



"Busy Building Community"

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- Hampstead Hill Academy (HHA) is a public, neighborhood charter school serving students in grades prekindergarten through eight.
- HHA was established as a public school in 1893.
- HHA converted to charter status seven years ago. In the spring of 2008, HHA was granted a new, five year charter.
- Our charter school is operated by a nonprofit organization called The Baltimore Curriculum Project.
- HHA serves approximately 610 students and is among the most diverse schools in Maryland. Our student population is 45% white, 23% African American, 29% Latino, 2% Native American and 1% Asian.
- Our attendance area encompasses neighborhoods south of Eastern Avenue to Boston Street and from Broadway to Haven Street, including parts of Fells Point and Canton.
- Approximately 1/3 of HHA students live outside of the attendance area. Families living outside of the attendance area are offered admission through an annual public lottery held each spring.
- One-third of HHA's teaching staff has more than 20 years of teaching experience. About 50% of the staff holds a master's degree.
- Hampstead Hill Academy uses research-based curriculum. Direct Instruction curriculum is used for reading, spelling and language in the elementary grades. The Math Works program uses manipulatives and teaches a wide range of skills to understand math concepts and problem solving. In addition, science and social studies content is heavily embedded in the Reading Mastery series starting in 2nd grade (i.e. students learn scientific terms and concepts). There is dedicated daily science instruction for students in grades 2-8. Middle school students study U.S. History, World History, Science, Math (one 8th grade class has Algebra) and English Language Arts.
- HHA utilizes a full inclusion special education model. A special education teacher goes into classrooms to monitor students' progress and assist the regular educators with the implementation of the Individual Education Plan goals, objectives and accommodations. Approximately 8% of our student population receives special education services.
- There are two full-time teachers for English Language Learners (ELL) at HHA. They serve the 90+ ELL students that attend HHA.
- A speech pathologist, psychologist, Johns Hopkins Bayview family therapist, two social workers and a registered nurse are on staff.
- All students have resource classes at least four times per week, and older students have resource five times per week. Resources include: art, music, library, Food for Life, Spanish, physical education and computer class.
- HHA has a full-time band teacher and full-time orchestra teacher. A portion of each day is committed to semi-private lessons for students who are on or above grade level.
- Students receive 15-20 minutes of recess every day on our new playground.
- Extracurricular activities include: Band, Orchestra, Chorus, Culinary Arts, MASSAC (a sports activities club), Middle School Girl's Soccer, lower grades soccer, Chess (champions 3 of the last 4 years), Garden Club, Drama Club (performances have included: *Annie*, *Aladdin*, *Music Man*, *High School Musical*, and *Wizard of Oz (2010)*), Audubon Nature Club, Creative Alliance Arts Program, Debate Team, Math Club, Young Rembrandts art lessons and the track.
- The HHA student uniform consists of a collared navy blue shirt with tan or khaki pants, shorts or skirts.
- High quality before and after-care services are provided at the school by Fitness, Fun and Games.
- Breakfast is free to all Baltimore City school children. HHA has a full kitchen and serves a hot breakfast beginning at 7:40 a.m.
- Various parent involvement programs include: Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), PTO evening meetings for parents and teachers, Community Dinners, Parent Action Team (PAT), workshops, an open house, Student Celebration Nights, and various fundraising activities.