

# Hammond High School

## PROFILE

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The motto at Hammond High School is “Where People Are Important,” and the staff and students exemplify that motto every day!

The diverse staff and student body work collaboratively to create a school that is built on the core values of Academic Achievement, Diversity, Honesty, Integrity, Perseverance, Personal Responsibility, and Respect. Students have access to a rigorous, college and career preparatory curriculum with courses at all levels of challenge, including Advanced Placement courses, Gifted and Talented classes, and inclusion courses for students with special needs. A vast array of courses are offered to engage all students in problem solving skills and career preparation, including Marine Biology, Journalism, Computer Science, PLTW, Culinary Science, Differential Equations, Psychology, Dance, Theatre, American Government, Photography, and Leadership. We have five career academies including Business, Computer Programming, Culinary, Teacher Academy, Engineering, and Project Lead the Way. This commitment to academic excellence ensures that all students are well prepared for their post-graduate college and career goals.

Hammond students build strong relationships and excel in their co-curricular and extracurricular endeavors. Hammond has more than 40 clubs, many dedicated to school and community service, academics, leadership, and spirit. Students partner each year with multiple civic and charitable organizations, such as the Savage Bread of Life Food Pantry, Grass Roots Multi Service Center, multiple churches, and the Howard County General Hospital to stock their shelves with food and to provide hundreds of hours of community service. Staff is very proud of students' accomplishments in the classroom (graduates have earned perfect SAT and ACT scores and are represented at Ivy League and other highly competitive colleges around the country), but staff members are even prouder of student's commitment to making Hammond a true learning community driven by collaboration, character, and compassion. In 2018, Hammond High School received the prestigious School of Opportunity designation as awarded by the National Education Policy Center.

Hammond's dedicated staff and talented students exemplify excellence in teaching and learning and create a school culture that values critical thinking, diversity, and the enthusiastic embrace of limitless possibilities!

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### Fast Facts

**Facility opened:** 1976

**Additions/Renovations:** 1996 (A), 1998 (R), 2011 (A), 2023 (A,R)

**School Capacity:** 1,445

*(This does not include additional capacity provided by 4 portable classrooms and an additional 12 during construction.)*

**Total Enrollment:** 1,167

*Official count 9/30/23*

#### Ethnicity FY24

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	11.4%
Black/African American	42.8%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	16.9%
White	21.4%
Two or more races	7.5%

#### Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced Meals	46.5%
English Learners	7.1%
Special Education	11.3%

**2022 Graduation Rate:** 90.6%\*

*\*4-year adjusted cohort*

#### Administrators:

Raymona Reid, Principal  
Ayanna McLean, Assistant Principal  
Jennifer Patterson, Assistant Principal  
Shannon Reed, Assistant Principal  
Frank White, Jr., Assistant Principal  
Michael Salapata, AAM

#### Educational Partnerships

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter • Apombee; Bridgeway Comm. Church • BSN SPORTS • Celebration Church • Chick-fil-A, Johns Hopkins Rd. • Columbia (MD) Alumnae Chapter • Delta Sigma Theta Sorority • Columbia Assn. • Columbia Comm. Center of Seventh-day Adventists • First Baptist Church of Guilford • Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center • HC Library, Savage Branch & STEM Educ. Center • Md. Assn. for Environmental & Outdoor Ed. • Mission19 • Prepare for Success • Rotary Club of Columbia-Patuxent • Scott Spedden-Farmers Insurance & Financial Services • Subway, Minstrel Way • Sundays At Three • Under Armour • Varsity Graphics • Youme Healthcare

## Achievement Data

### Hammond HS Performance on State Tests\*

Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	62.5%	61.6%
Percent Proficient English Mathematics	29.4%	33.3%

### SAT Scores and Participation†

School Year	Number	Percent Participating	Hammond HS Mean Scores		
			Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW)	Mathematics	Composite
2022–23	143	50.9%	554	532	1086
2021–22	150	50.2%	558	543	1101
2020–21	94	29.4%	592	573	1164

† 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	550	23.6%	24.7%	23.5%	18.5%
2021–22	336	13.4%	28.0%	22.9%	14.6%
2020–21	336	13.4%	28.0%	22.9%	14.6%

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

## Special Programs

- Academic Life Skills classes
- Advanced Placement Scholars
- Alpha Achievers
- Alternative Education Program
- Best Buddies Program
- Columbia Association Points Program
- The Scholars Leadership Program
- Golden Bear Mentor Program
- Black Student Achievement Program
- National Honor Societies (multiple)
- Project Lead the Way
- Student Leadership Cadre
- Mock Trial
- College Admissions Process (CAP) Program
- Extended Day Program
- Robotics
- Future Business Leaders of America
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Green School Certified

## Accomplishments

- Project Lead the Way engineering students engage in authentic rigorous curriculum over five courses to prepare them for engineering majors.
- Gifted and Talented Research Program students explore college/career interests, write knowledge-based papers supported by research, and present projects to experts as well as at the HCPSS Student Learning Conference. Mentorship placements include the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, Howard County General Hospital, and State's Attorney's office.
- Students come from over 30 countries and speak over 40 different languages, substantially enriching the Hammond community.
- Science students explore real-world problem solving in a wide range of courses, including Advanced Placement courses in Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science and Physics. The focus on NGSS aligned courses allows students to conduct inquiry based learning and apply STEM concepts to real world situations.
- Social Studies students learn about civic responsibility through Student Government Association, Mock Trial competition, Rho Kappa Social Studies Honor Society, and the Maryland Legislature Student Page program.
- Hammond houses the longest-running Dance program in the county; students have been awarded and honored as The Washington Post Arts Scholars and Maryland All State Dancers. Dancers have the opportunity to join the National Honor Society for Dance Arts.
- Art students participate in school, local, state, and national juried exhibitions each year. Art students have the opportunity to join the National Art Honor Society.
- Theater students stage two productions a year; Theatre Company and Musical Theatre classes perform a Spring Showcase; Dramastics offers students a creative outlet for improvisational skills. In addition, Hammond has a chapter of the International Thespian Society.
- Music students perform and compete nationally, receiving Excellent and Superior ratings at festivals and competitions across the east coast. Performance groups include Wind Ensemble, Percussion Ensemble, Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, Concert Orchestra, Concert Choir, Acapella Choir, and Chamber Choir. Music students have been accepted into various All-county and All-state ensembles. Music has a Tri-M Music Honor Society chapter.
- Students pursuing a certificate of program completion work in a variety of roles both in the community and in the school building to prepare for post-secondary employment goals.