

Hammond High School

PROFILE

2008-09

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Hammond High School has been in existence as a central part of its community for 30 years. Over the three decades of educating the diverse population of students, Hammond's dedicated staff has continually demonstrated its commitment to providing a positive environment for the intellectual, social, emotional and physical development of all students. Hammond's staff works diligently to engage our students in the classroom, the arts, athletics, drama, clubs, and other after-school activities. We know that by offering programs for our students in all these areas, they will be highly productive members of the community and will possess the critical skills for success for their entire lives.

There are several key components that are present in the Hammond High School community that enhance our children's journey into their post high school life. Quite a few Hammond High alumni are employed in the school as teachers. There is a clear focus on instruction for student success at Hammond. Business partnerships, formal and informal, support a wide variety of activities throughout the year. We have an active PTSA, Boosters organization, Black Student Achievement Program, Best Buddies, and an award winning "It's Academic" team. Hammond also has exceptional dance, music and theater arts programs.

Hammond High School's vision is to create an environment where every man, woman, and child who enters our doors will prosper. As a school community, we are committed to working collaboratively to support this vision. We are proud of our school, its generous community members, and our belief that our children can achieve at a high level.

Sterlind S. Burke, Sr., Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened - 1976

Additions/Renovations:
1996 (A), 1998 (R)

School Capacity: 1,332
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 2 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 1,280

Student Mobility 2007-08

6.3% Entrants

8.0% Withdrawals

Ethnicity

White 48.6%

African American 35.9%

Asian 8.4%

Hispanic 6.1%

Native American 0.6%

Unidentified 0.6%

Students Receiving Special Services 2007-08

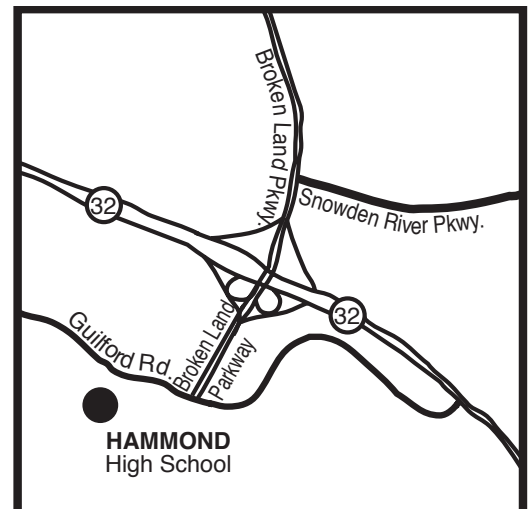
Ltd. English Proficient 3.7%

Free/Reduced Lunch 16.1%

Special Education 11.3%

Dropout Rate: 2.02%

PTA members: 244



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	Hammond HS Mean Scores		
			Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
2005-2006	201	65.5	541	539	531
2006-2007	222	66.1	511	507	511
2007-2008	214	62.6	514	515	509

More Accomplishments

Special Education Department - Co-teaching is an instructional strategy used, giving students specialized instruction in a general education setting.

Theatre Department stages two school-wide productions annually in addition to the Advanced Theatre classes performing a collection of One Acts in May.

World Language Department sponsors National Honor Society Chapters for French, German, Italian, and Spanish. Hammond students also participate in Poetry Alive Contest. Students also participate in the annual World Languages Spring Showcase.

The **Ninth-Grade Team** focuses on the needs of the 9th grade learner to ensure a successful student transition from middle school into high school. In addition, the BEARS (Behavior, Excellence, Attendance, Respect, and Safety) recognizes 9th grade students who demonstrate positive behaviors.

National Merit Finalists: 1

Special Programs

Alternative Education Program
 Early Childhood Development - Little Bear Nursery
 Gifted and Talented Research Program - college-level research with mentors
 Emotionally Handicapped Program
 Life Skills Program
 Project Lead the Way

Class of 2008 Documented Decisions

Attend a 4-year college	46.2%
Attend a 2-year college	42.0%
Specialized school/training	1.9%
Employment	6.1%
Enter the military	.03%

Accomplishments

Art Department participates in school, local, state, and national juried exhibitions; students maintain and restore Inner Harbor Carousel. Art Staff named High School Career Teacher of the Year by Maryland State Art Ed Association.

Dance Department - Students have been awarded and honored in the Maryland Distinguished Scholar in the Arts, The Washington Post Arts Scholars, and Maryland All State Dancers. Brooke Kuhl-McClelland was named the 2006-2007 Howard County Teacher of the Year.

English Department

In 2008, 69 students took AP tests in English. Hammond had a National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Award Winner in Writing. Students won a variety of writing contests on the the local and state level.

ESOL Department

Consists of 45 students learning English who speak over 20 different languages. The co-teaching model is used in HSA classes including American Government, Biology, and English 10.

Gifted and Talented Research Program

Through technology and onsite visitations, students explore college/career interests, write knowledge-based papers supported by research, and present projects to classes and Student Learning Conference.

Math Department - Students at all grade levels compete county-wide on our Math Team. Participation in the University of Maryland Mathematics Competition is high and increases every year.

Music Department - Performing ensembles include Symphonic and Concert Bands, Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble, Orchestra, Concert Choir, Madrigals, and Barbershop Quartets.

Physical Education and Health Education -

The Health education program certifies several hundred students in American Red Cross Adult CPR each year helping to make the Hammond High community a safer place to live.

Science Department - Instrumental in leading faculty toward technology as a teaching tool, encouraging students to individually participate in research programs.

Social Studies Department fosters civic responsibility through Student Government Association Mock Trial competition. Leadership Course and strong student participation in It's Academic Team.