

Guilford Elementary School

PROFILE

2009-10

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Guilford Elementary School's learning community reflects a partnership between the students, parents and our dedicated staff. Through this partnership, we continually strive to ensure the academic success of all students by encouraging their academic, physical, emotional, and social development.

At Guilford, teaching and learning are not merely what we do, but who we are. Among our staff, we have specialists in reading and mathematics, who offer their expertise both in our classrooms, and in the larger educational society through workshops and presentations. Other staff members can be found honing their craft by writing curriculum, publishing instructional units, and teaching students before and after school. Still other staff regularly opt to invest their time in the summer in order to prepare for our students. We recognize that we cannot possibly expect the best from our students if we do not expect the best from ourselves.

Guilford Elementary is committed to opening its doors to all learning opportunities that enhance the richness of our diverse cultural blend of students attending Guilford. Our PTA has initiated a relationship between Guilford and students from a Ugandan school. Students exchange written messages about their educational experiences. In addition, our students know the joy of giving as they excitedly participate in fundraisers for the March of Dimes, The Chosen, and food drives for the holidays. Through these endeavors, we vitalize our mission of ensuring excellence in teaching and learning so that each child will participate responsibly in our diverse and changing world.

Genée A. Varlack, Ed.D., Principal
Connie Stahler, Assistant Principal

Fast Facts

Facility opened - 1954

Additions/Renovations

1959 (R), 1982, 1986 (A), 1989, 2006

School Capacity: 462

(This does not include additional capacity provided by 5 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment (PreK-5): 511

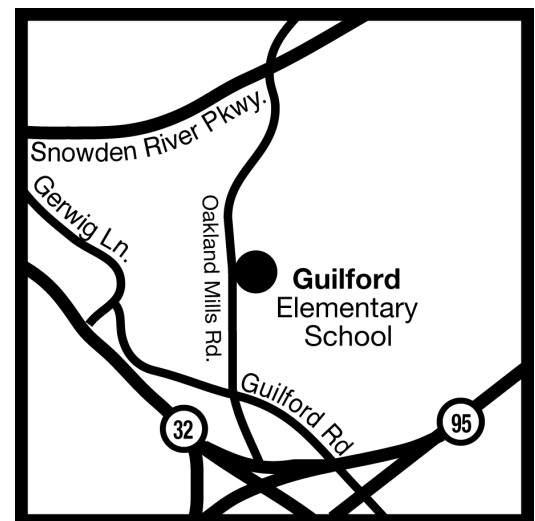
Ethnicity

White	27.4%
African American	40.5%
Asian	9.2%
Hispanic	9.0%
Native American	0.4%
Not Reported	13.5%

Students Receiving Special Services 2008-09

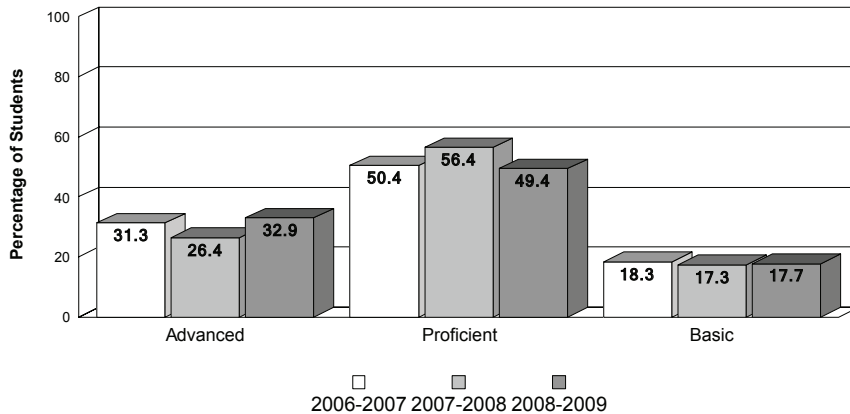
Title I	17.8%
Ltd. English Proficient	8.5%
Free/Reduced Lunch	26.9%
Special Education	6.7%

PTA members: 250+

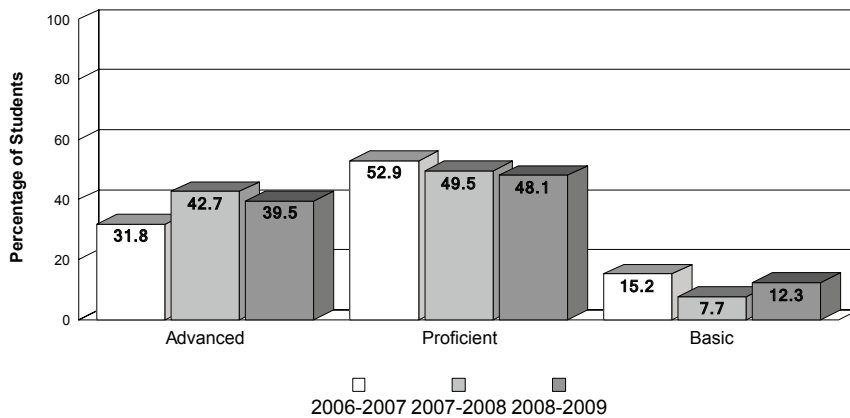


Achievement Data

Guilford Elementary School MSA - Mathematics



MSA - Reading



MSA Standards - Percent Advanced/Proficient

School Year	MSDE AYP Standards		Howard Cty Standard	Guilford ES	
	Reading	Mathematics		Reading	Mathematics
2006-2007	67.2	63.9	70.0	84.80	81.70
2007-2008	71.8	69.1	70.0	92.30	82.70
2008-2009	76.5	74.2	70.0	87.70	82.30

Special Programs

- Bridges before- and after-school programming to meet student needs
- Math tutoring provided in small groups
- America Reads Tutoring Program in conjunction with HCC
- MESA participants each year
- Over 1/3 of students participate in instrumental music programming. Additional offerings include Jazz Band, Chamber Orchestra, Tiger Drums and Chimers.
- Over 25% of 4th and 5th grade students participate in GT mathematics
- Tuesday Mornings program to acquaint Pre-K, K, and 1st grade parents with Guilford
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters mentors
- Omega Psi Phi Mentoring Program for males

Accomplishments

2009

- Anne Hager received "A Day Made Better" dedicated teacher award from Office Max
- Carol Wolter received Simon McNeely Award for Physical Education
- Kris Woodson received MSDE Award for Outstanding Contributions to Maryland's Extended Learning Programs
- PBIS Gold Award
- Healthy Howard Award
- GES students received 5 team awards in MESA Competition, led by Susie Wright
- GES students collected \$975 for March of Dimes led by Erin Schade
- GES students and staff collected \$1200 for The Chosen, a group of Ugandan students, led by parent Lisa Nugent
- BSAP salutes 21 students for outstanding MSA performance
- Math Olympiad High Team Achievement
- GT Orchestra participants
- Howard County Children's Chorus participants

2008

- Dr. Genée Varlack, principal, named Omega Psi Phi Citizen of the Year
- NAACP Award for Improvement in All Areas
- Dr. Genée Varlack and Kris Woodson received MSDE Pride Award for Bridges programming
- Governor's Citation for Superior Maintenance
- PBIS Exemplar School 2005-2008
- Keara Taylor Lopez won 2nd place in HCPSS Safe School Poster Contest
- MESA Regional Champions – 7 team awards, led by Susie Wright
- GES students collected \$1200 for March of Dimes led by Erin Schade
- BSAP salutes 10 students for outstanding MSA performance
- Howard County Band participant
- Howard County Children's Chorus participants

2007

- Anne Hager received National Board Certification
- MESA Regional Champions – 8 team awards