

# River Hill High School

## PROFILE

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River Hill High School is recognized nationally and internationally, receiving a 5-star rating on the Maryland School Report Card and an A+ rating on Niche.com. Student participation in the advanced placement program and National Merit recognition also place our school among the top high schools in the nation. The student population is culturally diverse with a majority of the students enrolled in college preparatory, STEM, world language, and fine arts courses. RHHS participates in the JumpStart partnership between HCPSS and HCC, which offers students the opportunity to earn credits for graduation as well as college credits in English, mathematics, history, business, world language and education.

School improvement is an ongoing commitment to the Strategic Call to Action and the overarching commitments (value, achieve, connect, and empower) are at the core of school improvement. RHHS focuses its core values on Hawk PRIDE: Persistence and Passion, Respect and Responsibility, Innovation and Integrity, Determination and Dedication, and Excellence and Empathy for Everyone.

Several honor society chapters co-exist as part of the RHHS community as well as service networks and leadership organizations. The Student Government Association promotes student leadership and student voice to identify school needs and student concerns to promote advocacy into action at River Hill. Athletics and activities support vibrant and spirited student life. For some, the extracurricular experience is an extension of the classroom, as students apply their learning in real-world endeavors. For others, it is a chance to explore interests that extend beyond the classroom. For all, balanced participation in academics, athletics, and activities makes for an outstanding high school experience.

### Fast Facts

**Facility opened:** 1994  
(RHHS opened in 1996, after the building housed another school while their facility was being rebuilt.)

**School Capacity:** 1,488

**Total Enrollment:** 1,462  
Official count 9/30/23

#### Ethnicity FY24

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	41.2%
Black/African American	11.4%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	5.1%
White	36.1%
Two or more races	5.7%

#### Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced Meals	8.2%
English Learners	≤5.0%
Special Education	5.3%

**2022 Graduation Rate:** ≥95%\*  
\*4-year adjusted cohort

#### Administrators:

Robert Motley, Principal  
Kareem Penn, Assistant Principal  
Rick Robb, Assistant Principal  
Allison Volinsky, Assistant Principal  
Jimmy Creighton, AAM

#### Educational Partnerships

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter; Anthony Corrao Team of Long & Foster Real Estate, Christie's International Real Estate; Chick-fil-A, Clarksville; Chick-fil-A, Mall in Columbia; Columbia (MD) Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.; Credit Union Foundation of Maryland and the District of Columbia; Howard County Dept. of Public Works; Howard County Education Federal Credit Union; Howard County Library, Central Branch; Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab; Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City; Maryland MESA; McDonald's, Daybreak Circle; Rotary Club of Columbia; Sundays at Three

## Achievement Data

### RHHS Performance on State Tests\*

Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	86.4%	86.0%
Percent Proficient English Mathematics	84.3%	84.4%

### SAT Scores and Participation†

School Year	Number	Percent Participating	River Hill HS Mean Scores		
			Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW)	Mathematics	Composite
2022–23	274	84.8%	647	667	1314
2021–22	355	77.9%	644	664	1308
2020–21	215	67.8%	645	667	1311

† 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	1670	46.9%	19.7%	33.3%	34.6%
2021–22	1457	40.3%	23.1%	28.6%	32.9%
2020–21	1477	41.6%	25.3%	28.7%	27.6%

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

## Accomplishments

### Academics:

- 625 students in Advanced Placement Courses; 1121 AP exams (2021); 85% score 3+
- National Merit Finalists qualify annually; 30 National Merit Semi-Finalists, 2021
- National Gold Student Council of Excellence 2011–21
- Maryland Mathematics League Regional Championship, second place in state, 2022
- State of Maryland Seal of Biliteracy earned by 20 students in 2021.
- Gifted & Talented Research: 10+ GT Research articles published in national peer reviewed journals; 10+ research poster presentations at national professional conferences; International Biogenius Challenge and Stockholm Junior Water Prize awards
- National Honor Society and 9 other honor groups.

- 4 Carson Scholars winners, 2022
- FBLA Champion Chapter Gold & State Champions, 2022

### Arts:

- 2020 ICHSA Quarter-Finalists;
- 46 Students accepted into All-State Performance Ensembles (Band, Choir, Orchestra) and 5 alternates, 2022
- Marching Band and Pep Band; Songs for Seniors highlighted by Baltimore Sun

### Staff:

- HOWIE Award Winning Band Director
- United Soccer Coaches State Coach of the Year, 2018 – Boys Soccer
- WBCA Board of Directors, Scholastic Director
- Advisor of the Year state of Maryland Best Buddies, 2021-2022

## Special Programs

- Alpha Achievers
- American Red Cross Club
- Angel's Network
- Man in the Mirror
- Black Leadership Union (BLU)
- Best Buddies
- Chemathon
- Speech & Debate
- Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
- Future Doctors of America
- Hawks on the Rise (Mentor and Tutor program)
- Investment Club
- It's Academic Team
- Scholar Leadership Program
- Let's Talk series
- Math Team
- Music Technology
- National Honor Societies: Art, Music, Dance, English, Science, Social Studies, Math, World Language, Future Educators & Technical
- Ninth Grade Team
- One River Hill Book Club
- Science Olympiad
- Student Government Association
- National Honor Society
- Student Leadership Council
- Hawkapella
- Blue Room Breakers (Breakdancing Club)
- Step Team
- POMS Team

### Athletics:

- 38 High School All-Americans, 17 Collegiate All-Americans
- Named Exemplary Athletic Program by the NIAAA, 2020
- Recognized as a Safe Sports School – 1st Team by National Athletic Trainers' Assn.
- Field Hockey team received the Sportsmanship Award at MPSSAA State Championships, 2019
- People Tree Cup Winner 2020, (17th time)
- 52 State titles, 129 Regional titles and 145 County titles since 1996.
- 83 Individual State Titles since 1996.
- Recent State Championships: 2022 – Tennis, 2022 Golf
- Recent Individual State Championships – 2021 and 2022 Golf: Ben Siriboury & Helen Yeung
- Recent State Runner Up: 2022 - Field Hockey
- Recent Regional Championships: -2022 Field Hockey, Girls' Soccer, Girls' Lacrosse, Boys' Lacrosse, Football, Tennis
- Recent County Championships: 2022-Girls' Tennis, Baseball, Field Hockey
- Recent District V Championships: 2022-Golf

