

Atholton High School

PROFILE

2008-09

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Atholton High School is an exceptional comprehensive high school with a committed group of highly qualified staff members who provide a rigorous and relevant curriculum for all students. Atholton's academic program is tailored to meet the needs of all students, with courses ranging from Advanced Placement and Gifted and Talented to an award winning Special Education Department. Course offerings are diversified to meet student interests and include Forensic Science, Computer Programming, Journalism, Photography, Psychology, World Languages, Calculus, SAT Prep, and Jazz Band. Additionally, Atholton's award-winning Army JROTC program provides leadership and academic skill training for 160 cadets.

Atholton's staff members are dedicated to providing an inclusive co-curricular and extracurricular program to meet our students' diverse needs and interests. We offer after-school academic support programs to help students meet with success in their classes and on the state-mandated High School Assessments. We also offer co-curricular clubs such as the Math Team, National Honor Society, Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement, Future Business Leaders of America, and Drama Club. Students with varied extracurricular interests may choose to participate in clubs such as Best Buddies, Multicultural Club, Red Cross Club, Students Helping Other People, and a full range of state championship athletic teams.

Atholton High School is proud to be a school where we are Inspiring Excellence Together!

Marcia L. Leonard, Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened - 1966

Additions/Renovations

1972, 1977, 1978, 1987 (A), 1988, 1997 (R), 2003 (R)(A)

School Capacity: 1,332

(This does not include additional capacity provided by a portable classroom.)

Total Enrollment: 1,419

Student Mobility 2007-08

2.1% Entrants

2.9% Withdrawals

Ethnicity

White	64.5%
African American	17.1%
Asian	14.2%
Hispanic	3.7%
Native American	0%
Unidentified	0.5%

Students Receiving Special Services 2007-08

Ltd. English Proficient	0%
Free/Reduced Lunch	4.4%
Special Education	8.6%

Dropout Rate: 0.41%

PTA members: 833



Achievement Data

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HSA data will be included in future profiles as it becomes available.
The Class of 2009 is the first class that must fulfill the HSA requirement in order to graduate.

SAT Scores and Participation					
School Year	N	Percent Participating	Atholton HS Mean Scores		
			Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
2005-2006	278	81.0	555	576	564
2006-2007	249	80.8	559	572	548
2007-2008	287	78.8	559	574	562

Other Facts

Educational Partnerships: 11

Class of 2008 Documented Decisions

Attend a 4-year college	75.2%
Attend a 2-year college	22.0%
Specialized school, training	0%
Employment	1.4%
Enter the military	1.4%

National Merit finalists: 4

62 student clubs
 33 interscholastic sports teams

One of top two schools in Howard County on all Maryland High School Assessments

One of top two schools in Howard County in all HCPSS Goal 2 parent survey areas

Accomplishments

2008

- Community Action Council Award for community service
- Future Educators Association presentation at national conference
- Senior Class earned \$9 million in scholarship offers
- Maryland State Championship in Boys Cross Country
- Maryland State Finalists in Softball and Field Hockey
- Maryland PTA Educator of the Year, Marcy Leonard

2007

- Milken Foundation Educator Award winner, Mabrooka Chaudry
- Maryland PTA Educator of the Year, Donna Schwab
- Howard County Advocate of the Year, Diane Kelley
- Maryland State Championship in Girls Basketball

2006

- Washington Post Educator of the Year, Mary Brzezinski
- National recognition for inclusion of disabled athletes
- Highest rating for JROTC evaluation
- Highest ratings for Band, Choir, and Orchestra Adjudications
- Senior Class earned over \$9 million in scholarship offers
- 40th Anniversary - 40 years of Inspiring Excellence Together!

Special Programs

- Academic Life Skills
- Alternative Education
- Black Student Achievement Program
- Career Research and Development
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Future Educators Association
- Head Start Partnership
- High School Assessment Intervention Program
- JROTC
- Ninth Grade Team
- Peer Mediation
- Reading Acceleration
- Step It Up to rigorous courses
- Student Leadership Cadre
- Teacher Leadership Cadre