

Bonnie Branch Middle School

PROFILE

2017-18

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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, High Achievers, 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.

Drew Cockley, Principal
Michele Hewitt, Assistant Principal
Carol Ketterman, Assistant Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1999

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

Total Enrollment: 716

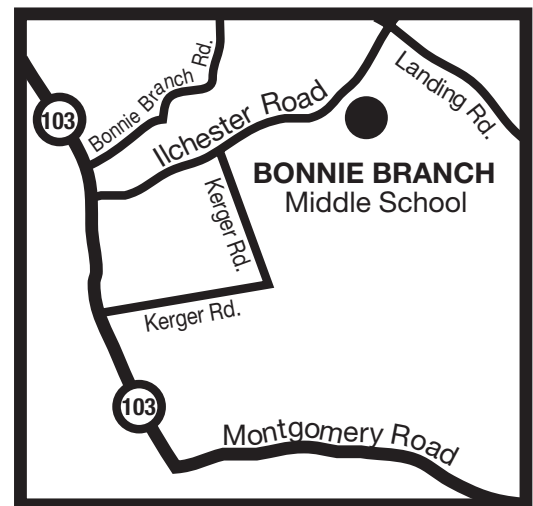
Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan	0.3%
Asian	15.1%
Black/African American	24.2%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%
Hispanic/Latino	14.0%
White	40.1%
Two or more races	6.3%

Students Receiving Special Services 2016-17

Free/Reduced Lunch	24.6%
Ltd. English Proficient	≤5.0%
Special Education	7.3%

PTA members: 300



Achievement Data

PARCC Assessment Performance Results – Bonnie Branch MS

Performance Level	Mathematics			English Language Arts		
	2017	2016	2015	2017	2016	2015
Level 5: Exceeded expectations	7.5%	5.4%	<=5%	10.0%	7.9%	7.2%
Level 4: Met expectations	45.6%	44.6%	43.1%	38.4%	41.2%	38.5%
Level 3: Approached expectations	23.5%	25.6%	25.8%	28.6%	28.7%	27.3%
Level 2: Partially met expectations	14.2%	16.3%	19.4%	15.3%	13.7%	17.0%
Level 1: Did not meet expectations	9.1%	8.1%	8.6%	7.7%	8.5%	10.0%

State accountability information can be accessed at www.mdreportcard.org.

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.

Educational Partnerships

- 4th Quarter
- Green Valley Marketplace
- Howard County Library, Elkridge Branch

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:

- Carson Scholars, 2012–14
- 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