anthony Corrao Team of Long & Foster Real Estate, Christie's International Real Estate; Chick-fil-A, Clarksville; Chick-fil-A, Mall in Columbia; Columbia (MD) Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.; Credit Union Foundation of Maryland and the District of Columbia; Howard County Education Federal Credit Union; Howard County Government, Department of Public Works; Howard County Library, Central Branch; Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City; McDonald's, Daybreak Circle

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Achievement Data

RHHS Performance on State Tests		
Measure	FY18 Results	FY19 Results
Percent Proficient Mathematics	87.5%	90.9%
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	82.6%	86.4%

SAT Scores and Participation					
School Year	Number	Percent Participating	River Hill HS Mean Scores		
			Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW)	Mathematics	Composite
2018–19	240	87.0%	646	665	1311
2017–18	267	88.7%	645	665	1309
2016–17	237	87.1%	636	646	1279

*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
2018–19	1318	40.3%	24.5%	26.5%	34.8%
2017–18	1395	47.6%	22.3%	30.5%	30.8%
2016–17	1431	50.0%	25.3%	28.1%	28.1%

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

Accomplishments

Academics:

- 141 Advanced Placement National Scholars, 2017 (80 Medallion, 46 Gold & White, 9 Gold, 6 White)
- 12 National Merit Finalists; 44 National Merit Semi-Finalists, 2019
- National Gold Council of Excellence 2011–18
- Maryland Mathematics League Regional Championship, 2016–18
- International Chemistry Olympiad Finalist
- Regeneron and Intel Science Talent Search Finalists and Semifinalists, 2005–17
- Gifted & Talented Research: 16 GT Research Articles published in national peer reviewed journals; 6 research poster presentations at national professional conferences; Siemens Semi Finalist
- National Honor Society and 7 other honor groups.

Arts:

- 2018 – 11 students in All-State Choir, 2017– 7 students in All-State Choir
- 2017 Student All-National Choir
- Junior All-State Ensembles: 4th in 2017; 1st in 2018
- Senior All-State Ensembles: 4th in 2017; 8th in 2018
- All-National Ensembles: 1st in 2016 and 2017
- Marching Band returns in 2018 and 2019

Staff:

- 2017 Music Educator of the Year Award semifinalist
- Women's Basketball Coaches Association, Scholastic Director
- Maryland Art Education Association, Howard County Exemplary Career High School Visual Arts Teacher of 2017
- Counselor of the Year
- United Soccer Coaches State Coach of the Year, 2018 – Boys Soccer
- NFHS Md. State Coach of the Year, 2018 – Girls Basketball

Special Programs

- Academic Access Academy (AAA)
- Academic Life Skills programming
- Alpha Achievers
- American Red Cross Club
- Angel's Network
- B.L.U.
- Best Buddies
- Chemathon
- Cultural Awareness
- Delta Scholars
- Drama and Improvisation
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Hawks Rising (Mentor and Tutor program)
- Hill Fest Community Night
- Investment Club
- It's Academic Team
- Man in the Mirror
- Math Team
- Music Technology
- National Honor Societies: Art, Music, Dance, English, Science, Social Studies, Math, World Language, Future Educators & Technical
- Ninth Grade Team
- One River Hill Book Club
- Peer Tutoring & Hawk Help
- Science Olympiad/Science in Society
- Student Voice in PAC (Principal Advisory)
- Talent Show

Athletics:

- 36 High School All-Americans, 17 Collegiate All-Americans
- Named Exemplary Athletic Program by the NIAAA
- Recognized as a Safe Sports School – 1st Team by National Athletic Trainers' Assn.
- Field Hockey team received the Sportsmanship Award at MPSSAA State Championships, 2019
- People Tree Cup Winner 2019, (17th time)
- 50 State titles, 115 Regional titles and 139 County titles since 1996.
- Recent State Championships: 2019 – Girls Basketball, Boys Cross Country
- Recent State Runner Up: 2018 – Golf, Boys Cross Country, Boys Soccer
- Recent Regional Championships: 2018 – Girls Indoor Track, Boys Basketball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer; 2019 – Girls Basketball, Girls Outdoor Track, Boys Cross Country, Field Hockey
- Recent County Championships: 2018 – Girls Indoor Track, Boys Basketball, Allied Softball, Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer; 2019 – Girls Tennis, Boys Cross Country, Football, Boys Soccer



