

Gorman Crossing Elementary School

PROFILE

2011-12

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Gorman Crossing celebrates its 13th year as a Howard County elementary school. Presently, we have a total enrollment of over 700 students in grades Pre-K through five. We expect to see the population grow for the next few years.

Students' needs and interests are met through Gifted and Talented programs, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), Special Education services, Related Arts programs that include Chorus, Band, Strings, Art, and Physical Education.

Over the past 12 years, Gorman Crossing has developed a strong collaborative relationship between students, parents and staff. It is our belief that we must maintain a partnership among all parties to enable all students to reach their fullest potential. We have an active student government that plans school spirit days and community awareness activities. We also have partnerships with Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Laboratory and Chick-Fil-A.

The PTA at Gorman Crossing is active with a large membership. We work together to develop a sound educational program that encourages academic progress. The PTA also sponsors many activities including family nights and cultural arts activities.

Our school motto sums up our philosophy of learning: "Gorman Crossing Elementary - Where Excellence and Caring Come Together."

Corita Oduyoye, Principal
Bill Swisher, Assistant Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened - 1998

Additions/Renovations: 2007

School Capacity: 540
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 2 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment (PreK-5): 699

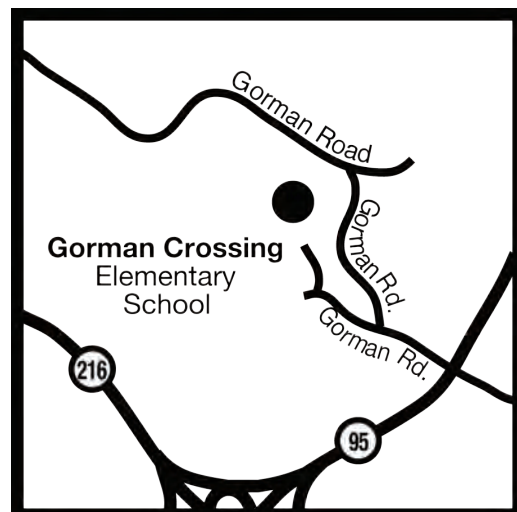
Ethnicity

White	34.8%
Asian	22.6%
Hispanic	11.0%
American Indian/Alaskan	0.4%
African American	27.2%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4.0%

Students Receiving Special Services 2010-11

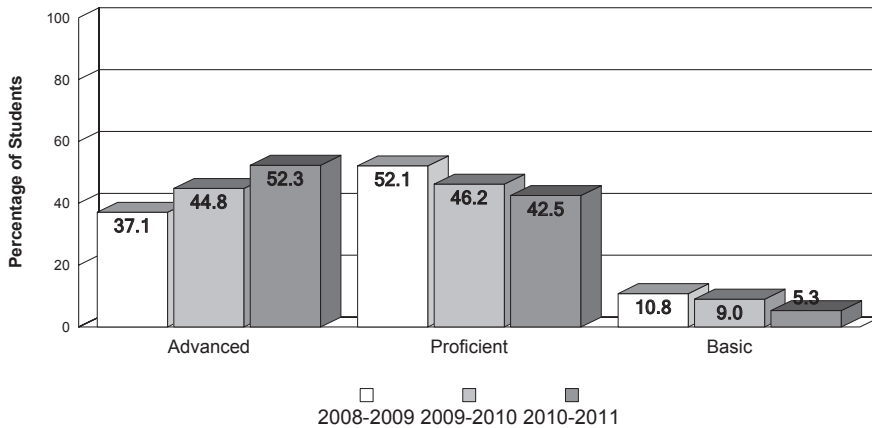
Title I	0%
Ltd. English Proficient	4.2%
Free/Reduced Lunch	13.6%
Special Education	11.9%

PTA members: 273

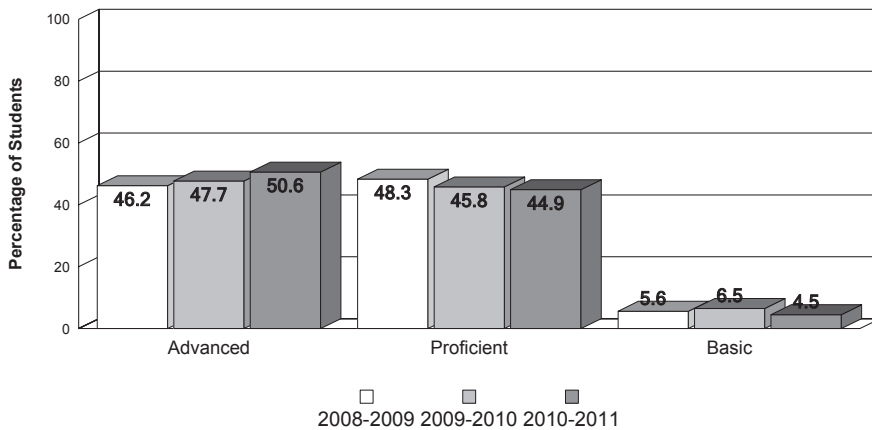


Achievement Data

Gorman Crossing Elementary School MSA - Mathematics



MSA - Reading



MSA Standards - Percent Advanced/Proficient

School Year	MSDE AYP Standards		Howard Cty Standard	Gorman Crossing ES	
	Reading	Mathematics		Reading	Mathematics
2008-2009	76.5	74.2	AYP% or 70%	94.40	89.20
2009-2010	81.2	79.4	AYP% or 70%	93.50	91.00
2010-2011	85.9	84.5	AYP% or 70%	95.50	94.70

Mission Statement

It is the mission of Gorman Crossing Elementary to promote continual achievement by all students in a safe and nurturing environment where integrity, communication, and a positive attitude are valued.

Accomplishments

- Maryland Silver Recognition Award for Implementation of PBIS
- Green School Award for integrated instruction in environmental issues, best management practices and exemplary green school programs 2011
- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) School, 2010
- After-School STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Club, 2010
- Howard County Spelling Bee, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010
- Stock Market Game - Regional and State Awards, 2007, 2009
- Student Council, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010
- Battle of the Books Teams (Fifth Grade), 2008, 2009, 2010
- Improvisational Comedy Troupe (Fifth Grade), 2010
- Domino Club for 3rd Graders, 2008, 2009, 2010
- Math Night For Families. 2009, 2010
- Howard County Enrichment and Honor Ensembles for band, chorus and orchestra, 1998 to present
- Simulated Congressional Hearing, 2008, 2009, 2010
- Oyster Reef Ball Project, 2008-2009
- Reading Mentors, 2009-2010

Special Programs

- Educational Partnership: 4
- Regional Early Childhood Center
- Multiple Intense Needs Classes for Toddlers and Preschoolers
- Academic Life Skills Classes for Grades 1-5