

Patapsco Middle School

PROFILE

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Since opening its doors in 1969, Patapsco Middle School has maintained a tradition of high academic standards, positive school climate, and a strong collaborative relationship among the students, staff, families, and community. Patapsco Middle School staff members strive to create a positive school environment where each student has the opportunity for academic success with an emphasis on social, emotional well-being and development.

At Patapsco Middle, staff members recognize the uniqueness of middle school-aged students and challenge them to think creatively and critically as they grow as learners and people. Staff also encourage responsible decision-making, respect for self and others, and resilience for all Patapsco students.

The staff of Patapsco Middle understand the importance of a rigorous and relevant educational program that meets the needs of all students. Patapsco's comprehensive academic program is accompanied by many enriching opportunities, both within the school day as well as beyond normal school hours. The school offers a wide range of services, intramurals, clubs, and special programs designed specifically to meet the needs and interests of Patapsco's diverse student population.

Patapsco Middle School welcomes visitors and encourages the community to partner with them to ensure the success of all students. Patapsco is full of amazing people: students, staff, families, and community members. It is a school where everyone is valued and important!

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1969

Additions/Renovations

1974 (R), 1996, 2003 (R/A), 2004 (R/A)

School Capacity: 643

(This does not include additional capacity provided by 4 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 638

Official count 9/30/23

Ethnicity FY24

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	37.5%
Black/African American	11.0%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	10.3%
White	35.9%
Two or more races	≤5.0%

Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced Meals	20.5%
English Learners	7.9%
Special Education	6.7%

Administrators:

Kelly Hearn, Principal
Heather Dinicola, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships

- Bethany Korean United Methodist Church
- Chesapeake Shakespeare Company
- Crossroads Church of the Nazarene
- Grassroots Crisis Intervention Ctr.
- Horizon Foundation
- Howard County Library, Miller Brnch.
- Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory
- Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education, Green Schools Program
- Maryland MESA
- Prepare for Success, Community Action Council of Howard County
- The D.R.I.I.P Youth Program
- UMBC Education Department
- Vocelli Pizza

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Achievement Data

PMS Performance on State Tests*

Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	59.5%	65.6%
Percent Proficient Mathematics	41.7%	42.2%
Percent Proficient Science	60.0%	44.7%

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

Special Programs

- Clubs: Art, Best Buddies, Book Club, Chess, Drama, Dungeons & Dragons, Family Engagement, Glee Club, Film/TV Production, Homework, Knitting, Lego Buddies Memory Book, Photography, Safe Space, Science Club, Women's Empowerment, Yoga, etc.
- Beyond School Hours
- Black Student Achievement Program Liaison
- Career Day
- Change Matters
- Culture Day
- Debate
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Team
- ESOL
- Future (Alpha) Achievers
- Future (Delta) Scholars
- Geography Bee
- Gifted & Talented
- Girls on the Run
- Hispanic Achievement Liaison Program
- Honor Roll Recognition
- Hour of Code
- Knight News Network (KNN)
- Knight Time
- MESA
- Music Programs: Jazz Ensemble, Knight Music: 8th Grade Recital, Percussion Ensemble, and String Quartet
- National History Day
- Parent Empowerment Knight
- Patapsco Performers Drama Group
- Photography
- Positive Postcards
- Positive Referrals
- Recycling Team
- School Newspaper
- School Wellness
- Shakespeare Residency
- Spelling Bee
- Spirit Days
- Student Ambassador
- Student Leadership-Knights of the Round Table
- Student of the Month
- Team Building Field Trips
- Turkey Trot
- WEngineer
- World Language Program
- Writers Guild
- Writers Workshop
- Yearbook

Accomplishments

- Howard County GT Middle School Chorus, Band, Orchestra and Sinfonia
- Howard County Vocal and Instrumental Solo and Ensemble Festival
- Howard County Honors Chorus, Orchestra and Band
- Green School
- Maryland Junior All-State Band, Choir and Orchestra participants
- Music in the Parks Festival 1st Place winners; Best overall Chorus, Band and Orchestra 2023
- MESA 1st Place Winners
- MESA 3rd Place Nationally
- "Our Voice" literary magazine publications
- HCPSS Affirmative and Negative Debate Winners for 2021–2022
- Rainbow Ribbon