

Patuxent Valley Middle School

PROFILE

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Patuxent Valley Middle School, Home of the Bulldogs, is a place where we put the “First Things First” and focus on relationships, learning and structure. None of these are more important than any of the others but we say that we always enter every situation through our relationships.

PVMS staff are committed to students’ academic and social emotional growth while building relationships grounded in mutual respect. Active community relationships and parent engagement strengthen the overall middle school experience for our students and Patuxent Valley values the collaborative nature of our community.

Students at Patuxent Valley Middle School are challenged by rigorous academic standards and supported by a variety of programs including GT instructional seminars, full-year Art and technology courses, Dance and Theater classes, World Language classes and our exceptional music programs that include Band, Orchestra and Chorus.

To ensure a full educational experience, Our staff provide a number of extracurricular activities during our “8th period” including: academic support, various sports, Lavender Leaders (GSA), Hispanic Heritage Club, Sign Language, Student Council, Jazz Band, National Junior Honor Society, STEM Afterschool Club, Yearbook and many others.

The Patuxent Valley PTA is supportive and passionate about serving all students. Our partnerships with community organizations and businesses like the Howard County Library System, the NSA and many other groups are evidence of our commitment to both connections with our community and showing young people the opportunities that are available in our local area.

We truly believe that we are building future leaders, and we know we could not do that without the support of our community.

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Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1989

Additions/Renovations
2017 (R)

School Capacity: 760
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 4 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 843
Official count 9/30/23

Ethnicity FY24

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	13.3%
Black/African American	44.7%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	21.2%
White	15.1%
Two or more races	5.3%

Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced Meals	48.4%
English Learners	8.2%
Special Education	10.3%

Administrators:

Richard Smart, Principal
Carol Ketterman, Assistant Principal
LaVerne Porter, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships

Apombee • Atmosphere • Columbia Community Care • Continental Societies, Southeastern Howard/Laurel Chapter • Full Gospel Baptist Church • Giant Food – Distribution Operations • Grassroots Day Resource Center • Harris Teeter, Resort Road • Hayes Educational Resources Enterprises • HDR • Herr Foods • HopeWorks • Howard County Conservancy • Howard County Food Bank, Community Action Council • Howard County Health Department • Howard County Library, Savage Branch & STEM Education Center • Laurel Cats • Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center • National Security Agency • Prepare for Success, Community • Action Council of Howard County • Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture • Sunday Suppers • The Kindness Pantry • Wegmans • Weis Markets, Birmingham Way

Achievement Data

PVMS Performance on State Tests*

Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	50.6%	48.7%
Percent Proficient Mathematics	15.0%	16.3%
Percent Proficient Science	39.7%	26.8%

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

Special Programs

- 8th Period After School Program, Academic Enrichment
- African American History Seminar
- Art Club
- Asian Culture & Anime Club
- Book Club
- BSAP (Black Student Achievement Program)
- Documentary Film
- Dungeons and Dragons
- GT Seminars
- HBCU Club
- Hispanic Student Achievement Program and Liaison
- Hispanic College & Career Workshop
- Hispanic Heritage Club
- International Family Night
- Jazz Band
- Morning News Television Production
- National History Day Competition
- National Junior Honor Society
- Our Voice Magazine creative writing submissions
- College and Career Fair
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), PVMS Bulldog B.A.R.K. Incentive Program,
- Red Ribbon Week
- Reading Comprehension and Math Support
- Sign Language Club
- Spelling Bee
- Student Council
- Student Service Learning
- Yearbook Club

Accomplishments

- GT Band Participants
- HCAC Artist in Residency Grant Winner
- HCPSS Choir Assessment: Superior ratings (qualified for MMEA State Assessment)
- HCPSS Band Assessment: Superior and Excellent Ratings (qualified for MMEA State Assessment)
- HCPSS Orchestra Assessment: Superior Ratings (qualified for MMEA State Assessment)
- Howard County Conservancy
- MMEA Band Assessment: Excellent/Superior Ratings
- MMEA Orchestra Assessment Excellent Ratings
- County Debate Participant
- Howard County Middle School Film Festival Participant
- National Board-Certified Teachers
- NSA GenCyber Program
- Regional Robotics Qualifier Participant
- Young Authors Winners
- Our Voice magazine Photography and Writing Publications
- Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) member school since 2020
- Theatre Productions Fall & Spring
- Student elected 2nd Vice President of MASC (2021)
- Student elected 2nd Vice President of HCASC (2022)

