

Wilde Lake High School

PROFILE

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Wilde Lake High School (WLHS), in the heart of Howard County, is recognized each year as one of the top high schools in the state of Maryland. Wilde Lake is guided by the Wildecats Way, including a focus on family and community ('Ohana), Equitable Learning Communities, and helping every student to Find Your Purpose and Create Your Path after graduation. More than 72 countries are represented by the student body, and the students bring with them a rich mixture of cultures and talents that create a global school community.

WLHS students engage with rigorous curriculum at all levels, including a wide variety of Advanced Placement and Gifted and Talented courses, Career Academies, Dual Enrollment classes in partnership with Howard Community College, English Language and Special Education programs. Wilde Lake High School's educational programs are grounded in equity and inclusion in order to eliminate opportunity and achievement gaps. Staff members collaborate to use culturally relevant teaching practices that require students to think, read, and write critically across all content areas.

WLHS is built on restorative philosophies and practices, inside and outside the classroom. Wilde Lake is a member of the Restorative Justice Cohort in partnership with HCPSS and the Howard County Education Association. Students engage in community-building activities in each of their classes and Advisory which ensure they are prepared for intellectually engaging learning experiences. Wilde Lake is an incubator for student leaders and is home to the Student Member on the State Board of Education.

Wilde Lake's excellent academic achievements are complemented by its internationally-recognized performing and visual arts programs that have sent numerous graduates to university programs and professional careers in the arts. Our outstanding coaches and student-athletes have won more than 150 county and regional championships and 23 state championships in 28 sports.

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Fast Facts

Facility opened

Original building: 1971
Replacement building: 1996

School Capacity: 1,424

Total Enrollment: 1,270
Official count 9/30/23

Ethnicity FY24

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	6.5%
Black/African American	44.3%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	17.2%
White	22.9%
Two or more races	8.7%

Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced Meals	48.3%
English Learners	5.7%
Special Education	11.4%

2022 Graduation Rate: 92.4%*

*4-year adjusted cohort

Administrators:

Marcy Leonard, Principal
Yvonne Jackson, Assistant Principal
Brett Molin, Assistant Principal
Choya Riley, Assistant Principal
Matthew Sillers, Assistant Principal
Brandon Lauer, Athletics and Activities

Educational Partnerships

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter; Columbia (MD) Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; Columbia Association; Columbia Community Care; Free Bikes 4 Kidz Maryland; Howard Community College; Howard County Health Department; Howard County Library, Central Branch; Luminus Network for New Americans; NAACP, Howard County Branch; Prepare for Success, Community Action Council of Howard County; Rotary Club of Howard West; Sri Sathya Sai South Bethesda Center; Sundays At Three; The Howard Hughes Corporation; The Mall in Columbia; Waring Mitchell Law Society; Wilde Lake Interfaith Center

Achievement Data

WLHS Performance on State Tests*

Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	35.4%	37.2%
Percent Proficient English Mathematics	40.7%	42.3%

SAT Scores and Participation†

School Year	Number	Percent Participating	Wilde Lake HS Mean Scores		
			Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (ERW)	Mathematics	Composite
2022–23	154	52.6%	578	556	1133
2021–22	136	47.7%	568	550	1118
2020–21	90	27.7%	584	576	1160

† 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	551	22.2%	29.6%	18.3%	18.9%
2021–22	555	22.0%	25.2%	20.2%	16.0%
2020–21	326	15.3%	27.9%	20.9%	12.0%

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

Special Programs

- Academic Life Skills
- Active Minds
- Acts of Kindness
- Advisory Program
- Alpha Achievers
- Alternative Education
- Black Student Achievement Program
- Credit Recovery
- Extended School Day
- Gifted and Talented Research
- HCPSS Teen Parenting Program
- Hispanic Achievement
- Leadership Scholars
- National Honor Society
- National Art Honor Society
- National Math Honor Society
- National Social Studies Honor Society
- National Technical Honor Society
- Ninth Grade Team
- Peace Room and Peace Circle Students
- Project Lead the Way
- Rise Up Mentoring
- Robotics
- Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica
- Student Government Association
- Student Member on the Board of Education
- Convention Hosts
- Tri-M Music Honor Society

Accomplishments

Academics

- Millions of dollars in college scholarships awarded each year, including Questbridge and Cooke College Scholars awardees
- National Merit Scholarship Finalists, Semi-Finalists, and Commended Scholars
- Advanced Placement Distinguished Scholars, Scholars with Honors, and Scholars

Performing/Visual Arts

- State-of-the-art Jim Rouse Theatre for the Performing Arts
- Over 300 Students involved in outstanding Musical/Drama Performances annually
- WLHS Marching Band State Championship Finalists
- WLHS Choirs and Guitar students participate in yearly service projects through music
- Award winning Music Technology program
- Annual WLHS Orchestra String Fling

Athletics

- Boys Basketball Region Champions
- Football Region Champions
- Cheerleading Region Finalists
- Cross Country State Silver Medalists
- All-State and All-County First Team, Second Team and Honorable Mention recognition

Additional Achievements

- US News & World Report Best Schools in America
- Howard County Human Rights Commission Awardees: Students for Social Justice and Teen Parenting Coordinator
- Niche.com Top Ten Most Diverse Public High Schools in Maryland
- Speech/Debate regional medalists
- Top School with International Exchange Program AFS-USA
- Baltimore Business Journal Top 20 Best Public Schools

