

Harper's Choice Middle School

PROFILE

2017-18

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Harper's Choice Middle School is committed to meeting the needs of our diverse learning community. Our students bring with them a rich mixture of cultures and talents that contribute to a dynamic school community.

HCMS students have access to a rigorous academic program including a variety of enrichment opportunities. Enrichment opportunities at HCMS include 3 Lego Robotics Teams, Tri-M Music Honor Society, and a number of athletic and academic intramural programs including Wiffle Ball, Girls on the Run, Dance, Volleyball, Basketball, and Drama which are offered throughout the year. Students may participate in a multitude of curricular enrichment programs including HCTV, Speech and Debate, Filmmaking, and the Green Team. Students may also participate in our CATS (Cougar Academic Tracks for Success) after school program, a partnership with Howard County Recreation and Parks. In addition to our wide variety of academic activities, the HCMS staff, students, and community promote a safe and nurturing environment through our award-winning Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program.

The success and stability of Harper's Choice is directly related to our highly qualified and dedicated staff as well as the involvement and the support of our parents and community. The wide variety and number of opportunities for students at HCMS is made possible through the active support of our PTA.

Established in 1973, Harper's Choice Middle School has been serving the community for over 40 years. Our staff, students, and community are proud of the rich history of HCMS and focused on continuing to prepare our students for participation in a diverse, challenging, and increasingly competitive global society.

Adam Eldridge, Principal
Yvonne Jackson, Assistant Principal
Kristin Terry, Assistant Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1973

Additions/Renovations
2001 (R)

School Capacity: 506
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 5 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 591

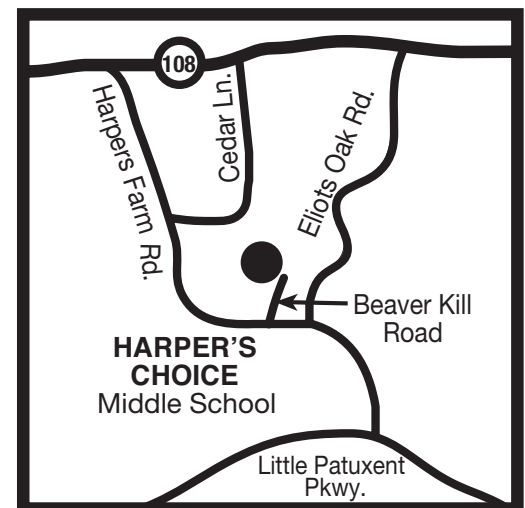
Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan	0.2%
Asian	8.6%
Black/African American	48.6%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Hispanic/Latino	14.6%
White	20.8%
Two or more races	7.3%

Students Receiving Special Services 2016-17

Free/Reduced Lunch	44.2%
Ltd. English Proficient	5.2%
Special Education	7.8%

PTA members: 187



Achievement Data

PARCC Assessment Performance Results – Harper's Choice MS

Performance Level	Mathematics			English Language Arts		
	2017	2016	2015	2017	2016	2015
Level 5: Exceeded expectations	<=5	<=5	<=5%	<=5	<=5	5.7%
Level 4: Met expectations	30.1%	30.7%	27.8%	29.4%	28.3%	27.1%
Level 3: Approached expectations	24.7%	25.6%	25.1%	25.1%	25.6%	28.7%
Level 2: Partially met expectations	20.6%	23.5%	30.3%	22.6%	23.0%	18.4%
Level 1: Did not meet expectations	20.0%	17.8%	13.5%	18.6%	20.6%	20.1%

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

Special Programs

- Maryland Meals for Achievement
- "Our Voice" Literary Magazine
- Drama Program
- Environmental Education Week at NorthBay Camp
- Extended Day/Year Program – Bridges Grant (21st Century Community Learning Centers) for Academic Intervention and Enrichment
- Student Enrichment Activities: Research Design Class, Book Club, Debate Team, HCTV Television Production, Lego Robotics Teams, and World Culture Seminar
- Girls on the Run
- History Day Competition
- Partnership with Howard County Office on Aging, providing senior citizen mentors
- Sweet Serenades (a performing arts evening sponsored by Music Boosters)
- Tri-M Music Honor Society
- Alternative Education Program

Accomplishments

- Maryland Green School, Certified
- Maryland PBIS Silver Award, 2017
- Maryland Fine Arts Grant provides Shakespeare Residency Program, 2012–17
- HCPSS Debate Team winners
- Bright Minds Foundation Grant
- 2 National Board Certified Teachers
- History Bee Champion, 2016
- History Bowl Semifinalist, 2016
- Recognized a Carson Scholar, 2017
- Professional Development School in partnership with Towson University to support education interns.
- CATS After School Program in partnership with Howard County Recreation and Parks
- State Qualifier in Lego Robotics Competition

Educational Partnerships

- A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
- Harper's Choice Community Association
- Howard Community College, Admissions and Advising Office
- Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks
- Howard County Economic Development Authority
- Howard County General Hospital, A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
- Howard County Library, Central Branch
- Howard County Office on Aging and Independence, Florence Bain Senior Center
- Howard County Police Department, Harper's Choice Village Center
- McDonald's, Harpers Farm Road
- No Kid Hungry, Share Our Strength
- Safeway, Harpers Farm Road
- Salazar Catering Services/Boardroom Café
- Winter Growth