

# West Friendship Elementary School

## PROFILE

2011-12

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"I Will Always Be a Friend at West Friendship!" is a theme that our students, staff, and parents embrace as we strive for College and Career readiness for all. Our vision to inspire a love of learning in all our children through engaging, differentiated instruction in a safe, nurturing environment is a focus of each staff member. We value the partnership we have with our West Friendship community.

Our School Improvement Team consistently works together to develop school improvement goals that are aligned with the HCPSS Bridge to Excellence Goals and Objectives for reading and math. Preparing our students for the 21st century requires technology infused into each classroom setting. Our plan also includes goals to support the need for students to have a safe and nurturing school environment that values our diversity and commonality.

We are a PBIS school, which helps us support students and staff by teaching and promoting a positive school climate. We have three expectations that are reinforced daily and in all areas of the school to help us stay on track: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Remember Self-Control. We also pride ourselves in being a regional center for an Academic Life Skills program that serves students with multiple needs and development stages.

Collaboration is the key to WFES going from good to great. We encourage our parents to take an active role in our school and we value their input and participation.

Carol Hahn, Principal  
Ann Steger, Assistant Principal

### Fast Facts

**Facility opened** - 1925

**Additions/Renovations** 1925, 1950, 1962, 1971, 1978 (A), 2004 (R), 2005 (roof)

**School Capacity:** 396

**Total Enrollment (K-5):** 289

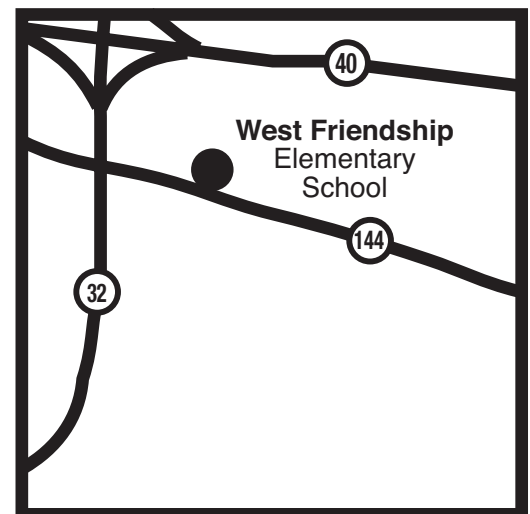
#### Ethnicity

White	76.8%
Asian	10.4%
Hispanic	2.4%
American Indian / Alaskan	0%
African American	6.2%
Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	0%
Two or more races	4.2%

#### Students Receiving Special Services 2010-11

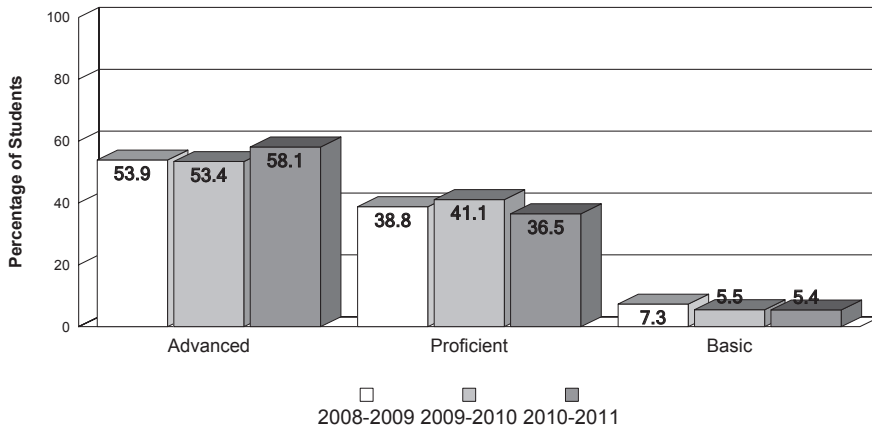
Title I	0%
Ltd. English Proficient	1.0%
Free/Reduced Lunch	4.5%
Special Education	13.7%

**PTA members:** 278

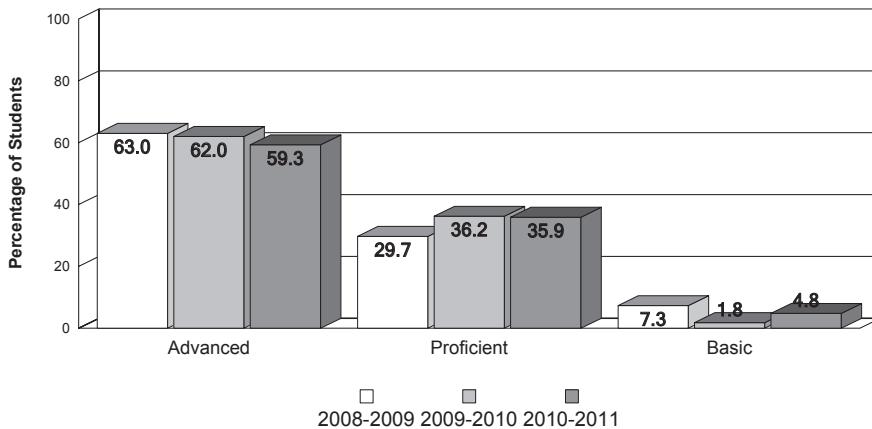


## Achievement Data

### West Friendship Elementary School MSA - Mathematics



### MSA - Reading



### MSA Standards - Percent Advanced/Proficient

School Year	MSDE AYP Standards		Howard Cty Standard	West Friendship ES	
	Reading	Mathematics		Reading	Mathematics
2008-2009	76.5	74.2	AYP% or 70%	92.70	92.70
2009-2010	81.2	79.4	AYP% or 70%	98.20	94.50
2010-2011	85.9	84.5	AYP% or 70%	95.20	94.60

## Special Programs

Regional Academic Life Skills Program  
 PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)  
 Maryland Green School  
 Peer Mentors  
 Educational Partners: 2

## Accomplishments

### 2011

- Healthy Howard Award for Peer Leadership Program.
- Silver Award for PBIS program.
- Community Outreach continued with students collecting for FISH and the US military. The chorus entertained at Encore Living Facility.
- Students involved in Gifted and Talented extensions on improving the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay and the permits for honey bees in Howard County.
- Intermediate students competed in Battle of the Books and the Spelling Bee, sponsored by Howard County Library.
- Music students were selected for Howard County chorus, band, and orchestra.

### 2010

- Received Green School Recertification from Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education.
- Avery Stanert, 5th grade paraeducator, received Distinguished Assistant Award.
- Fifth grade students competed in Battle of the Books, Spelling Bee.
- Received recognition for Green School initiatives from county and HCPSS.
- Students collected 1,329 items for FISH - a record amount!
- Cathy Huebner and Katie Ziesman received National Board Certification.
- Student became Ravens representative to Punt, Pass, and Kick competition.

### 2009

- Received Healthy Howard Innovation Award for waste-free lunches.
- Teacher Amanda Knab received National Board Certification.
- Students collected over 1100 cans of food for FISH of Howard County.
- Elsa Fawcett, GT teacher, Bonnie Schwartz Excellence in Teaching Award nominee.
- WFES won 1st place in the Howard County Computer Month Contest.
- Students raised \$8,344 for American Heart Assoc. - Jump Rope for Heart Prog.
- Designing Quality Inclusive Education Grant - 2nd year.
- Established co-teaching initiative.
- Special Education Team recognized by the Howard County Special Education Community Advisory Committee.