

Forest Ridge Elementary School

PROFILE

2009-10

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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 are delighted to partner with 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 worked hard to develop a wonderfully warm atmosphere. Our students are smiling and learning. Our staff can be found working at the after-school chess club 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 support.

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

"Work Hard and Be Nice"

Allan Olchowski, Principal
Ann Steger, Assistant Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened - 1992

Additions/Renovations: 2001 / 2 (R) / (A), 2009 (A)

School Capacity: 626
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 2 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment (K-5): 659

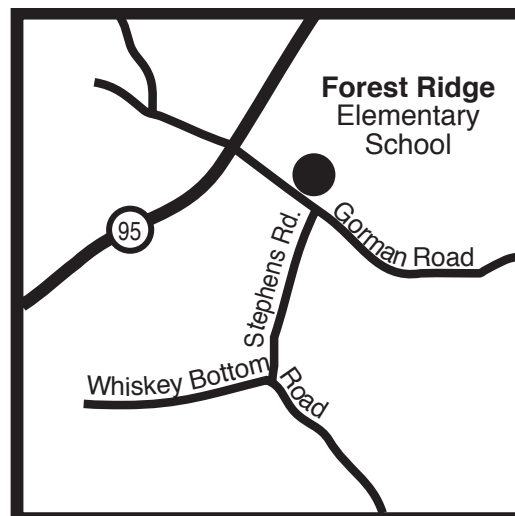
Ethnicity

White	30.4%
African American	40.6%
Asian	17.9%
Hispanic	7.9%
Native American	0.5%
Not Reported	2.7%

Students Receiving Special Services 2008-09

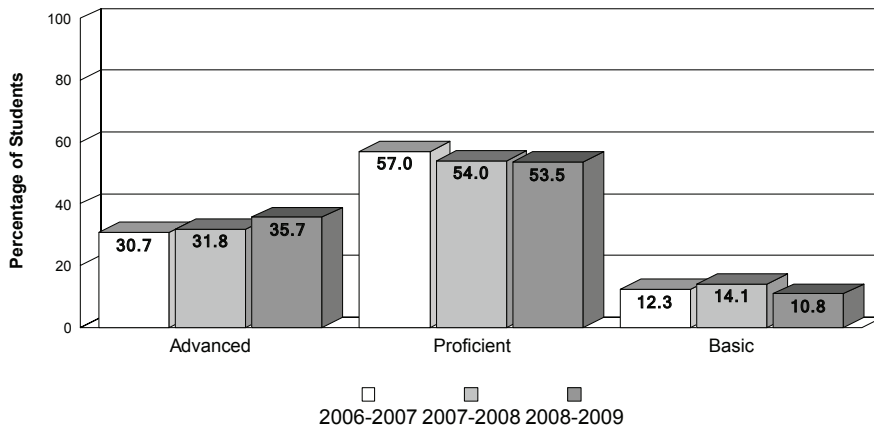
Title I	0%
Ltd. English Proficient	5.2%
Free/Reduced Lunch	14.5%
Special Education	6.2%

PTA members: 400

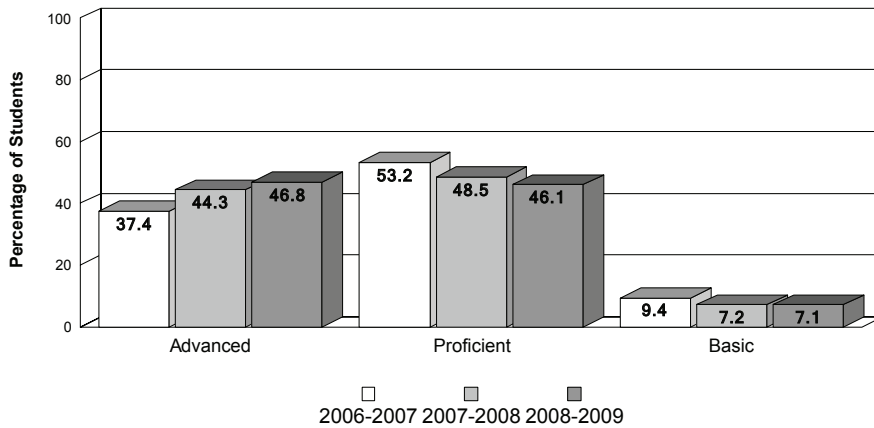


Achievement Data

Forest Ridge Elementary School MSA - Mathematics



MSA - Reading



MSA Standards - Percent Advanced/Proficient

School Year	MSDE AYP Standards		Howard Cty Standard	Forest Ridge ES	
	Reading	Mathematics		Reading	Mathematics
2006-2007	67.2	63.9	70.0	90.60	87.70
2007-2008	71.8	69.1	70.0	92.80	85.90
2008-2009	76.5	74.2	70.0	92.90	89.20

Accomplishments

2009

- Named a PBIS "Silver Recognition" school by the state of Maryland for our continuing efforts in the area of student behavior.
- Again recorded the largest number of students attending the BSAP Evening of Excellence, which recognizes advanced performance on the MSA tests.
- Jeni Schoemaker, named county's Outstanding New Art Teacher
- Media specialist, Danielle DuPuis named an official Google Educator.
- Black Saga team scored within the Top Ten teams in state competition.

2008

- Named a "School of the Year" by the Maryland Center for Character Education
- Named a PBIS Green Ribbon School for our efforts in the area of student behavior
- Had the most students attend the BSAP Evening of Excellence, which recognizes advanced performance on the MSA tests

2007

- Received Distinguished School Award from Howard County branch of NAACP.
- Received "Black Saga" Top 10 award after the 10th Annual Maryland State Black Saga Competition at Towson University.
- Principal Dr. Allan Olchowski nominated for Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award.
- Principal's secretary, Chris Traini nominated for Distinguished Office Professional Award.

Special Programs

- Wide variety of after-school activities, including homework club, art club, chess club, and science instruction.
- Annual Black Saga competition
- Guidance Staff Mentoring program that serves 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, National Security Agency, and Chesapeake Physical Therapy.
- Professional Development School with Towson University.