

Atholton High School

PROFILE

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Atholton is an exceptional comprehensive high school with a reputation of excellence. Atholton High School embraces a diverse student body committed to academic achievement and community involvement. Our highly qualified staff members provide a rigorous and relevant curriculum to prepare our students for college and career goals.

Atholton's instructional program is tailored to meet the needs of all our students and offers a broad spectrum of courses in a variety of levels. We also offer Computer Science, Accounting, Principles of Business and Marketing, Foundations of Technology, and Engineering Design. Other curriculum programs include World Languages, Art, Drama, Dance, Music, Physical Education, and an awarding winning Army JROTC program. We offer more than 50 co-curricular clubs to meet the interests of our students.

Atholton High is consistently ranked among the best high schools in the area. Student participation and performance on SAT, ACT and Advanced Placement tests place Atholton among the best in the state. Students are provided with opportunities to develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills necessary for success beyond high school.

Our school has four core values: strong relationships, outstanding achievement, integrity and diversity. These define who we are as a school and serve as the basis for all of our decisions. We are proud to be a school where we build lifelong learners, challenge students with rigorous instruction and nurture students in a safe environment.

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1966

Additions/Renovations

1972 (A), 1977 (A), 1988 (R/A), 1997 (R), 2003 (R/A); 2015 (R/A)

School Capacity: 1,530

Total Enrollment: 1,498

Official count 9/30/23

Ethnicity FY24

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	18.5%
Black/African American	31.4%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	13.5%
White	28.3%
Two or more races	8.1%

Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced Meals	26.3%
English Learners	≤5.0%
Special Education	8.9%

2022 Graduation Rate: ≥95%*

**4-year adjusted cohort*

Administrators:

Nick Novak, Principal
 Emma Bullock, Assistant Principal
 Markea Kelly, Assistant Principal
 Sam Richman, Assistant Principal
 Michael Senisi, AAM

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Achievement Data

AHS Performance on State Tests*

Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	66.2%	66.9%
Percent Proficient Mathematics	54.9%	57.0%

SAT Scores and Participation†

School Year	Number	Percent Participating	Atholton HS Mean Scores		
			Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW)	Mathematics	Composite
2022–23	213	65.9%	597	590	1187
2021–22	235	64.9%	608	604	1212
2020–21	231	61.6%	620	628	1248

† Senior class only

Advanced Placement Test Results

School Year	Number of Exams Taken	% Students Taking an AP Exam	% of Exams with Score of 3	% of Exams with Score of 4	% of Exams with Score of 5
2022–23	840	30.4%	27.5%	26.4%	23.5%
2021–22	739	25.6%	27.9%	26.5%	22.3%
2020–21	726	23.8%	28.2%	24.5%	21.9%

State accountability information can be accessed at <https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/>

Special Programs

- 54 student clubs
- 38 interscholastic sports teams, 4 allied sports teams
- 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
- Reading Acceleration
- Principal's Advisory Committee

Accomplishments

- National Merit Semifinalists: 5
- National Merit Commended: 2
- AP Scholars: 45
- AP Scholar with Honor: 29
- AP Scholar with Distinction: 63
- Maryland Seal of Biliteracy: 14
- JROTC program maintained status as an Honor Unit with Distinction, 2018 (since 2013)
- JROTC Drill Team competed in All-Army, National Drill Championships, 2015, 2018
- Orchestra – Orchestra Midwestern Invitation, 2017
- Girls Soccer – Regional Champions, 2017
- Football – State Quarterfinals, 2021
- Boys Basketball – State Semifinals, 2020
- Boys Soccer – Regional Champions, 2021
- Baseball – State Runner-Up, 2021

Educational Partnerships

- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter
- Ballet Mobile
- Columbia (MD) Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
- Columbia Association
- Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center
- Head Start, Old Cedar Lane
- Hickory Ridge Community Association
- Howard Community College
- Howard County Library, Central Branch
- Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City
- Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education, Green Schools Program
- Maryland MESA
- Owen Brown Community Association
- Prepare for Success, Community Action Council of Howard County
- Sundays At Three
- Sunrise Rotary Club of Ellicott City
- Sunrise Senior Living of Columbia
- The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County
- U.S. Army