

Forest Ridge Elementary School

PROFILE

2007-08

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Forest Ridge Elementary School takes great pride in serving the families of North Laurel. Ours is a rapidly growing area of Howard County. We service a richly diverse, involved, and pleasant group of families.

An effective school has a number of components. Our students always work hard to meet our high expectations. Our parents have joined us in maintaining a strong cooperative relationship between home and school. And our staff is dedicated to providing everything necessary for our youngsters to be successful. That's a winning combination.

The mission of Forest Ridge is to promote continual learning for all students in a safe and supportive school atmosphere. We have a vision to provide a learning environment in which progress is pursued, and respect and kindness form the basis of our actions.

We are most proud of the "feel" of Forest Ridge. Our school has developed a wonderfully warm atmosphere. Our students are smiling and learning. Our staff can be found reading at the local library or helping students after school at the Homework Club. Our parents energetically support and strengthen our efforts at home. Some have even joined our "Special Forces" volunteers to help students in need of review.

Please stop in and visit. We would love the opportunity to have you experience the fine school program that exists at Forest Ridge.

Allan Olchowski, Principal
Ann Steger, Assistant Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1992

Additions/Renovations: 2001, 2002

School Capacity: 560
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 2 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment (K-5): 627

Student Mobility 2006-07

7.9% Entrants

7.4% Withdrawals

Ethnicity

White	31.3%
African American	39.2%
Asian	17.5%
Hispanic	8.1%
Native American	0.6%
Unidentified	3.2%

Students Receiving Special Services 2006-07

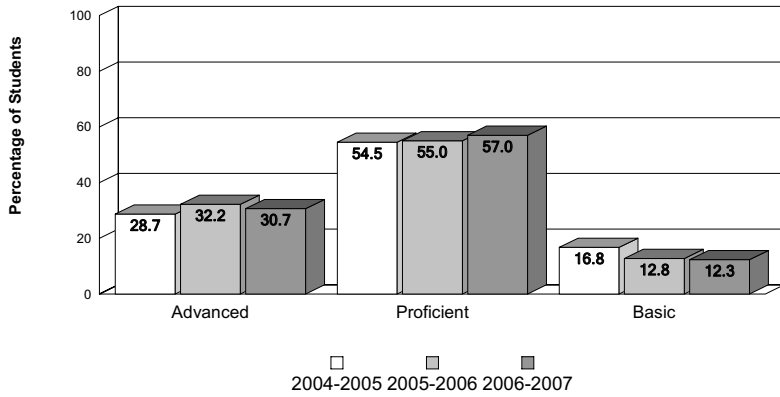
Title I	0%
Ltd. English Proficient	4.6%
Free/Reduced Lunch	10.8%
Special Education	6.7%

PTA members: 356

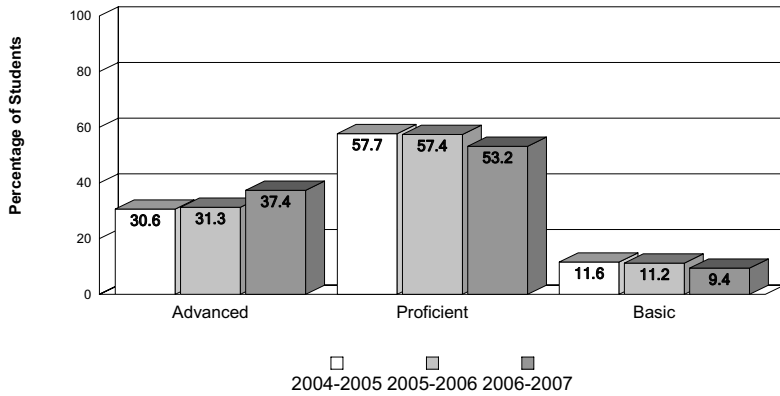


Achievement Data

Forest Ridge Elementary School MSA - Mathematics



MSA - Reading



MSA Standards - Percent Advanced/Proficient

School Year	MSDE AYP Standards		Howard Cty Standard	Forest Ridge	
	Reading	Mathematics		Reading	Mathematics
2004-2005	57.80	53.60	70.00	88.3	83.2
2005-2006	62.50	58.80	70.00	87.9	86.4
2006-2007	67.20	63.90	70.00	90.5	87.6

Accomplishments

2007

- Received "Black Saga" Top 10 award after the 10th Annual Maryland State Black Saga Competition at Towson University.
- Received "Certificate of Excellence" from the Howard County branch of the NAACP.
- Principal Dr. Allan Olchowski nominated for the Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award.

2006

- Received award from Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) for school's efforts in the Maryland Kids Care Katrina Campaign.

2005

- Received Maryland School Performance Recognition Award for overall Maryland School Assessment (MSA) improvement.

2004

- Received Maryland School Performance Recognition Award for overall Maryland School Assessment (MSA) improvement as well as MSA sub-group improvement.
- Susan Langley, fifth grade team leader, was named American Legion Teacher of the Year.

Special Programs

- A wide variety of after-school activities are available including dance, world language, chess club, and science instruction.
- Organizes a Black Saga competition each year whose members have competed at the University of Maryland.
- Organized a Guidance Staff Mentoring program serving a wide variety of student needs.
- Forest Ridge Summer School
- Math tutoring available (3:1 ratio)
- Weekly Forest Ridge Homework Club
- Educational Partnerships with the Brickman Group, the Savage Library, Bank of America, National Security Agency, and Chesapeake Physical Therapy.
- Maintains a Professional Development School with Towson University.