

Record of Success

Achievement Highlights

- Five MCPS high schools rank in the top 200 of *The Washington Post* 2017 High School Challenge and all MCPS high schools appear on this list, which only includes the top 11 percent of high schools in the country.
- Nine MCPS high schools made the *U.S. News & World Report* 2017 list of Best High Schools. MCPS had the top five high schools in the state of Maryland.
- MCPS has one of the highest graduation rates among the nation's largest school districts, according to an *Education Week* report.
- MCPS students took more than 34,000 Advanced Placement exams in 2016. Students earned a college-ready score (3 or higher) on 74.1 percent of those exams.
- In 2016, the percentage of AP exams taken by MCPS' African American students (50.1 percent) that earned college-ready scores of 3 or higher is significantly higher than the percentage of exams for African American students in the nation (34.2 percent).
- In 2016, the percentage of AP exams taken by Hispanic students that earned college-ready scores of 3 or higher (60 percent) was greater than the percentage of exams for Hispanic students in the nation (41 percent).
- Nearly two-thirds (65.5 percent) of graduates from the Class of 2016 took at least one AP exam, compared with 49.3 percent in Maryland.
- More than half (51.3) of the Class of 2016 scored a 3 or higher on at least one AP exam while in high school—significantly higher than the state average of 30.4 percent.
- In 2016, the percentage of MCPS African American and Hispanic graduates earning a 3 or higher on at least one AP exam surpassed the state average.
- The Class of 2016 earned a 1631 average combined SAT score, surpassing both national and state averages. More than 62 percent of graduates took the SAT and MCPS' Hispanic and African American students outperformed their peers across the nation.
- More than \$350 million in scholarships was awarded to students in the Class of 2017.
- 193 Ivy League school acceptances, Class of 2017
- 39 National Blue Ribbon Schools
- 8 National Green Ribbon Schools
- 15 MCPS students were named semifinalists in the 2017 Intel Science Talent Search (now called the Regeneron Science Talent Search), one of the most prestigious high school science competitions in the nation. In 2015, Michael Winer, a student at Montgomery Blair High School, was one of three first place winners in the competition.

Organizational Excellence

- MCPS was the recipient of the 2010 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the highest presidential honor given to American organizations for performance excellence. The award recognizes performance excellence through innovation, improvement, and visionary leadership. MCPS is only the sixth school system to receive this award and is the largest, by far. In 2006, MCPS won Maryland's most prestigious award for performance excellence—the U.S. Senate Productivity Award—for implementation of the Malcolm Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence, a management philosophy that focuses on continuous improvement in the constant pursuit of excellence.
- MCPS was named a 2010 finalist for the \$1 million Broad Prize for Urban Education, qualifying MCPS graduates in the Class of 2011 for \$250,000 in college scholarships. MCPS is the first district in Maryland and the Washington region to be named a finalist for this prestigious award.
- MCPS leads the state with more than 850 teachers certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, a national recognition of professional excellence.
- MCPS was named a Gold Medal school system for 15 consecutive years by *Expansion Management* magazine as a measure of the attractiveness of the school system to the business community.
- MCPS was nationally recognized for the professional development program for administrators, teachers, and supporting services staff. The program was featured in a 2010 case study by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.