

Murray Hill Middle School

PROFILE

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At Murray Hill Middle School, staff, students, families and community members work together to create a supportive and intellectually stimulating school environment for all. We promote personal growth, academic excellence, cultural sensitivity, service to our community and the development of skills that will foster lifelong learners.

We encourage our students to think critically and creatively by providing rigorous academic classes, as well as a variety of related arts courses. Our talented staff recognizes the unique needs of adolescents and is dedicated to providing learning opportunities that foster the intellectual, social, emotional and physical development of our students. Staff work to prepare students for their future in an environment that values responsibility, respect, readiness and safety. Our students prepare for their own personal success by utilizing cognitive strategies, applying key content knowledge, demonstrating academic behaviors, using appropriate technology tools, and developing positive and collaborative relationships.

Further, to ensure a well-balanced educational experience for our students, we provide a number of activities through our After-School Program, which focuses both on academics and extracurricular activities such as drama, soccer, Heart and Sole (running club), dance, RHS Alpha Achievers Mentoring, to name a few. Additionally, our students are provided the opportunity to engage in authentic experiences through visits to college campuses, national museums, local conservancies, and more.

Murray Hill Middle School strives to ensure our families and community are engaged and supported through timely and informative communication. And our school community is supported by our outstanding PTA, which strives to provide for many of our school initiatives and programs.

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1997

School Capacity: 662
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 6 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 717
Official count 9/30/18

Ethnicity FY19

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	16.0%
Black/African American	44.9%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	21.1%
White	13.3%
Two or more races	≤5.0%

Students Receiving Special Services FY18

Free/Reduced Lunch	34.4%
Ltd. English Proficient	5.8%
Special Education	9.3%

PTA members: 133

Administrators:

Lisa Smithson, Principal
Dr. Mathias Bama, Assistant Principal
Alexia Couch, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships:

- The Anthony Corrao Team of Long and Foster Real Estate, Inc.
- Chick-fil-A, Johns Hopkins Road
- Continental Societies, Inc., Southeastern Howard/Laurel Chapter (supports our Passport to Success: College and Career Night)
- Eggspectation
- Five Below, Inc.
- Grassroots Crisis Intervention Ctr.
- Howard County Economic Development Authority
- Howard County Library, Savage Branch & STEM Education Center
- Howard County MultiService Ctr.

Updated January 2019

Achievement Data

MHMS Performance on State Tests – FY18

Measure	Results
Percent Proficient Mathematics	36.5%
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	41.4%

State accountability information for MHMS can be accessed at <https://hcpssne.ws/mhms-reportcd>

Special Programs

- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Award
- Murray Hill Student Ambassadors Program
- Towson University Professional Development Center
- Regional Program Services
- Academic Life Skills Classes
- MESA (Math Engineering and Science Achievement) Program
- GT Seminars
- Academic Intervention Program
- Beyond School Hours: Academic Program
- After School Program: Athletic Intramurals
- After School Program: Drama Program
- After School Program: Heart and Sole
- After School Program: Reservoir HS Alpha Achievers Mentors
- Black Student Achievement Program Liaison
- Hispanic Achievement Liaison
- Alternative Education Program
- Licensed Mental Health Therapist
- Student of the Month Recognition
- Howard County Library Spelling Bee
- Jazz Band
- Student Council
- Talent Show
- TV studio and broadcast
- Passport to Success (College and Career Readiness Night)
- Memory Book Club
- DEN (Discuss, Enrich Nurture Advisory)
- Enrichment Fair and Art Show

Accomplishments

- 2017–18 PBIS Silver Award
- 2018 EPA Energy Star Award
- Award Winning Music Programs
- MD All- State Junior Band Participant
- HCPSS MS GT Band Participants
- HCPSS MS Honors Band Participants
- Award Winning MESA Program
- National Board Certified Teachers