

# Bonnie Branch Middle School

## PROFILE

2008-09

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Bonnie Branch Middle School is focused on being a beacon for academic success and community involvement. Just as the Sharks represent our school pride and spirit, the lighthouse beacon will direct our course toward school excellence. Our school nurtures a safe and caring learning community, ensures high academic standards for all students, and welcomes parent and community involvement.

As we focus on achievement, we strive to provide our students with many opportunities for learning and assessment. Reading, writing, and math skills are critical across content areas. It is expected that our students will perform successfully on essential curriculum mastery, ongoing assessments, and state-mandated tests, but it is equally critical that they be responsible students committed to their own learning potential. Many programs are already in place to support and enrich student achievement including reading for every student, before-school intervention programs, homework clubs, intramurals, and student recognition for outstanding performance and improvement.

Active community relationships and home-school communication through School Messenger, eSchoolnewsletter, and the monthly calendar help us expand learning from the school building into the home and throughout our students' daily lives. Our PTA plays an integral role in school activities, and parents are valued as key players in every child's academic program. Also, parents assume many volunteer roles which include tutoring, providing technology training, hosting parent discussion groups, and assisting staff in classroom and school events. Furthermore, as our students are learning to be community citizens, they are busy in many ways: a daily news broadcast, performing musical arts, and enrichment activities and projects in addition to student service learning projects that benefit our community, such as Book Kits and the BBMS Pantry.

The Bonnie Branch Middle School mission focuses on the 4 R's for success: readiness to learn, responsibility, respect, and reflection. Relationships and learning provide the foundation on which daily practices, traditions, and expectations are built. Navigating success with the Beamin' Beacon and the BBMS Sharks will ensure our school's course for the school year.

Carolyn Jameson, Principal  
Anne Brown, Assistant Principal

### Fast Facts

**Facility opened** - 1999

**School Capacity:** 662  
*(This does not include additional capacity provided by a portable classroom.)*

**Total Enrollment:** 690

#### Student Mobility 2007-08

3.0% Entrants  
4.0% Withdrawals

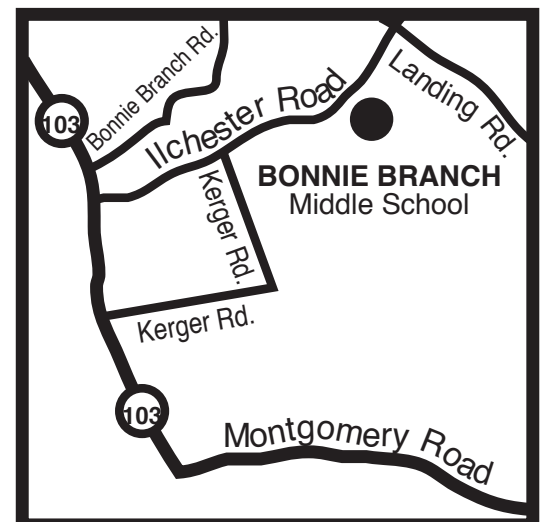
#### Ethnicity

White	60.1%
African American	25.7%
Asian	9.4%
Hispanic	4.2%
Native American	0.1%
Unidentified	0.4%

#### Students Receiving Special Services 2007-08

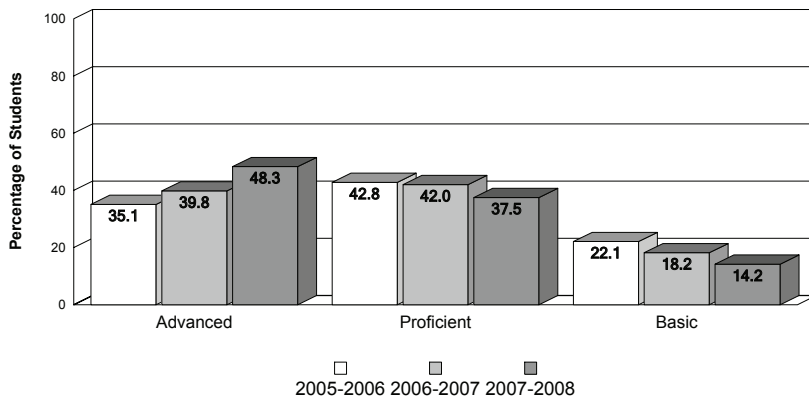
Ltd. English Proficient	2.5%
Free/Reduced Lunch	12.2%
Special Education	9.1%

**PTA members:** 300

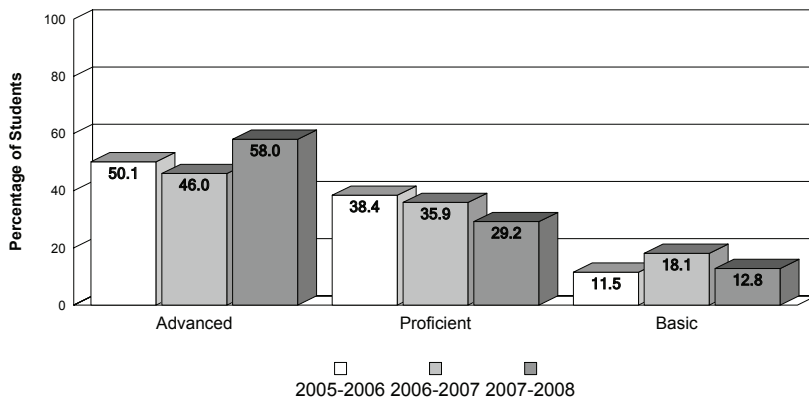


## Achievement Data

### Bonnie Branch Middle School MSA - Mathematics



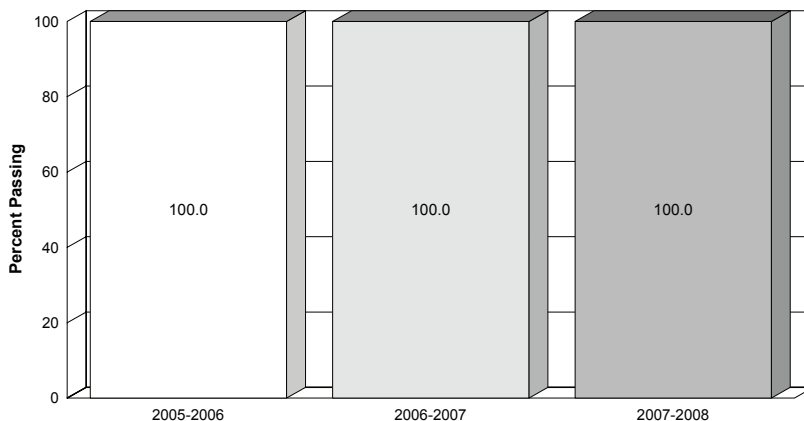
### MSA - Reading



### MSA Standards - Percent Advanced/Proficient

School Year	MSDE AYP Standards		Howard Cty Standard	Bonnie Branch MS	
	Reading	Mathematics		Reading	Mathematics
2005-2006	61.5	42.9	70.0	<b>88.50</b>	<b>77.90</b>
2006-2007	66.3	50.0	70.0	<b>81.90</b>	<b>81.80</b>
2007-2008	71.1	57.2	70.0	<b>87.20</b>	<b>85.80</b>

### Algebra HSA Passrates



## Accomplishments

- Maryland School Performance Recognition – 2004, '05, '06, '07
- African American Advanced Student Performance Recognition - 2004, '05, '06, '07
- Student leadership through WEB (Welcome Everybody) Ambassadors, Student Team Leaders and Safe School Advisory Committee, and Student Government (with School Improvement Team participation)
- Positive Behavior Program with Scholar Dollars and the Shark Store
- Annual School Play
- Monthly Students of the Month, Quarterly Honor Roll, and Annual Presidential Awards
- Staff meets Highly Qualified standards
- Annual Outdoor Education program
- Student participation in Howard County GT Orchestra, Honors Band, GT Chorus, and Maryland All-State Band and Orchestra
- PBIS Green Ribbon School Award
- Student After-School Intramurals
- Student 'Green Team' to encourage recycling and study building energy use
- S.T.E.M. After-School program – Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics
- Student-led Tennis Shoe Drive, which collected over 500 pairs of tennis shoes to recycle and donate
- School winner of the Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholars Program Scholarship, which provides a mentor and financial support through college
- Black History Poetry Night
- Black Saga After-School Program
- Field trip experiences, which are curriculum-based, include NASA Goddard Space-Flight Center, Newseum, Genessee Valley
- Student participation in Student Service Learning, specifically Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF
- "Building a House of Knowledge, One Book at a Time" Reading Initiative
- School Debate Team won the Howard County Debate Competition
- History Day students won second place in county competition and competed at state level
- Student in G/T Instructional Leadership Seminar coordinated school-wide "Dare Not To Swear" Challenge to encourage proper language, which has been adopted by many other Howard County schools