



# FAST FACTS

## Howard County Public School System

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### Our Vision

Every student and staff member embraces diversity and possesses the skills, knowledge and confidence to positively influence the larger community.

### Our Mission

HCPSS ensures academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student in an inclusive and nurturing environment that closes opportunity gaps.

### Our System

#### 77 Schools

42 elementary schools  
20 middle schools  
12 high schools  
3 education centers

#### Total Enrollment: 57,293\*

Pre-K: 1,014  
Elementary (K-5): 24,335  
Middle (6-8): 13,710  
High (9-12): 18,234

\*Official count (9/30/20)

#### Operating Budget FY21

\$918.7 million

#### Capital Budget FY21

\$102.4 million

#### Per Pupil Budgeted Expenditure FY21

\$87.61 per day/\$15,770 per year

### Our Staff

- 4,749<sup>^</sup> classroom teachers, 79% of whom hold a master's degree or above
- Total staff: 8,570

#### Staff Diversity<sup>†</sup>

Total Staff	28%
New Teachers	33%
School Administrators	31%

Data as of 10/15/20. Includes staff on long-term leave.

<sup>^</sup>Does not include vacancies (available to fill or unallocated) as of 10/15/2020.

<sup>†</sup>Proportion self-identifying in minority groups. Employees not declaring race/ethnicity are reported to MSDE as "all races/ethnicities." They are represented in these figures as diverse.

### Our Students

#### Race/Ethnicity FY21

Asian	23.3%
Black/African American	24.7%
Hispanic/Latino	12.5%
White	32.8%
Other	≤5.0%
Two or more races	6.3%

#### Students Receiving Special Services FY20

Free/Reduced-price Meals	22.8%
English Learners	6.0%
Special Education	10.0%

#### Attendance Rate FY19

All Grades ≥95%

#### Gifted and Talented Program FY20

Percentage of students who have participated in Gifted and Talented Education Program offerings:  
Grades K-5\*\* 67%  
Grades 6-8 59%  
Grades 9-12 67%

\*\* Primary Talent Development programming delivered to all students in K-Grade 1.

#### Graduation Rate FY19: 93%<sup>††</sup>

<sup>††</sup>4-year adjusted cohort

#### Class of 2020

65 National Merit Finalist scholarships

#### HCPSS Performance on State Tests\*

Measure	FY18 Results			FY19 Results		
	ES	MS	HS	ES	MS	HS
Percent Proficient Mathematics	57.5%	55.2%	66.9%	56.7%	53.7%	69.9%
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	56.5%	57.9%	60.2%	57.8%	60.5%	70.7%
Percent Proficient Science	---	---	---	42.6%	53.9%	---

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

#### SAT Scores and Participation (Senior Class Only)

School Year	Number	Percent Participating	Mean Scores		
			Evidenced-based Reading & Writing	Mathematics	Composite Score
2019-20	3,313	77.9%	595	600	1195
2018-19	3,155	80.4%	596	606	1202
2017-18	3,133	80.5%	599	607	1206

#### Advanced Placement Test Results

School Year	Number of Exams Taken	Students taking an AP Exam	Exams with Score of 3	Exams with Score of 4	Exams with Score of 5
2019-20	11,164	28.4	26.1	28.7	27.0
2018-19	11,198	28.5	27.5	27.9	27.1
2017-18	11,358	29.7%	26.3%	28.1%	27.1%

The Maryland School Report cards for HCPSS can be found at:  
<https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov>

### Our Classrooms

#### Class Size Targets

Grade Level	Teacher/student ratio
Kindergarten	1:22
Grades 1-2	1:20
Grades 3-5	1:26
Middle	1:21
High	1.4:28

Ratio of computers to students: 1:2

Classrooms with internet access: 100%