

Guilford Park High School

PROFILE

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In its inaugural year, Guilford Park High School (GPHS) is home to 800 students in both Grade 9 and 10. We will grow to a full high school by the 2025–2026 school year with the addition of a Grade 9 class for the next two years.

Our school community started to take shape on November 17, 2022, when the Board of Education (BOE) finalized its Attendance Area Adjustment Plan for High School 13 (now GPHS). On February 9, 2023, the BOE officially approved the name Guilford Park High School.

Once our name was chosen, a focus group of future GPHS students generated a list of potential mascot options. On April 14, 2023, students and families selected the Panther as our official mascot. Selection of the Panther was just one of the ways the Classes of 2026 and 2027 have been able to leave their mark on GPHS.

As we continue our first year together, we have had many firsts including athletic victories as well as successful music, theater, and dance performances. We are proud of our community and will continue to provide all students with the opportunities, resources, and skills needed to excel in today's dynamic world.

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 2023

School Capacity: 1,658

Total Enrollment: 779
(9th and 10th grade only for 2023–24)
Official count 9/30/23

Ethnicity FY24

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	13.7%
Black/African American	35.3%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	24.3%
White	20.0%
Two or more races	6.3%

Administrators:

Josh Wasilewski, Principal
Samantha Filipiak, Assistant Principal
Adrienne Williams, Assistant Principal
Michael Lerner, AAM

Educational Partnerships

- Howard County Library, Savage Branch and STEM Education Center
- Ohana of Howard County

Updated December 2023

Environmental Features

The school is set to achieve a minimum LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) 'Silver' designation, making it an HCPSS "Green School." A "Green" school is a building designed to conserve energy, water and materials, thus reducing negative impacts on human health and the environment.

Roof mounted solar photovoltaic panels will generate electricity and reduce the amount of power needed from the power company by 18%.

Rainwater will leave the site at the same rate as before the site was developed. Native plant species will be planted around the school so that irrigation is not required. Underground cisterns will gather the rainwater to reduce the rate of run-off and can also be used to irrigate the sports fields. Micro-bioretenment areas have been built throughout the site to filter the impurities from the stormwater before it enters the local waterways.

LED lighting fixtures will be provided throughout the school—including the Stadium—and will include cut-off lights to reduce unwanted glare to the neighboring homes.

Dedicated recycling areas have been designed throughout both the exterior and interior of the school grounds to support the school's recycling program.

All materials used to create this high school have been selected for their sustainability features. The paint and adhesives are low VOC which contributes to better indoor air quality. In addition, many of the building finishes, such as the flooring, paint, insulation, doors, windows, and cabinetry are locally sourced and made of recycled materials.

Special Programs

- Band
- Beyond School Hours - Starting Second Semester
- Black Student Achievement Program Liaison
- Boosters
- Career Fair - Grade 10
- Career Readiness Advisor
- Chorus
- Hispanic Student Achievement Program Liaison
- Hour of Code
- Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program
- MESA (Math Engineering and Science Achievement) Program
- Ohana Mentorship Program
- Orchestra
- Publications (Yearbook and Journalism)
- PTSA
- Staff Wellness Grant
- 5K Reindeer Run and Winterfest

Activities and Clubs

- Acapella (Glee) Club
- Active Minds
- African Student Association/BSAP
- Anime/Animation ClubArt Club/National Art Honor Society
- Asian American & Pacific Islander Association
- Chess Club
- Class of 2026
- Class of 2027
- Coding Club
- Crochet Club
- Debate/Speech Club
- Desi Student Association
- Drama Club/Theater
- Educators Rising/Book Club
- Environmental Club
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- French ClubFreshman Class
- Latino/Latina Club
- MESA
- Math Team
- Modeling Club
- Newspaper and Yearbook Writing
- Plant Haven
- POMS
- SAGA/GSA
- Scholars Leadership Club
- Student Government (SGA)
- Swim Club (HCPSS independent club with a school component)
- Wellness Club
- Youth Climate

