



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

78 Schools

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

Total Enrollment: 57,633*

Elementary (PreK–5): 25,987
Middle (6–8): 13,129
High (9–12): 18,254
Special Schools: 263

*Official count (9/30/23)

Operating Budget FY24

\$1.1 billion

Capital Budget FY24

\$109.1 million

Per Pupil Budgeted Expenditure FY24

\$107.94 per day/\$19,430 per year

Our Staff

- 4,934[^] classroom teachers, 79% of whom hold a master's degree or above
- Total staff: 9,177

Staff Diversity[†]

Total Staff	32%
New Teachers	30%
School Administrators	34%

Data as of 10/15/23. Includes staff on long-term leave.

[^]Does not include vacancies (available to fill or unallocated) as of 10/15/23.

[†]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 FY24

Asian	23.7%
Black/African American	24.8%
Hispanic/Latino	13.9%
White	30.3%
Other	≤5.0%
Two or more races	6.8%

Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced-price Meals	30.2%
Multilingual Learners	7.2%
Special Education	11.1%

Attendance Rate FY23

All Grades	93.6%
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Gifted and Talented Program FY23

Percentage of students who have participated in Gifted and Talented Education Program offerings:

Grades K–5**	67%
Grades 6–8	59%
Grades 9–12	70%

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

Graduation Rate FY23: 92.6%^{††}

^{††}4-year adjusted cohort

Class of 2023

52 National Merit Finalist scholarships

HCPSS Performance on State Tests*

Measure	2022 Results			2023 Results		
	ES	MS	HS	ES	MS	HS
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	55.9%	59.4%	70.4%	60.3%	61.5%	69.9%
Percent Proficient English Mathematics	47.1%	36.2%	55.3%	50.5%	39.1%	56.6%
Percent Proficient Science	45.0%	54.3%	---	48.3%	42.3%	---

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

SAT Scores and Participation (Senior Class Only)

School Year	Number	Percent Participating	Mean Scores		
			Evidenced-based Reading & Writing	Mathematics	Composite Score
2022-23	2,787	66.8%	602	600	1202
2021-22	2,777	64.0%	606	611	1217
2020-21	2,231	52.2%	614	622	1235

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
2022-23	12,005	29.5	24.3	27.4	27.9
2021-22	10,542	27.1	24.1	26.0	28.1
2020-21	8,906	23.0	25.3	27.4	25.0

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

Our Classrooms

Class Size Targets

Class Level	Teacher/student ratio
Kindergarten	1:22 with an upper range of 23
Grade 1–2	1:20 with an upper range of 24 Title I and 25 non-Title I
Grade 3–5	1:26 with an upper range of 30 Title I and 31 non-Title I
Middle	1:19.8 with an upper range of 33
High	1:21.1 with an upper range of 33

Ratio of devices to students

Grade	Ratio	Device location
PreK	+	home
PreK–2	*	school
3–5	1:2	school
6–12	1:1	home/school

+ as requested

*Number of devices are equal to the PreK–2 largest grade level, and are shared by those three grades, as needed.