

Folly Quarter Middle School

PROFILE

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The Folly Quarter Middle School faculty is dedicated to working together with the larger learning community to ensure that all students actively engage in learning, meet success, and are fully prepared for a positive future. To accomplish this critical mission, the staff strives daily to create an exemplary middle school by continuously improving the quality of teaching and learning. The Folly Quarter focus is to empower engaged and inspired learners through academic excellence and to create a sense of belonging for all members of our school community.

As a learning community of students, parents, and staff, the staff is dedicated to creating a positive school climate where all members feel a sense of belonging—one where individuals feel respected, cared for, and valued. The staff are constantly reflecting and improving their instructional practice to meet the academic, social-emotional, and developmental needs of their students.

Folly Quarter has been recognized as a Maryland Blue Ribbon School and a National Blue Ribbon School. Folly Quarter has been named one of the best Middle Schools in Maryland. The school offers a wide range of services, intramurals, clubs, and special programs designed specifically to meet the needs and interests of Folly Quarter's student population.

Folly Quarter Middle School welcomes visitors and encourages the community to partner with them to ensure the success of all students. Folly Quarter is full of wonderful people: students, staff, families, and community members that make up #OurNest.

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 2003

School Capacity: 662
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 1 portable classroom.)

Total Enrollment: 683
Official count 9/30/23

Ethnicity FY24	
American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	31.6%
Black/African American	9.2%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	5.4%
White	47.7%
Two or more races	5.4%

Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced Meals	5.7%
English Learners	≤5.0%
Special Education	9.3%

Administrators:

Michael Babe, Principal
Michele Hewitt, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships

- Barnes and Noble, Long Gate Shopping Center
- Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc.
- Howard County Library, Glenwood Branch

Updated December 2023

Achievement Data

FQMS Performance on State Tests*

Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	84.0%	79.6%
Percent Proficient Mathematics	62.6%	63.8%
Percent Proficient Science	74.5%	63.9%

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

Special Programs

- Academic Support Seminar
- Art Club
- Blue Jazz Band
- Chess Club
- Coding Club
- Cool Beans Coffee Crew
- Crochet Club
- Cultural Festival Club
- Daily TV Production (Morning News)
- Enrichment G/T Seminars (African American History, Book Club, Debate, Writers' Guild, Writer's Workshop, Falcon Watch, Leadership, Photojournalism, Film Production, Philosophy, Math & Logic, L.E.A.P., Engineering, Programming Mythology-Philosophy)
- Falcon Friends
- Falcon Leaders (Student Leadership Cadre)
- Gold Jazz Band
- Helping Hands
- Howard County Library Spelling Bee
- International Night
- Lego Club
- Math Counts
- Memory Book
- MESA (Math, Engineering, Science Achievement)
- Mindfulness
- Monthly Student Recognition
- Muslim Student Association
- Organization and Study Skills
- Pollinator Garden Club
- Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Proud Allies
- School Wellness Program
- Spanish Club
- SOS Student Organization Club
- Student Library Board
- Tabletop Gaming Club
- Theatre Arts programming partnership with Columbia Center for Theatrical Arts
- Theatre Arts Skit Nights
- Yearbook
- Young Author's Club (2nd Breakfast Club)

Accomplishments

- Designated as 5th best public middle school in Maryland by US News Report in 2023
- National Blue Ribbon School, 2013
- Maryland Blue Ribbon School, 2012
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Maryland Badges of Success Awards
- Highest Team Achievement Awards for Math Olympiad
- Superior ratings and Best Overall Award at Music in the Parks for Band, Orchestra, and Chorus programs, including students performing at the All County, GT, and All State levels
- Carson Scholar Awards
- National Scripps Spelling Bee Regional and State Winners
- Champions of Courage Essay Winner

