

Patapsco Middle School

PROFILE

2017-18

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Since opening our doors in 1969, Patapsco Middle School has maintained a tradition of high academic standards, positive school climate, and a strong collaborative relationship among the community, staff and students. At Patapsco, we work hard to create an atmosphere of exploration and accomplishment so that each student has the opportunity for academic success and positive character development. Students are the number one priority.

As a school community, we recognize the uniqueness of middle school-aged students and challenge them to think creatively and critically as they strive for excellence. We encourage responsible decision-making and respect for self and others. Patapsco Middle is committed to having all students meet the rigorous performance standards established by county, state, and national agencies in order to promote college and career readiness.

Recognizing the importance of a well-balanced educational program that meets the needs of all our students, our academic program features comprehensive coursework that is complemented by a large variety of enriching and supplemental opportunities both within the school day as well as beyond normal school hours. We offer a wide range of services and special programs designed specifically to meet the needs of our diverse student population.

We welcome visitors to Patapsco and encourage our community members to partner with us to ensure the success of all our students. Talented staff, involved families, and respectful students make Patapsco a great place to work and learn!

Cynthia Dillon, Principal
Michael Cometa, Assistant Principal

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 2 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 706

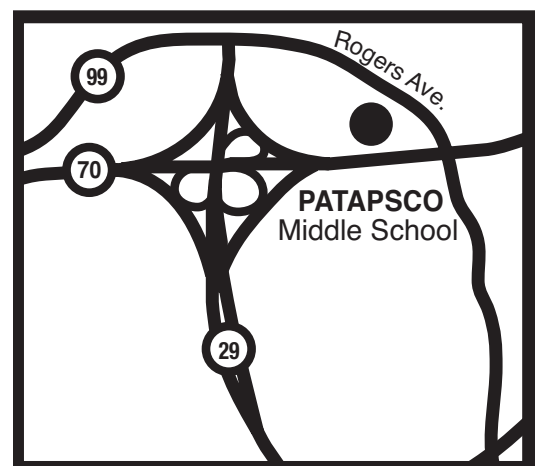
Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan	0.3%
Asian	33.6%
Black/African American	11.2%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.3%
Hispanic/Latino	6.8%
White	45.2%
Two or more races	2.7%

Students Receiving Special Services 2016-17

Free/Reduced Lunch	14.9%
Ltd. English Proficient	≤5.0%
Special Education	6.0%

PTA members: 350



Achievement Data

PARCC Assessment Performance Results – Patapsco MS

Performance Level	Mathematics			English Language Arts		
	2017	2016	2015	2017	2016	2015
Level 5: Exceeded expectations	10.2%	8.5%	6.4%	11.1%	9.7%	8.1%
Level 4: Met expectations	55.2%	54.6%	51.7%	47.0%	48.0%	44.2%
Level 3: Approached expectations	18.8%	20.2%	26.1%	24.4%	25.4%	28.4%
Level 2: Partially met expectations	11.5%	10.3%	11.1%	12.3%	9.7%	12.9%
Level 1: Did not meet expectations	<=5	6.4%	<=5%	5.2%	7.3%	6.4%

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

Special Programs

- Clubs: Arts & Crafts, Basketball, Book Club, Cross Country, Debate, Drama, Dungeons & Dragons, Film/TV Production, Flag Football, Grammar Groupies, Green Team, Homework, Lego Robotics, Memory Book, Spanish Conversation, Tchoukball, Volleyball
- Battle of the Books
- CodeHER Club
- Drama, Dungeons, & Dragons
- Enrichment Fair
- Extended Day Program
- Guilds: Literary and Writers
- Hall of Acknowledgment Honor Roll
- International Table Soccer
- Knight Morning Show
- Knight Time
- Mathathon/Math Olympiad/Math Counts
- MESA
- Music Programs: Jazz Club, Jazz Ensemble, Knight Music: 8th Grade Recital, Percussion Ensemble, World Music Drumming Ensemble, and String Quartet
- National Bees: Geography, History, and Script's Spelling
- National Mock Student Election
- Noble Knights
- Outdoor Education Program
- Patapsco Pals
- Patapsco Faire
- Patapsco Performers Drama Group
- "Patapsco's Promise" Service Learning Program
- Professional Development School
- Six Flags Read to Succeed
- Shakespeare Residency
- Student Council

Accomplishments

- Bright Minds "Composers in the Cloud" Grant, 2015, 2016
- Healthy Howard School – Gold
- Howard County GT Middle School Chorus, Band, Orchestra and Sinfonia
- Howard County Vocal and Instrumental Solo and Ensemble Festival
- Howard County 6th Grade Honors Chorus, Orchestra, and Band
- Maryland Certified Green School
- Maryland Junior All-State Band and Orchestra participants
- Music in the Parks Festival 1st Place winners
- MESA 1st Place Winners
- STEM Sweepstakes Winner, 2014
- STEM Computer Science and Chemistry Winners, 2015
- Stock Market Game State and Regional Winners (Regional winner Spring 2016)

Educational Partnerships:

- Aristotle Circle Peer Tutors
- Chesapeake Shakespeare Company
- The Horizon Foundation
- Howard County Food Bank
- Howard County General Hospital, A Member of Johns Hopkins Medicine
- Howard County Library, Miller Branch
- Junior Achievement of Central Maryland, Inc.
- Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems
- UMBC Education Department
- Vocelli Pizza