

Worthington Elementary School

PROFILE

2011-12

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Worthington Elementary School's theme is "Building positive relationships for a collaborative learning community." This theme is evident in the daily student, staff and parent interactions and drives our daily teaching and learning processes. Worthington Elementary is an excellent school and we strive to continuously improve our efforts. We believe that all students can and will learn and that it is up to each staff member to bring out the best qualities in each student and to help each child meet or exceed rigorous achievement standards. Together, the commitment of our dedicated staff and the tireless efforts of our parents have created a school climate that encourages excellence and focuses on the success of all students.

Worthington is involved in partnerships with Howard County General Hospital, The National Security Agency Mathematics Education Partnership Program, Columbia Bank, Cooks and Cakes, J. M. Gaske, Inc., Glenelg Country School, Horace Mann, Ellicott City Fitness and Karate, and Eggspectation Bistro-Cafe. The partnerships bring a variety of resources to our school to support our academic programs and provide real-life experiences for our students. Additionally, our PTA is our biggest partner, providing support, volunteers, special programs, after-school programs and services for both students and staff.

Worthington has a strong reputation throughout the community for high standards of educational excellence. The school has been recognized by the Maryland State Department of Education for our outstanding performance on the Maryland School Assessment test for the past nine years. We are proud of the exemplary instruction and parent and community partnerships that have led our students to their successes. This school year, we continue to work in collaboration with the Black Family Community Network and we are beginning our Maryland Green School Program. We also have been selected as a Professional Development School with the Peabody Conservatory of Music and Howard Community College. Our related arts team members are dynamic and provide outstanding instruction in physical education, music, art, media, and technology. Many of our students participate in the school's Gifted and Talented Education Program. We believe in educating the whole child.

Our school community is firmly committed to working together to provide a nurturing learning environment that fosters academic excellence and promotes responsible attitudes and behaviors within a diverse community.

Katherine Orlando, Principal
Keith West, Assistant Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened - 1976

Additions/Renovations

1989 (R), 1998, 2007, 2008 (R)

School Capacity: 516

(This does not include additional capacity provided by a portable classroom.)

Total Enrollment (K-5): 522

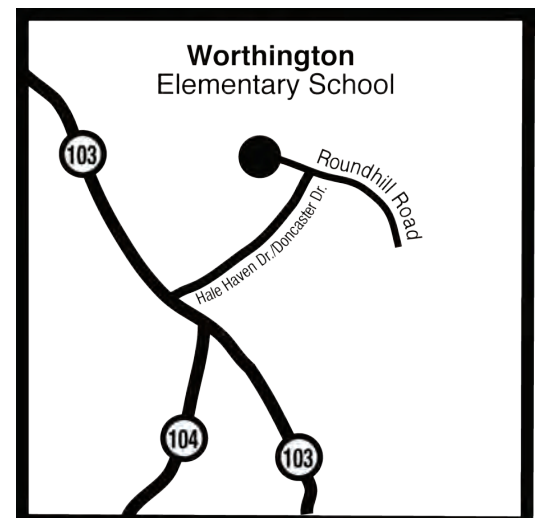
Ethnicity

White	56.7%
Asian	28.5%
Hispanic	4.2%
American Indian/Alaskan	0%
African American	6.7%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.2%
Two or more races	3.6%

Students Receiving Special Services 2010-11

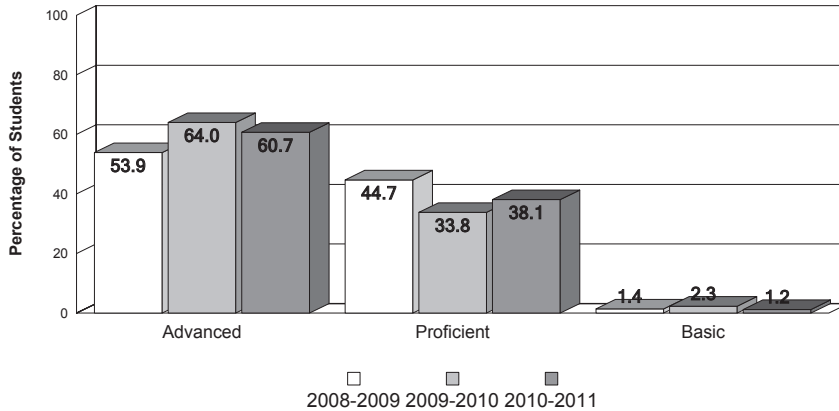
Title I	0%
Ltd. English Proficient	2.0%
Free/Reduced Lunch	2.2%
Special Education	5.9%

PTA members: 350

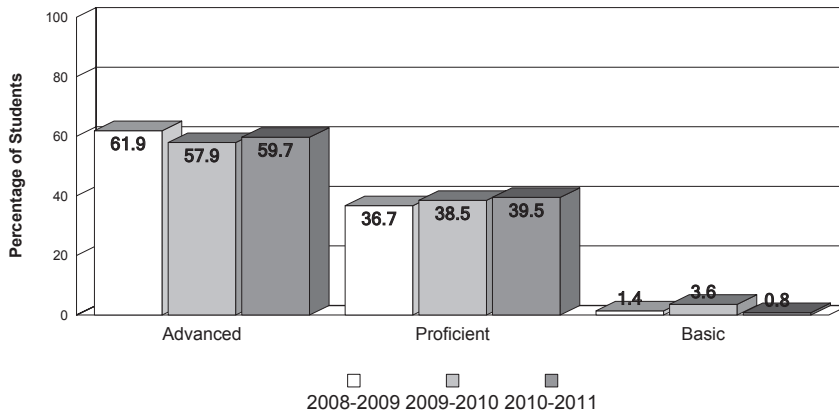


Achievement Data

Worthington Elementary School MSA - Mathematics



MSA - Reading



MSA Standards - Percent Advanced/Proficient

School Year	MSDE AYP Standards		Howard Cty Standard	Worthington ES	
	Reading	Mathematics		Reading	Mathematics
2008-2009	76.5	74.2	AYP% or 70%	98.60	98.60
2009-2010	81.2	79.4	AYP% or 70%	96.40	97.70
2010-2011	85.9	84.5	AYP% or 70%	99.20	98.80

Special Programs

- Reading Recovery® - one-on-one reading intervention for first-graders
- Educational Partnerships: 9
- Book Swap -School Reading Incentive Program
- Reading Incentives K-5
- Book-in-Bag Program K-2
- After school programs sponsored by PTA: Drama, Ballet, French, Spanish, and Math Enrichment
- Extended Day Program in conjunction with the Columbia Association
- Mentor Program in partnership with Howard Community College
- Afterschool Math Tutoring Program
- Artists-in Residence

Accomplishments

- PBIS Silver Award (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)
- Certificate of Recognition for Public School Construction, 2010
- Governor's Citation, 2009
- Recipient of Bright Minds Grant, 2009
- Maryland School Performance Recognition Award
- Maryland Character Education School of the Year Award
- NAACP Howard County Branch Award for Attendance Rate and Recognition of Outstanding Performance at or above 90% Achievement
- Northrop Grumman Engineer Award for Participation in Engineers Week
- The PTA Council of Howard County Award for participation in the Arts in Reflection Program
- Wachovia recognized Worthington Elementary as a Maryland Center for Character Education School of the Year

Using Technology

- First in Math Program - *helps solidify basic math skills, improve test scores.*
- Students learn to use applications such as Kidspiration, Inspiration, Excel, PowerPoint, Comic Life, iPhoto and iMovie.
- Students learn how to create, edit and publish products that demonstrate their comprehension of academic objectives.
- Students utilize digital cameras, digital video, and an electronic response system to express their ideas.
- Staff are provided with training on a variety of applications and hardware such as iPhoto, United Streaming, PowerPoint, Excel and an electronic response system to increase and enhance their use of technology in the classroom.