

JAMES HUBERT BLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

21 Academic Statistics and Achievements at a Glance

1. Blake HS is TOPS in College Enrollment! We have the highest overall college enrollment rate in the NEC (84%), which is the 5th highest in all of MCPS' High Schools. We are also #1 in the NEC with the highest college enrollment rate for Hispanics, FARMS, and students receiving special education services. Within all of MCPS' High Schools, we have the 3rd highest college enrollment rate for African American students (82%)!
2. For the last 10 years in a row, Blake has had the highest mean SAT combined scores of the three high schools in the Northeast Consortium. Currently the SAT mean for Blake's class of 2015 is 1526.
3. In the Class of 2014, 41% of our SAT test takers scored a 1650 or above 1650. Within the NEC, Blake HS has had the highest percentage of students scoring a 1650 or above since 2010.
4. The College Board recognized Blake's Class of 2015 for having a total of 180 AP Scholars: 6 National AP Scholars, 65 AP Scholars with Distinction, 37 AP Scholars with Honors, and 72 AP Scholars.
5. In 2015, 70% of Advanced Placement test takers scored a 3 or higher. 1015 Advanced Placements tests were taken over 26 varied subjects. Blake also has the highest percentage of students, among the three NEC high schools, participating in Advanced Placement exams. 96% of Biology students received a 3 or higher with an average score of 3.6, 100% of students received a 3 or higher in 6 areas; French Language, Japanese Language, Spanish Language, Studio 2-D Art, Studio 3-D Art and Studio Drawing. 199 English students sat for the AP English Exam (Language and/or Literature) with an average score of 3.1.
6. Since 1998, Blake has doubled the percent of students taking at least one honors-level or AP course to an astounding 80% of students, the highest percentage of the three Northeast Consortium high schools.
7. Blake offers 26 distinct Advanced Placement Courses for potential college credit. 70% of Blake student exam-takers received qualifying scores or 3 or higher, the highest in the NEC!
8. For the Class of 2014 Blake had 1 semi-finalist and 4 outstanding participants referred to colleges for the National Achievement Scholars Program. For the Class of 2013 Blake had 2 semi-finalists and 5 outstanding participants referred to colleges by the National Achievement Scholars Program.
9. We are the only school in the NEC that offers and runs Multivariable Calculus.
10. In the last two years we have doubled enrollment in our Computer Programming courses, and are continuing to add additional computer programming course options for our students. We even have an active afterschool club, Girls Who Code.
11. The Internship Program at Blake High School is designed to expose students to real world work experience and critical workplace skills. The internship experience provides students with a network of industry professionals that assist them in completing their Career Exploration Project prior to going to college. This year, Blake has 44 senior students in its Internship Program, including placements at Johns' Hopkins Applied Physics Lab; Holy Cross Hospital; Community Bridges; Fairland Animal Hospital; Sunrise Senior Living; PhysioTherapy Associates; TH Easter Consulting; the Montgomery County Council; Fairfax Realty; and a variety of Montgomery County Elementary Schools. Additionally, students intern at Blake High School in numerous roles such as the BlakeNET Webmaster; the Blake Beat Managers; the Yearbook Managers; the Bengal Café Managers; and Theatre Managers.

12. Blake is the only school in MCPS to partner with the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and their Clinical Center's Discovery Program. The goal of this program is to provide local minority high school students with an opportunity to explore career options in health care and establish a pipeline for their continued engagement in the health sciences. Students accepted into the program participate in monthly afternoon/evening visits to a multitude of departments within the Clinical Center at NIH in Bethesda.
13. Over 82% of Blake fulltime faculty hold a Masters degree or higher. Over twenty-five National Board Certified Teachers have taught at Blake. In the last ten years, four Blake Teachers have won the Agnes Meyer Excellence in Teaching Award from the *Washington Post*: Monica Abuliak (2014), Allison Finn (2010), Teresa Goodman (2007), and Mary Wagner (2004).
14. Blake teachers and administrators have been honored by receiving several awards such as: Teachers of the Year- Frank Krach for MCPS for Technology in 2009 & Patricia Kompare by Maryland and the National Disabilities Councils in 2005. Our Principal Christopher Berry was awarded the Alvin and Louise Myerberg Arts Leadership Recognition Award from the Arts Education in Maryland Schools (AEMS) Alliance in 2013. Our College & Career Center Counselor, Kathy Moore, has been recognized as an MCPS SEIU Employees of the Year. Joseph Caulfield was the first ever recipient of the Sophie Altman Award, given annually to the DC area's top *It's Academic* coach.
15. Under the direction of Susie Treat, the Blake Media Center was awarded the Mae I. Graham award for Outstanding Media Program of the year in the state of Maryland. The Media Center has over 23,000 print and non-print holdings in its collection, in addition to a vast array of online databases and subscription services available to students.
16. The Blake High School facility has 16 distinct technology spaces and over 745 networked, internet-accessible computers. In addition to the networked desktops, we have over 460 Chromebooks and 30 laptops. Our staff and students effectively use a multitude of Google Apps For Education (GAPE), such as Google Classroom (allowing staff to share work electronically and students to submit work electronically).
17. Blake continues to decrease the number of ineligible students, meeting the 2012 MCPS ineligibility target with only 15.4% of students ineligible. This is a successful decrease of 3.4% in only one year.
18. Blake's Class of 2015 graduates won over \$17 million in college scholarships! Our graduates from 2012 through 2014 won over \$44.2 million in college scholarships!
19. *The Blake Beat* has been named as the top high school newspaper in the nation twice in the last seven years by TIME Magazine, the Association of Educational Publishers, and Weekly Reader News Corp. The newspaper was also named as the top student newspaper in Maryland three out of the past six years by the Towson University Journalism Department and by the Maryland Scholastic Press Association.
20. The *It's Academic* team is the reigning Washington, D.C., champion (best of 81 schools) and the defending Super Bowl champion (best of 171 schools). Over the past five years, Blake's *It's Academic* team has amassed more wins than any other school in the Washington, D.C., area. We are also the first school to EVER achieve three, and now FOUR, consecutive Super Bowl champion wins (2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015).
21. Blake's "We The People..." team is the reigning Maryland State champions of the Simulated Mock Congressional Competition. We have been the Maryland State champions for four consecutive years (2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015).