

# Long Reach High School

## PROFILE

2008-09

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Long Reach High School, which opened in August 1996, is one of Howard County's more recently constructed high schools. The school serves an economically and culturally diverse population from a wide variety of highly supportive and involved communities, including the planned community of Columbia. Based upon the assumption that training people to enter the skilled work force is essentially the same as the education required for college entry, the majority of the student body is enrolled in college preparatory and technology courses, which integrates the strengths of academic education with the applications of career and technology education. A full, comprehensive high school program is available that prepares students for college, the business world and a wide variety of technological fields.

The Long Reach High School mantra is 'REACH'...Respect-Excellence-Academics-Character-Honor from which the Long Reach High School learning community of students, teachers and parents continually strive for excellence and continuous improvement. The school's staff is known for its dedication, caring attitude, effectiveness, and collaborative nature. We welcome and encourage our community members to become involved in our school programs and activities of which we are truly proud. Our school community is so diverse in its students, cultures and talents, and every effort is made to meet the needs of all students.

Long Reach uses a 7 credit, year-long semester scheduling model in which classes are approximately 50 minutes long. Period 4 is 110 minutes long and alternates between A and B day, allowing students to earn 7 credits in a 6-period day.

Edmund E. Evans, Principal

### Fast Facts

**Facility opened** - 1996

**School Capacity:** 1,332  
*(This does not include additional capacity provided by 3 portable classrooms.)*

**Total Enrollment:** 1,235

#### Student Mobility 2007-08

7.3% Entrants  
8.2% Withdrawals

#### Ethnicity

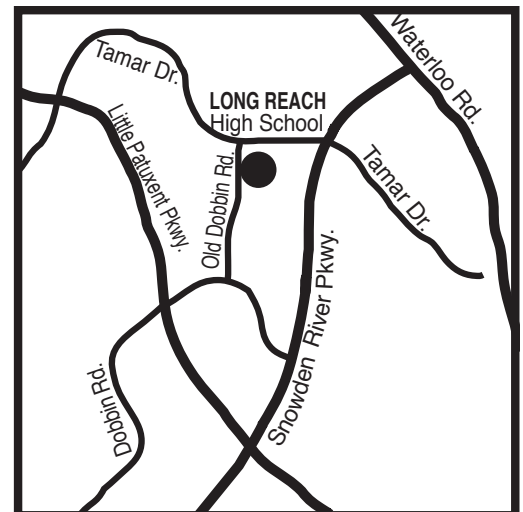
White	46.4%
African American	31.7%
Asian	12.2%
Hispanic	8.3%
Native American	0.3%
Unidentified	1.2%

#### Students Receiving Special Services 2007-08

Ltd. English Proficient	5.0%
Free / Reduced Lunch	16.9%
Special Education	8.9%

**Dropout Rate:** 1.76%

**PTA members:** 318



## Achievement Data

### Long Reach High School

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	Long Reach HS Mean Scores		
			Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
2005-2006	230	66.5	494	532	497
2006-2007	234	64.6	499	524	503
2007-2008	174	54.5	499	523	510

## Accomplishments

In addition to an excellent academic program, Long Reach High features an award-winning performing arts program which includes a marching band, symphonic band, jazz band, percussion ensemble, strings orchestra, chorus, madrigal group, dance company and drama program. Nearly 40 additional clubs, organizations, and activities are available for student participation and academic support. The school's athletic teams have earned over 30 state, regional, and county championship titles in girls outdoor track, boys outdoor track, girls indoor track, boys basketball, field hockey, football, and cheerleading since the school opened.

## Special Programs

- Academic Intervention Program
- Advanced Scholars Program
- Alternative Education Program
- Black Student Achievement
- Club Reach
- Comp. Special Services Program
- Cooperative Work Exp. Program
- 12 Educational Partnerships
- Gifted and Talented Resource Program
- Maryland's Tomorrow Dropout Prevention Program
- Peer Mediation Program
- Reading Acceleration Program
- Regional ESOL Program
- Renaissance Award
- Technology Magnet Program

## Other Facts

### Class of 2008

#### Documented Decisions

Attend a 4-year college	49.2%
Attend a 2-year college	20.2%
Specialized school/training	2.4%
Employment	4.4%
Enter the military	2.0%
Full-time employment and school	10.1%
Part-time employment and/or school	9.3%

National Merit Semifinalists: 2  
 National Merit Commended Students: 7  
 National Achievement Scholarship Program Semifinalists: 1  
 National Achievement Scholarship Recognition Program Students: 2  
 MD Distinguished Scholar Program Recognition: 23  
 Finalists - 1  
 Semifinalists - 1