



Our System

- 72 schools
 - 39 elementary schools
 - 1 pre-k through grade 8 school
 - 18 middle schools
 - 12 high schools
 - 2 special schools
- Total enrollment: 48,918
- Per pupil expenditure:
 - \$74.39 per day
 - \$13,390 per year
- Ranks among Maryland's top school districts on the Maryland School Assessments
- \$657 million operating budget for Fiscal Year 2009
- 1.7% of budget for administrative costs

Our Classrooms

- Teacher/student ratio targets:

Kindergarten	1:22
Grades 1-2	1:19
Grades 3-5	1:25
Grades 6-8	1:20.5
Grades 9-12	1:23.5
- Ratio of computers to students: 1:4
- Classrooms with Internet access: 99%

Our Teachers

- Howard County employs 4,563 teachers
- 61% hold master's degrees or above
- Average years of experience: 12.4
- Salary range: \$44,527 - \$89,886

Our Students

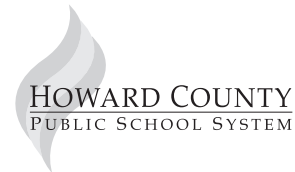
- More than 90% of Howard County graduates continue their education beyond high school with 64% attending four-year colleges or universities.
- Class of 2008 National Merit finalists: 31 students
- Class of 2008 SAT:
 - 70.4% students tested
 - Verbal/Critical Reading Score: 540
 - Mathematics Score: 557
 - Writing Score: 544
- Attendance Rate:

Grades 1-5	96.3%
Grades 6-8	96.0%
Grades 9-12	95.0%
- Drop-out rate (Grades 9-12): 1.4%*
* State satisfactory standard is 3% or less.
- Over 2,000 students participate in our English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program, representing 77 different languages, (primarily Spanish and Korean) and 88 different countries.
- Percentage of students who have participated in a variety of Gifted and Talented Education Program offerings:

K to Grade 5	43%
Grades 6-8	43%
Grades 9-12	41%

What others are saying...

- The July 2007 issue of *Forbes* magazine listed the HCPSS among the top 10 school districts in the nation when it comes to providing the best public education for the price.
- The HCPSS is proud to have been recognized as 2008 Large Business of the Year by the Howard County Chamber of Commerce.



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