

Bonnie Branch Middle School

PROFILE

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Bonnie Branch Middle School is committed to developing strong character, academic success, and community involvement in each and every student.

As a gold-medal Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Program (PBIS) School, we create a safe school environment where students are comfortable learning and recognizing the value and diversity of others. A growing number of student-led groups, including Student Council, Math Mentors, and WEB Leaders give students a voice in developing their leadership while creating a positive learning environment for all.

Our mission focuses on three schoolwide principles: readiness, responsibility and respect. Students at Bonnie Branch Middle School are challenged by rigorous academics and supported by a variety of shared learning experiences that enrich the standard curriculum. These experiences include annual competitions and participation at the county and state level in History Day, the American University film workshop and American Film Institute Film Festival, a "Code Slam" competition using Python and JavaScript programming, Math Counts, FIRST Tech Challenge and LEGO Robotics, and the Debate Team. In addition to an annual spring musical, students in the performing arts excel at the county and state levels in Chorus, Orchestra and Band.

At Bonnie Branch Middle School, we recognize the value of community involvement through experiences like service learning and Outdoor Education. This involvement has led to our school being named a Maryland "Green School." We are also proud to have the support of the community in the learning process through our PTA, Music Boosters, and a Mentoring Program for students.

This support helps Bonnie Branch Middle School prepare students to be leaders and learners. We are proud to provide students with opportunities for character development, academic success and tools for a lifetime of community involvement.

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1999

School Capacity: 701
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 2 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 704
Official count 9/30/19

Ethnicity FY20

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	18.2%
Black/African American	24.0%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	15.3%
White	36.5%
Two or more races	5.8%

Students Receiving Special Services FY19

Free/Reduced Meals	30.5%
English Learners	7.0%
Special Education	8.7%

Administrators:

Andrew Cockley, Principal
Shawn Hastings, Assistant Principal
Jon Dupski, Leadership Intern

Educational Partnerships

- A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
- Green Valley Marketplace
- Howard County Library, ElkrIDGE Branch
- Grassroots of Howard County

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Achievement Data

BBMS Performance on State Tests		
Measure	FY18 Results	FY19 Results
Percent Proficient Mathematics	54.6%	55.1%
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	52.0%	57.6%
Percent Proficient Science		47.4%

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

Special Programs

- WEB (Welcome Everybody) develops student leadership as Ambassadors, Student Team Leaders, and Shark Talk Leaders
- Student Council
- Concert band, jazz band, and wind ensembles
- Concert orchestra and chamber orchestra
- Chorus
- Our Voice Middle School Literary & Art Magazine
- Poetry Slam
- PTA Reflections
- Student Service Learning for all grade levels
- Outdoor Education program for 6th grade
- Student production of television news
- Student production of memory book
- Black history poetry night
- PBIS positive behavior program with Shark Bucks and Shark Shop
- GT Instructional Leadership Seminar
- Student Environmental Awareness Committee
- Competitive teams: GT Debate, National History Day, MathAlon, Math Counts, FIRST Tech Challenge and LEGO Robotics,
- After-school programs: Step Team, Art Club, Athletic Intramurals, High Achievers, Morning Shark School Program for math, ELA, reading, and study skills.

Accomplishments

School Recognition:

- 2017 PBIS Green Ribbon Award School: 2013–17 Gold; 2011–12 Silver; 2010 Bronze
- Healthy Schools Program: Silver and Gold recognition
- 2017 Maryland Green School Award
- 2017 Governor's Citation for Excellence in Music Performance

Student Recognition:

- Award-winning Black Saga competition teams: placed in top 10 in state, 2009–15
- Award-winning student art at many local, regional, and state competitions (Youth Art Month, artwork at State House, and PTA Reflections contest)
- Numerous superior ratings for band, orchestra, and chorus programs (students performing at the All-County, GT, and All-State levels)
- Award-winning Middle School County debate team
- Award-winning student essays in Watson's Tin Box Sherlock Holmes essay contest for past 4 years
- Award-winning FIRST Tech Challenge and LEGO Robotics Teams
- BBMS recognizes and celebrates student excellence throughout the school year:
 - Monthly Student of the Month awards
 - Quarterly honor rolls: Principal's Honor Roll, gold, silver
 - Quarterly recognition of Straight A students