

Forest Ridge Elementary School

PROFILE

2011-12

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Forest Ridge Elementary School takes great pride in serving families in North Laurel. Ours is a rapidly growing area of Howard County. Our students, staff and community work hard to create a positive, safe atmosphere where significant relationships are formed and life long learning is the goal.

The Forest Ridge theme is “Engaging our students on the path to college and careers.” Our staff is committed to providing exemplary instruction and supports for our students. While the results of the Maryland State Assessment reflect a high level of academic achievement, the best indicator of student success is to walk through our classrooms. Our students are engaged, active participants in rigorous instruction, and enjoying the process.

We are most proud of the “collaborative feeling” at Forest Ridge. Our learning community has a reputation for coming together to support our students and each other. Staff and community can be found volunteering their time after school to support a wide variety of initiatives including STEM activities, Chess Club, Girls on the Run and the Forest Ridge Homework Club. Our PTA and families energetically support and strengthen our efforts at home. Our doors are always open to all learning opportunities that enhance the richness of our diverse cultural blend of students attending Forest Ridge.

Anne Swartz, Principal
Carol DeBord, Assistant Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened - 1992

Additions/Renovations: 2001/2 (R)/
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School Capacity: 626
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 4 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment (K-5): 764

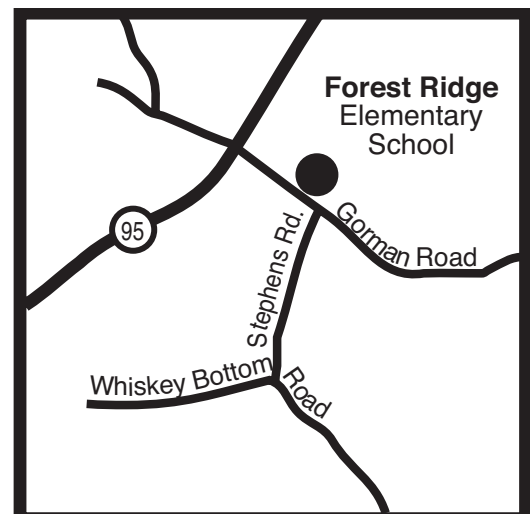
Ethnicity

White	24.5%
Asian	17.0%
Hispanic	11.4%
American Indian/Alaskan	0.3%
African American	39.4%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	7.5%

Students Receiving Special Services 2010-11

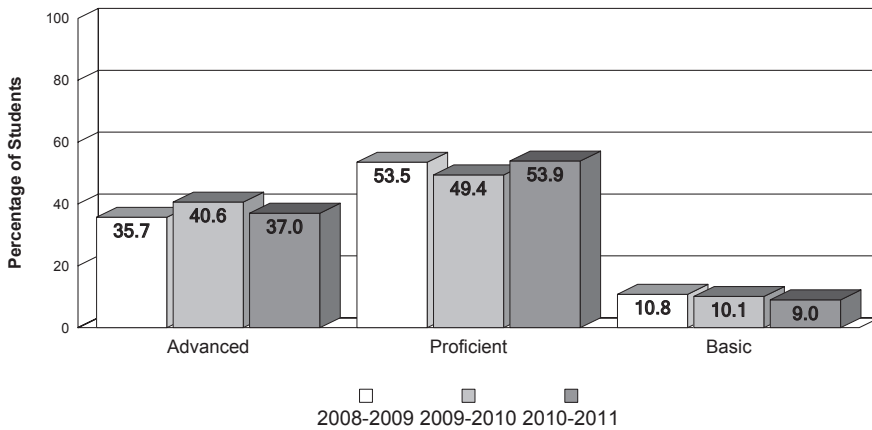
Title I	0%
Ltd. English Proficient	9.9%
Free/Reduced Lunch	21.1%
Special Education	6.2%

PTA members: 355

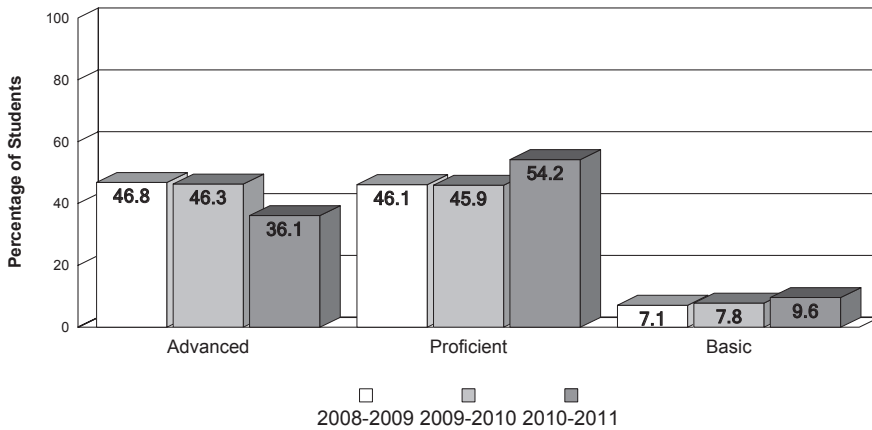


Achievement Data

Forest Ridge Elementary School MSA - Mathematics



MSA - Reading



MSA Standards - Percent Advanced/Proficient

School Year	MSDE AYP Standards		Howard Cty Standard	Forest Ridge ES	
	Reading	Mathematics		Reading	Mathematics
2008-2009	76.5	74.2	AYP% or 70%	92.90	89.20
2009-2010	81.2	79.4	AYP% or 70%	92.20	89.90
2010-2011	85.9	84.5	AYP% or 70%	90.40	91.00

Accomplishments

- Named "School of the Year" by the Maryland Center for Character Education, 2011
- Named a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Exemplary School - "Gold", 2011
- Largest number of students attending the Black Student Achievement Program Evening of Excellence, which recognizes proficient and advanced performance on the MSA tests, 2008-2011
- Rachael Herrera, First Year Educator award nominee, 2011
- Black Saga Team earns Second Place in state competition
- Distinguished School Award from Howard County branch of NAACP, 2009, 2010
- Rube Goldberg Team awarded Most Scientific Honorable Mention, 2011

Special Programs

- Designing Quality Inclusive Education Grant
- Black Saga Teams
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Seminars
- Engineering Challenge, Rube Goldberg Contest
- Chess Club
- Student Council – Grades 3-5
- Horizon Foundation Grant Sponsored "Girls on the Run" Program
- Big Buddy, Little Buddy Mentoring Program
- Simulated Congressional Hearings – Fifth Grade Students
- Battle of the Books sponsored by the Howard County Library
- Mathematics Tutoring (3:1 ratio)
- Forest Ridge Weekly Homework Club
- Professional Development School with Towson University.
- Educational Partnerships : Laurel Multi-Service Center, Brickman Group, Savage Library, National Security Agency, and Mother Nature's Store.