

# Howard High School

## PROFILE

2008-09

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Howard High School, in its 56th year, serves families from Ellicott City, Elkrigde and Columbia. The population is both culturally and economically diverse with over three quarters of our graduates enrolling in post-secondary institutions.

Like all other Howard County high schools, Howard High has a yearlong schedule that provides students with the opportunity to earn seven credits. Our daily schedule is composed of five 50-minute periods and one pair of alternating classes of 100 minutes each. We encourage all our students to complete their four-year high school program in creative ways including concurrent enrollment, new programs offered at the Applications and Research Lab, and mentorships. We encourage the acquisition of knowledge that will offer multiple options for college or career upon graduation.

The school improvement process drives the instructional programs offered at Howard High School in close alignment with the Howard County Public School System goals and the initiatives of the Maryland State Department of Education. Our School Improvement Team and our Leadership Team focus on data driven decision-making that will identify, develop, and implement strategies and programs that will benefit and enhance the achievement of all students in all student groups. The continuous professional development of our staff in alignment with these goals and strategies is a top priority in order to better serve the needs of all our students. We pride ourselves in working to create an educational environment that will improve our community and the world at large.

Gina Massella, Principal

### Fast Facts

**Facility opened** - 1952

**Additions/Renovations** - 1960, 1964, 1971, 1975, 1977, 2001 (A)(R), 2002 (R), 2004, 2006

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

**Total Enrollment:** 1,517

#### Student Mobility 2007-08

2.7% Entrants  
4.3% Withdrawals

#### Ethnicity

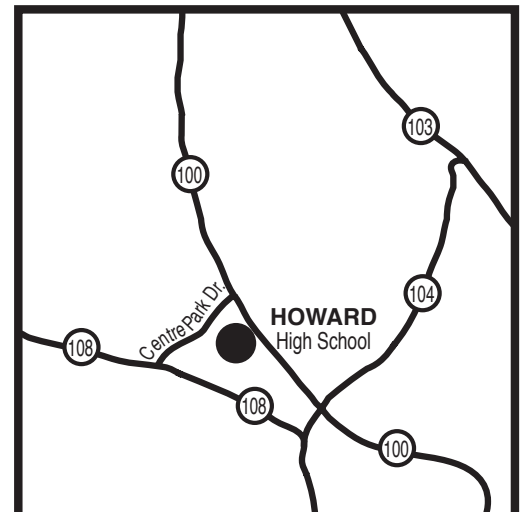
White	66.7%
African American	20.3%
Asian	8.5%
Hispanic	3.9%
Native American	0.1%
Unidentified	0.4%

#### Students Receiving Special Services 2007-08

Ltd. English Proficient	0%
Free / Reduced Lunch	5.8%
Special Education	9.6%

**Dropout Rate:** .68%

**PTA members:** 514



## Achievement Data

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	Howard HS Mean Scores		
			Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
2005-2006	227	71.2	515	537	508
2006-2007	241	73.5	510	536	515
2007-2008	230	69.7	518	525	525

## Accomplishments

- Number in Senior Class: 314
- National Merit Commended Scholars: 6
- Maryland Distinguished Scholars: (Academic)
- Semi-Finalists: 2 Finalists: 2 Honorable Mention: 33
- Maryland Distinguished Scholars of the Arts
- Finalists: 1 Honorable Mention: 4
- Community/Business and College Scholarships: 95
- Scholarships Awarded: 5.5 million
- Academy of Finance Graduates: 9
- National Honor Society Inductees: 63
- Girls Cross Country County, Regional and State Champions: 2006, 2007
- Boys Outdoor Track Regional and State Champions Class 2A: 2006
- Boys Outdoor Track County, Regional and State Champions 2A: 2007
- Boys Indoor Track County and Regional Champions 2A South: 2007
- Cheerleading County and Regional Champions: 2007

## Special Programs

- Howard's Scholars
- Academic Letters
- Academy of Finance (AOF)
- Alternative Education Programs (ALPS)
- Character Education Program
- Culinary Academy
- Emergency Medical Service (EMS)
- Excellent Attendance
- Extended Day Program after school tutoring
- Maryland's Tomorrow
- Math, Engineering, Science Achievement
- Ninth Grade Transition Program
- Peer Tutoring
- Positive Behavioral Interventions System - grades 9, 10 and 11
- Project Lead The Way Engineering
- Project Leo
- Reading Acceleration Program
- Scientist-In-Residence
- Teacher Academy
- Weight Training for Senior Citizens

### Class of 2008 Documented Decisions

Attend a 4-year college	59.9%
Attend a 2-year college	29%
Employment	8.6%
Enter the military	1.6%