Atholton Elementary School's reputation of academic excellence is one that staff members are proud to continue. AES serves children ages three to five in the Regional Early Childhood Program, as well as students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

The mission of Atholton Elementary School is to partner with students, staff, families, and the community to create a supportive, engaging and collaborative learning community, cultivating creative thinking, honoring diversity, and empowering students to become self-motivated learners.

Atholton Elementary is a dynamic school with dedicated professionals who are passionate about teaching, students who are excited about learning, and parents who are supportive and actively involved. Students are highly engaged and work hard to apply their knowledge and skills to meet individual goals. The staff is proud to provide high quality instruction in a nurturing learning environment where students feel supported socially, intellectually and academically. The AES staff is committed to the success of each student and it is our goal to make every year an exceptional learning experience for all students.

Atholton Elementary has a valued tradition of strong parental involvement. The PTA, volunteers and staff coordinate activities that cultivate a sense of family within the school community. AES is proud of the team effort in place by all members of the school community. Atholton is a great place to work, learn and grow!
### Academic Achievement

#### AES Performance on State Tests*

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### Accomplishments

- Four Nationally Board Certified teachers
- A certified Maryland Green School since 2009, AES achieved the highest level, “Sustainable,” in 2022.

### Educational Partnerships

- Chipotle, Columbia
- Colonial Pipeline Company
- Educational System FCU
- Giant Food, Freetown Road
- Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc.
- Harris Teeter, Guilford Road
- Howard County Conservancy
- Howard County Library, East Columbia Branch
- Howard County Local Children’s Board
- Howard County Office of Community Sustainability
- Roma’s Breakfast & Pizzeria
- Scott Spedden – Farmers Insurance and Financial Services
- SECU
- Silver Knights Enrichment
- Texas Roadhouse, Columbia
- Touché Touchet Bakery
- Towson University College of Education

### Special Programs

- Academic Intervention Program
- After School Programs – Columbia Association
- Book Mobile
- Chorus
- Concert Band
- Concert Orchestra
- Field Day
- Gifted and Talented
- Girls on the Run
- Green School Initiative
- Howard County Festival Chorus
- Howard County Library Battle of the Books
- Howard County Library Rube Goldberg Challenge
- Howard County Spelling Bee and BumbleBee
- Howard County Recreation and Parks After School Activities
- Instructional Intervention Team
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources Trout in the Classroom
- Outdoor Classroom
- Participation in One Hour of Code
- 5th Grade Peer Leaders
- Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) School-Wide Behavior Program
- Pre-Kindergarten
- PTA Cultural Arts Programs
- PTA Restaurant Nights
- Recycling Team
- Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC)
- School Safety Patrols
- Simulated Congressional Hearing
- Spirit Days
- Student Ambassadors
- Turkey Trot
- Wellness Initiative
- Yearbook