

# Pointers Run Elementary School

## PROFILE

2011-12

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The mission of Pointers Run Elementary is to ensure quality learning through quality teaching and community collaboration. Our vision for our children is that each student will participate responsibly in our diverse and changing world. As a group of professionals we have established the following core values to drive instruction:

- Every staff member will teach to each child's needs.
- Staff member will work collaboratively with colleagues and parents to improve instruction.
- We believe that effective instruction includes integrated curriculum with reading, written language and practical work meaningfully infused throughout the learning experience.
- Staff will value diversity and treat everyone with respect.

The Pointers Run Elementary community includes children enrolled in the Early Beginnings Program (children birth-3 years), the Regional Early Childhood Program (children 3-5), and students in kindergarten through grade 5. We value our diverse students, who come to us from many cultures and with many talents. Therefore, we strive to meet the needs of our students by acknowledging multiple intelligences, respect for others through Character Education, acceleration through the Gifted and Talented program, and inclusion of special needs students.

At Pointers Run, we welcome and encourage our community to become involved in the student's education. The PTA is very active and through engagement, try to create the best possible learning experience for the children. Volunteers play a key role in supporting the instructional program and are encouraged to participate in school activities on a regular basis. We also encourage local businesses to develop partnerships with our school to strengthen our program.

Our school's accomplishments have been facilitated by involved parents, motivated students and dynamic staff. The staff is committed to developing knowledge and skills in our students that will form the foundation of their education and contribute to their ability to be college and career ready upon graduation and participate in the diverse and changing world of the 21st century.

Darlene Fila, Principal  
Mary Nimmich, Assistant Principal

### Fast Facts

**Facility opened** - 1991

#### Additions/Renovations

2000 (A), 2001, 2006, 2008 (A)

**School Capacity:** 776

*This does not include additional capacity provided by 9 portable classrooms.*

**Total Enrollment (PreK-5):** 616

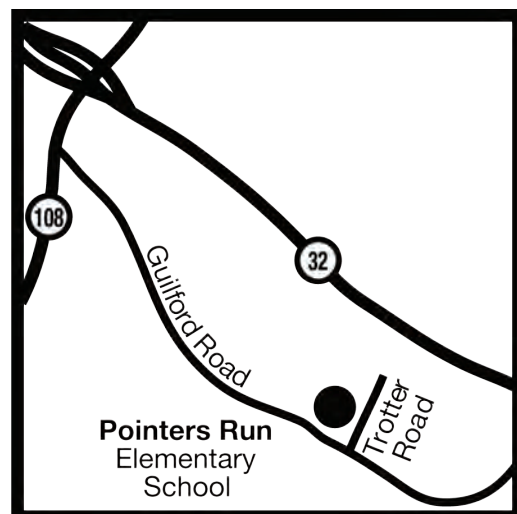
#### Ethnicity

White	57.0%
Asian	23.4%
Hispanic	5.7%
American Indian/Alaskan	0%
African American	7.6%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.2%
Two or more races	6.2%

#### Students Receiving Special Services 2010-11

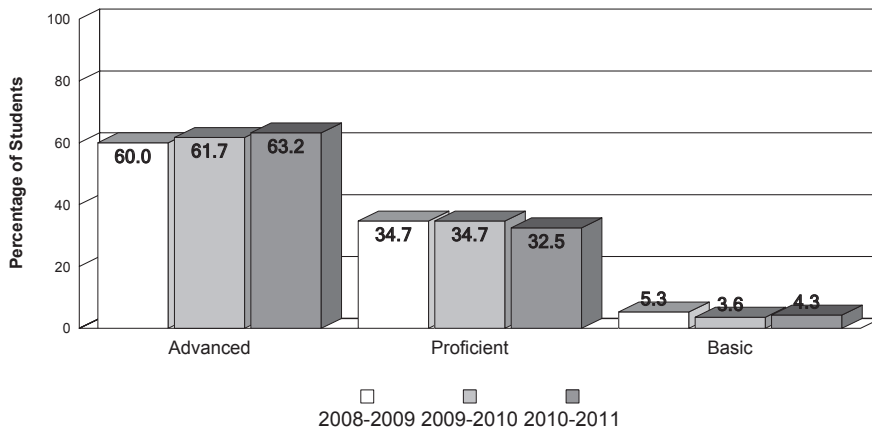
Title I	0%
Ltd. English Proficient	2.8%
Free/Reduced Lunch	1.6%
Special Education	10.3%

**PTA members:** 588

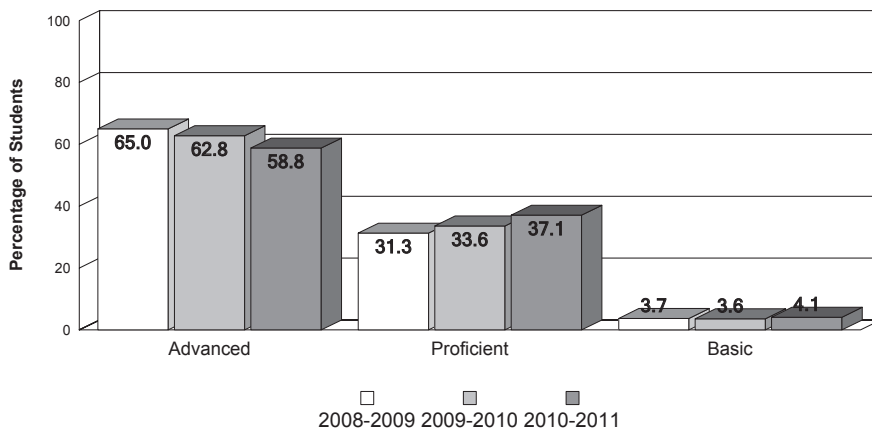


## Achievement Data

### Pointers Run Elementary School MSA - Mathematics



### MSA - Reading



### MSA Standards - Percent Advanced/Proficient

School Year	MSDE AYP Standards		Howard Cty Standard	Pointers Run ES	
	Reading	Mathematics		Reading	Mathematics
2008-2009	76.5	74.2	AYP% or 70%	96.30	94.70
2009-2010	81.2	79.4	AYP% or 70%	96.40	96.40
2010-2011	85.9	84.5	AYP% or 70%	95.90	95.70

## More Special Programs

- Family Reading Night
- Positive Behavior Intervention and School-wide Behavior Plan
- Turkey Trot
- Food on the 15th - donating food each month to senior citizens
- PTA After School Enrichment Programs
- PTA Community Service Projects
- PTA Walking Wednesdays
- PTA Cultural Arts Program
- PTA Family Fun Nights
- STEM Day - to introduce students to science, technology, and engineering careers.

## Accomplishments

- Maryland Green School (2011) - awarded after two years of implementing improvements in habitat restoration, energy conservation, waste management and waters conservation and pollution prevention on school grounds and in the community.
- Participation in the Designing Quality Inclusive Education School Grant.
- Recognized by Maryland State Department of Education for outstanding performance on the Maryland School Assessment.
- Howard County Special Education Community Advisory Committee (SECAC) Recognition.
- Participation in BSAP Evening of Excellence.
- Healthy Howard School.
- Jump Rope for Heart.
- Howard County Enrichment Orchestra, Chorus and Band participants.
- Student work selected to be exhibited in Maryland State office buildings.
- Young Authors Contest award winners.
- Mathematical Olympiads High Achievement Award.
- Students participate in Stock Market Game start with a virtual cash account of \$100,000 and strive to create the best-performing portfolio using a live trading simulation. Students work in teams, practicing leadership, organization, negotiation, and cooperation as they compete for the top spot.

## Special Programs

- After School foreign language program
- Professional Development School partnered with the Peabody Institute
- Regional Early Childhood Program
- Elementary Primary Learner Program
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEMS) Program
- Peer Mentor Program
- Asset All Stars Program - Development Assets Program
- Character Counts Program
- School Safeties Program
- School-wide participation in the Green School Program
- Art Extravaganza Day