



Community schools serve as hubs that bring families, communities, and partners together to remove barriers to learning. Leveraging the resources of community partners, local governments, and other stakeholders, community schools strive to strengthen connections between home, school, and communities to support student success.



Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) has designated the following as community schools for the 2024–25 school year:

- Cradlerock ES
- Deep Run ES
- Ducketts Lane ES
- Guilford ES
- Laurel Woods ES
- Stevens Forest ES
- Lake Elkhorn MS
- Homewood Center

HCPSS’ community schools will be funded through the **Blueprint for Maryland’s Future**, a law mandating the use of programs and innovative approaches to eradicate achievement gaps and ensure opportunity for every student.



Howard County Community School Vision

Students are engaged, connected, and life ready. Our Community Schools implement four key practices based on the core values of voice, equity, empowerment, and transformation:

1. High Quality Instruction and Learning
2. Culture of Belonging, Safety and Care
3. Family School Partnership
4. Integrated Systems of Support

Programs and Services

Because students’ and families’ needs vary by community, the services provided at individual community schools vary as well.

Depending on the needs of a given community, community schools can provide services such as:

- Extended learning time 
- Extended school year
- Safe transportation to and from school 
- Vision and dental services
- Expanded school-based health center services
- Additional social workers, counselors, and psychologists
- Additional mentors and restorative practice coaches 
- Healthy food in-school and out-of-school
- Access to mental health practitioners

For more information

about HCPSS’ community schools, visit <https://hcpsne.ws/communityschools> or contact communityschools@hcps.org.

Blueprint for Maryland’s Future
<https://blueprint.marylandpublicschools.org/>

Community Schools FAQs
<https://help.hcps.org/community-schools>