

# Patuxent Valley Middle School

## PROFILE

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Patuxent Valley Middle School, Home of the Bulldogs, has as its mission to develop an environment where students, staff, and parents work together to enhance student achievement and develop a thriving educational center within the community. PVMS's conviction is that all students will be successful and will meet or exceed local, state and national standards; but more importantly, students will be high-school ready by the end of eighth grade.

The middle school years are a time of very active learning about oneself, relationships with others, and the larger world. PVMS staff want to ensure that students have the right tools, knowledge, and guidance to have a healthy and positive experience. They are committed to providing a place where teaching and learning are exciting and students are guided to handle increased responsibilities.

The staff at Patuxent Valley Middle School is proud to serve the unique academic, physical, social and emotional needs of students. PVMS offers students wonderful opportunities to learn and grow in challenging and supportive environments as they transition from childhood to adolescence. They celebrate that each student will change and develop significantly over the course of these three years.

In addition, Patuxent Valley is a participant in the Professional Development Schools Programs partnered with Towson University. Patuxent Valley serves as an institution where the latest research and instructional strategies are used to ensure exemplary teaching for student learning.

### Fast Facts

**Facility opened:** 1989

**Additions/Renovations**  
2017 (R)

**School Capacity:** 760

**Total Enrollment:** 767  
*Official count 9/30/22*

#### Ethnicity FY23

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	12.3%
Black/African American	46.0%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	20.6%
White	15.4%
Two or more races	5.5%

#### Students Receiving Special Services FY22

Free/Reduced Meals	43.8%
English Learners	8.7%
Special Education	10.5%

#### Administrators:

Richard Smart, Principal  
Carol Ketterman, Assistant Principal  
LaVerne Porter, Assistant Principal

#### Educational Partnerships

- Bethel Assembly of God
- Bright Minds Foundation
- Continental Societies, Inc.,  
Southeastern Howard/Laurel Chap.
- Grassroots Day Resource Center
- GenCyber Camp
- HopeWorks
- Howard County Library, Savage  
Branch & STEM Education Center
- MOM's Organic Market

*Updated December 2022*

## Achievement Data

### PVMS Performance on State Tests\*

Measure	FY18 Results	FY19 Results
Percent Proficient Mathematics	38.0%	36.5%
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	46.2%	48.7%
Percent Proficient Science	---	40.7%

\*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

- 7th Grade Math Review
- 8th Period After School Program, Academic Enrichment
- African American History Seminar
- Art Club
- Arts & Crafts Club
- Asian Culture & Anime Club
- Book Club
- BSAP (Black Student Achievement Program)
- Comic Book Club
- Computer Coding Club
- Dance Team
- Documentary Film
- Dungeons and Dragons
- GT Seminars
- HBCU Club
- Hispanic Student Achievement Program and Liaison
- Hispanic College & Career Workshop
- Hispanic Heritage Club
- Homework Organization Clubs
- International Family Night
- International Society
- Jazz Band
- Math 6, 7 & 8 Support
- MLL Reading, Math, and Language Support Clubs
- Morning News Television Production
- National History Day Competition
- National Junior Honor Society
- Our Voice Magazine creative writing submissions
- College and Career Fair
- Peaceful Minds Club
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), PVMS Bulldog B.A.R.K. Incentive Program,
- PVMS Basketball Teams, Girls' & Boys'
- Red Ribbon Week
- Reading Comprehension Support
- Robotics
- Running Club
- Sign Language Club
- Spelling Bee
- Step Team
- Student Council
- Student Service Learning Support
- World Language Academic Support
- Yearbook Club

## Accomplishments

- GT Band Participants
- HCAC Artist in Residency Grant Winner
- HCPSS Choir Assessment: Superior ratings (qualified for MMEA State Assessment)
- HCPSS Band Assessment: Superior and Excellent Ratings (qualified for MMEA State Assessment)
- HCPSS Orchestra Assessment: Superior Ratings (qualified for MMEA State Assessment)
- Healthy Howard MS Innovation Award
- Howard County Conservancy
- Howard County History Day Winner
- Maryland State History Day Winner
- MMEA Band Assessment: Excellent/Superior Ratings
- MMEA Orchestra Assessment Excellent Ratings
- County Debate Participant
- Howard County Middle School Film Festival Participant
- National Board-Certified Teachers
- NSA GenCyber Program
- Regional Robotics Qualifier Participant
- Young Authors Winners
- Our Voice magazine Photography and Writing Publications
- Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) member school since 2020
- Robinson Nature Center
- Theatre Productions Fall & Spring
- Student elected 2nd Vice President of MASC (2021)
- Student elected 2nd Vice President of HCASC (2022)