



WE ARE MSDE.

Promise is what drives us at the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE)—promise for our young people. We strive to help students identify their dreams, develop character, love learning—stay curious. We equip all Maryland students with the tools and knowledge to succeed in today’s world as productive, inspired citizens.



The promise of a bright future

HOW?

- ➔ **By listening** to the input from our students, educators, parents and community—and having those insights inform our strategies on an ongoing basis.
- ➔ **By collaborating** with legislators and government agencies to craft effective solutions that align with national initiatives.
- ➔ **By broadening** our reach through partnerships with other Maryland organizations also serving educators and learners.
- ➔ **By championing** technology and innovation—staying abreast of new trends and themes happening across the globe—and integrating practices that facilitate learning in bold, effective ways.

BY NEVER STANDING STILL

We blend these insights to **forge a clear vision, strategy, standards and policies** that are effective, actionable and best support students, educators and administrators in their everyday lives.

But it doesn’t stop there. At MDSE, we’re constantly evolving to best serve our students, schools and districts across Maryland.



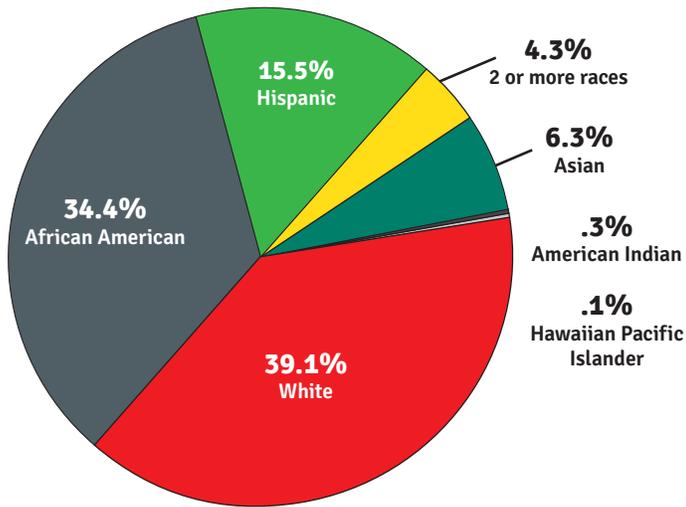
MARYLAND AT A GLANCE

Maryland—by nature—is wonderfully diverse. Situated next to our nation’s capital, Maryland brings a powerful mix of urban and rural communities that span coastlines, mountains, and cities—and is home to people with diverse backgrounds and cultures.

Enrollment

879,601
Students
in 2015

Increasingly Diverse



448,606 male students (2015)

425,908 female students (2015)

33,000+ new students joined Maryland’s public school system.

46% of Maryland students are eligible for free or reduced price meals, the federal determination for poverty. That’s up from 40% just five years ago.

7.4% of Maryland students are eligible to receive Limited English Proficient Services, up from 5.6% five years ago.

11.2% of Maryland students are eligible to receive Special Education Services, a figure that has remained steady.

24 public school systems.

49 charter schools, enrolling more than 16,200 students across six local school systems.

1,447 public schools: 783 elementary, 215 middle, 189 high, 93 combined & 165 other.

10,000 transitioning students with disabilities have been served by MSDE’s Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)

100,000 students ages 6-21 are served through Maryland’s special education program—almost 20,000 students through early intervention and related services before kindergarten begins.

5,000 students per year are educated through MSDE’s Juvenile Services Education program.

School Staff

117,238 instructional staff members in Maryland public schools, with another 36,525 employed as non-instructional staff.

65% of Maryland teachers hold an Advanced Professional Certificate, while 27% hold a Standard Professional Certificate.

13th in the nation for number of educators certified by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards.

3 Maryland Teachers of the Year selected as National Teachers of the Year, and 5 selected as finalists during the last ten years.

Athanasia Kyriakakos
2016-17 Maryland Teacher of the Year,
Baltimore City



2016 National Teacher of the Year Finalist

SO, HOW ARE WE DOING?

Compared to the National Average

➔ **The Maryland public school system has ranked in the top 5** in the nation over the past nine years by *Education Week*, a leading national publication.



➔ Maryland tops all other states with **the highest percentage of nationally ranked public high schools**—per *US News and World Report*

#1 ranking in the nation for success on the AP exams.

Graduation rates

US
82%

MD
87%

2015 seniors were offered a record \$1.3 billion in scholarships

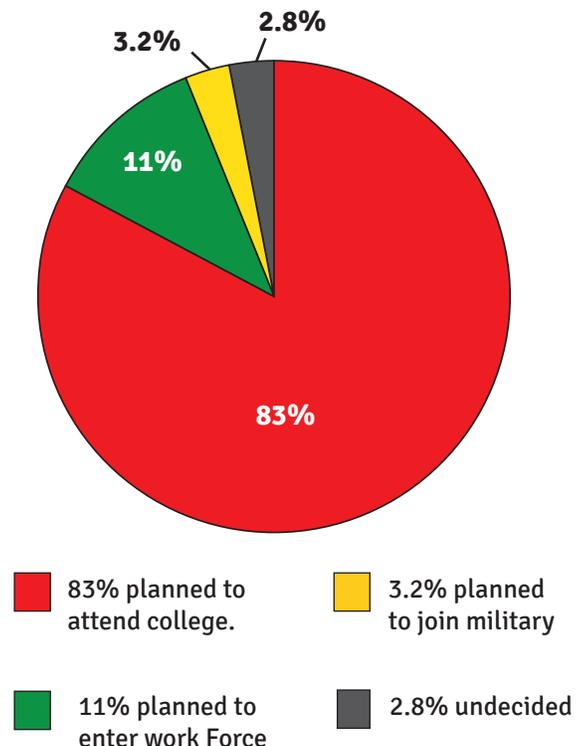
INNOVATION

As the world leaps forward, we're big on embracing innovation to best serve our students. Maryland:

- is an early adopter of a robust **Career and Technology Education (CTE)** program to prepare high school graduates to succeed in high-skill, high-demand jobs.
- believes in accessibility to all students and has embraced the innovative **#GoOpen** movement to make high-quality educational resources available for all schools.
- is the first state in the nation to reach its recruitment goal for the **PROMISE** initiative—connecting 2,000 students to Supplemental Security Income—students who need it most.
- is committed to the innovative **P-TECH** model merging education, work experience and college into a single program.
- is focused on **early learning**—offering public pre-K to all economically disadvantaged four-year-olds, full-day kindergarten, and is enjoying a 45% increase in pre-K enrollment since 2002.
- empowers students to take college-level classes with credit going to both high school and college. Known as **dual enrollment**, this community-focused program promotes academic rigor and college-readiness.

Post Graduation

The Class of 2015 Data Summary



A Clear Vision, A Bright Future



Rehabilitation Services

Employment, economic-self sufficiency, and independence—these are the dreams of many Marylanders with disabilities. And these are the driving forces behind the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS), an agency solely devoted to helping these individuals—over 100,000 in 2015—integrate into their communities in meaningful ways.



How do we engage students in ways that will give lasting, positive results—regardless of age, background, or learning style?

This is the question we ask ourselves every day at the Maryland State Department of Education. We're a dedicated team of educators, specialists, administrators, communicators, and collaborators—fused together by a single vision: to provide each learner with a strong foundation for his or her future.

- We see a **bright future** for Maryland.
- We see **inspired students** empowered to dream, make, and do.
- We see **educators sparking** the innate human desire that each of us possess—nurturing the creative, problem-solving curiosity that we believe every individual has at birth.
- We see **access and opportunity** granted to every student from birth to age 21—regardless of learning abilities, zip code, or background.
- We see **innovation and technology** furthering understanding, facilitating collaboration, providing hands-on expertise.
- We see **cross-sector collaboration** between government, business, community and education—resulting in true workforce preparedness like never before.

Most of all, we see the **promise and potential** in every one of Maryland's students—and we are tireless in our quest to help them identify and reach that potential.

MSDE

Libraries

Open access is our objective at MSDE. Our Division of Library Development and Services offers library services in 23 counties and Baltimore City—hosting nearly 30 million visits in 2015. Public libraries provide free public access to the Internet, with more than 5,200 public terminals connected. Maryland public libraries have more than 185 million holdings, including books, music, films, and other media.

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Childcare Services

The importance of quality early education—from birth—cannot be overstated. MSDE inspects and licenses more than 9,000 childcare facilities, serving more than 150,000 students. There are 2,700 childcare centers and another 6,300 home care facilities in the state.

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