

River Hill High School

PROFILE

2008-09

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River Hill High School is a nationally recognized school of excellence, having received The National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award and having been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* as a Silver Award Winner, America's Best High Schools, 2008. The school enrolls students from a wide variety of communities, including the planned community of Columbia and the rural/suburban areas surrounding Clarksville. Its population is culturally diverse with a majority of the student body enrolled in college preparatory and technology courses.

River Hill has a comprehensive program with offerings in college preparatory, business, technological and special programs for learning disabled students. Recognizing the difference in students' abilities, needs and goals, the curriculum is designed to provide all students the opportunity to achieve their greatest potential.

Student performance on the high school assessments places River Hill among the highest in the state. Student participation in the advanced placement testing program also places our school among the top high schools in the nation.

In addition to being a comprehensive high school, River Hill students may also participate in one of eight clusters of the Howard County Career Academy Program: Architecture and Engineering, Biotechnology and Health Sciences, Business and Entrepreneurship, Culinary Arts and Hotel Management, Education, Energy, Power and Transportation, Human Resources, Multimedia Arts and Information Technology.

William Ryan, Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1994

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

School Capacity: 1,332

(This does not include additional capacity provided by 2 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 1,344**Student Mobility 2007-08**

3.5% Entrants

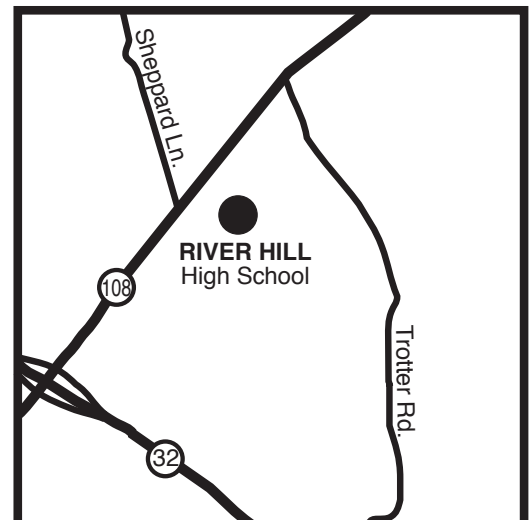
2.1% Withdrawals

Ethnicity

White	68.1%
African American	7.1%
Asian	22.5%
Hispanic	1.8%
Native American	0.1%
Unidentified	0.4%

Students Receiving Special Services 2007-08

Ltd. English Proficient	4.8%
Free/Reduced Lunch	4.0%
Special Education	4.5%

Dropout Rate: 0.71%**PTSA members:** 1,140

Achievement Data

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HSA data will be included in future profiles as it becomes available.
The Class of 2009 is the first class that must fulfill the HSA requirement in order to graduate.

SAT Scores and Participation					
School Year	N	Percent Participating	River Hill HS Mean Scores		
			Critical Reading	Mathematics	Writing
2005-2006	331	86.0	553	581	552
2006-2007	319	84.4	567	595	573
2007-2008	296	83.9	568	588	579

Special Programs

Regional ESOL and countywide Newcomer Program

Other Facts

Educational Partners:

- Ascend One
- Cleaning Authority
- Creig Northrop and the Northrop Team
- GEICO, Matt Hauser
- Howard County General Hospital
- Princeton Sports
- River Hill Garden Center
- SVEC Conway Printing

Class of 2008 Documented Decisions

Attend a 4-year college	75.4%
Attend a 2-year college	19.8%
Specialized school/training	0.6%
Employment	2.4%
Enter the military	1.8%

Accomplishments

2008

- Silver Award, *U.S. News & World Report*, America's Best High Schools
- Music Dept. Finalist, Grammy Signature School
- National Merit Finalists: 6
- Advanced Placement National Scholars: 15

2007-08

- National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
- Maryland Green School Award
- MMEA Exemplary Music Program
- Howard County First-Year Teacher Award, Diana Alvarado

2006-07

- Maryland Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
- Howard Co. HS Counselor of the Year, Molly Gearhart
- Outstanding Teaching and Service Award, MD Association for Physical Education, Marni Rosenbaum
- FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) State Champions, 8 out of 10 years

2005-06

- Howard County First Year Teacher Award, Charity Durham
- Music Educator of the Year, Joe Fischer
- National Outstanding Teacher of the Year/Tech Education, Rick Robb
- AATG DUDEN German Teacher Award, Jody Christophe
- Art - New Teacher of the Year, Howard Co., Stacey McKenna

Intel Talent Search finalist and semi-finalists for 7 years
Multiple Siemens-Westinghouse semi-finalists

Honor Societies: National Honor Society, Maryland Technology Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, National French Honor Society, National German Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society

Athletics and Arts:

- National Presidential Scholar in the Arts, 2007, 2008
- USSBA National Music Champions, 2007, 2008
- People Tree Cup Winner 2007-08, 8-time winner
- Maryland Wrestling Hall of Fame, Brandon Lauer, 2007
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- Girls Soccer State Champions 2006, 2007, 2008
- Boys Soccer State Champions 2007
- Football State Champions 2007, 2008, Nationally Ranked
- Girls Cross Country State Champions 2007, 2008
- Boys Cross Country State Champions 2007
- Boys Basketball State Champions 2006-07
- In the past year, 5 coaches named "Coach of the Year"
- Brian Van Deusen, National Federation of High Schools Coach of the Year for football
- Since 1996, RHHS has earned 29 state titles, 57 regional-titles, and 75 county championships.