Harper’s Choice Middle School

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Harper’s Choice Middle School is committed to meeting the needs of a diverse learning community. The 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. These opportunities include three 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 the CATS (Cougar Academic Tracks for Success) after school program, a partnership with Howard County Recreation and Parks. In addition to the wide variety of academic activities, HCMS staff, students and community promote a safe and nurturing environment through the award-winning Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program.

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

Established in 1973, Harper’s Choice Middle School has been serving the community for over 45 years. The staff, students, and community are proud of the rich history of HCMS and focus on continuing to prepare the students for participation in a diverse, challenging, and increasingly competitive global society.

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Achievement Data

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*State tests were not administered in FY20 due to the pandemic.

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

Accomplishments

- Maryland Green School, Certified
- Maryland PBIS Gold Award, 2018–19; Silver Award, 2019–20
- Bright Minds Foundation Grant
- Professional Development School in partnership with Towson University to support education interns.
- State Qualifier in Lego Robotics Competition
- Students selected for Howard County Honors Band, HC G/T Orchestra, HC 6th grade Honors Chorus and HC G/T Chorus
- Robotics Global Innovators Award 2018–19
- First Place Howard County MLK Essay Contest 2018–19
- First Place Howard County Young Authors Poetry Contest 2018–19
- First Place Maryland Young Authors Poetry Contest 2018–19
- Superior Rating Chorale Adjudication 2018–19

Special Programs / Partnerships

- Alternative Education Program
- BSAP Program
- Drama Program
- Environmental Education Week at NorthBay Camp
- Extended Day Program – Bridges Grant (21st Century Community Learning Centers) for Academic Intervention and Enrichment
- Girls on the Run
- History Day Competition
- “Our Voice” Literary Magazine
- Student Enrichment Activities: Research Design Class, Book Club, Debate Team, HCTV Television Production, Film, Photography, and Lego Robotics Teams
- Sweet Serenades (a performing arts evening sponsored by Music Boosters)
- National Juniors Honors Society
- Student Government Association

Educational Partnerships

- A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
- Harper’s Choice Community Association
- Howard Community College, Admissions and Advising Office
- 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
- Howard County Recreation and Parks
- McDonald’s, Harpers Farm Road
- Safeway, Harpers Farm Road
- Salazar Catering Services/Boardroom Café
- Winter Growth, Ruth Keeton House

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