

Patapsco Middle School

PROFILE

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Since opening its doors in 1969, Patapsco Middle School has maintained a tradition of high academic standards, positive school climate, and a strong collaborative relationship among the students, staff, families, and community. Patapsco Middle School staff members strive to create a positive school environment where each student has the opportunity for academic success with an emphasis on social, emotional well-being and development.

At Patapsco Middle, staff members recognize the uniqueness of middle school-aged students and challenge them to think creatively and critically as they grow as learners and people. Staff also encourage responsible decision-making, respect for self and others, and resilience for all Patapsco students.

The staff of Patapsco Middle understand the importance of a rigorous and relevant educational program that meets the needs of all students. Patapsco's comprehensive academic program is accompanied by many enriching opportunities, both within the school day as well as beyond normal school hours. The school offers a wide range of services, intramurals, clubs, and special programs designed specifically to meet the needs and interests of Patapsco's diverse student population.

Patapsco Middle School welcomes visitors and encourages the community to partner with them to ensure the success of all students. Patapsco is full of amazing people: students, staff, families, and community members. It is a school where everyone is valued and important!

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1969

Additions/Renovations

1974 (R), 1996, 2003 (R/A), 2004 (R/A)

School Capacity: 643

(This does not include additional capacity provided by 4 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 661

Official count 9/30/22

Ethnicity FY23

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	37.8%
Black/African American	10.7%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	10.0%
White	36.8%
Two or more races	≤5.0%

Students Receiving Special Services FY22

Free/Reduced Meals	15.4%
English Learners	7.7%
Special Education	7.0%

Administrators:

Kelly Hearn, Principal
Heather Dinicola, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships

- Bethany Korean United Methodist Church
- Chesapeake Shakespeare Co.
- Crossroads Church of the Nazarene
- Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc.
- Horizon Foundation
- Howard County Library, Miller Branch
- Junior Achievement of Central Maryland, Inc.
- UMBC Education Department
- Vocelli Pizza

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Achievement Data

Accomplishments

PMS Performance on State Tests*

Measure	FY18 Results	FY19 Results
Percent Proficient Mathematics	66.0%	60.4%
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	57.0%	59.4%
Percent Proficient Science	62.4%	65.4%

*State tests were not administered in FY20 or FY21 due to the pandemic. 2022 state assessment results have delayed reporting due to the standard setting process.

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

Special Programs

- Clubs: Art, Best Buddies, Book Club, Drama, Dungeons & Dragons, Family Engagement, Glee Club, Film/TV Production, Homework, Knitting, Lego Buddies Memory Book, Safe Space, Science Club, Women's Empowerment, Yoga, etc.
- Alpha Achievers
- Career Day
- Change Matters
- Clubs
- Culture Day
- Debate
- Delta Scholars
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Team
- Drama and Shakespeare Study
- ESOL
- Extended Day Program
- Flag Football
- Gifted & Talented
- Geography Bee
- Honor Roll Recognition
- Hour of Code
- International Table Soccer
- JA Finance
- Knight News Network
- Knight Time
- Math Counts
- MESA
- Music Programs: Jazz Ensemble, Knight Music: 8th Grade Recital, Percussion Ensemble, and String Quartet
- National Bee: Geography
- National Mock Student Election
- Outdoor Education Program
- Parent Empowerment Knight
- Patapsco Performers Drama Group
- Photography
- Positive Postcards
- Positive Referrals
- Recycling Team
- School Newspaper
- School Wellness
- Shakespeare Residency
- Spirit Days
- Stock Market/Financial Literacy
- Student Ambassador
- Student Leadership Cadre (Knights of the Round Table)
- Student of the Month
- Turkey Trot
- WEengineer
- World Language
- Writers Guild
- Writers Workshop
- Yearbook

- Howard County GT Middle School Chorus, Band, Orchestra and Sinfonia
- Howard County Vocal and Instrumental Solo and Ensemble Festival
- Howard County Honors Chorus, Orchestra and Band
- Maryland Junior All-State Band, Choir and Orchestra participants
- Music in the Parks Festival 1st Place winners; Best overall Chorus, Band and Orchestra 2021
- MESA 1st Place Winners
- MESA 3rd Place Nationally
- "Our Voice" literary magazine publications
- 50th Anniversary Recognition by Howard County Executive
- HCPSS Affirmative and Negative Debate Winners for 2021–2022