

Forest Ridge Elementary School

PROFILE

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Forest Ridge Elementary School (FRES) is a school built on rich history and diversity. FRES was built on rural land in 1992, opening its doors to 550 students and 56 staff members. The school has grown over the past 24 years in both population and diversity. FRES is currently home to 90+ staff members who instruct 650+ students who speak 28 languages.

Forest Ridge Elementary continues to embrace actions that support its vision and mission in that "We believe that every student should be empowered to be a purposeful lifelong learner. We will teach, nurture, and encourage all students to contribute positively in our diverse community and world."

The FRES staff is committed to providing exemplary instruction and supports for all students, ensuring that students are engaged in their learning and are receiving rigorous instruction every day. FRES embraces collaborating with its community. Staff and community can be found volunteering their time after school to support a wide variety of initiatives. The PTA and families energetically support school efforts. The doors of Forest Ridge are always open to new learning opportunities that enhance the richness of our diverse cultural blend of students.

Forest Ridge Elementary — a unique, enriched learning community — a Laurel Gem!

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1992

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

School Capacity: 713
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 5 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment (K–5): 689
Official count 9/30/19

Ethnicity FY20

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	21.6%
Black/African American	35.0%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	16.4%
White	19.5%
Two or more races	7.1%

Students Receiving Special Services FY19

Free/Reduced Meals	31.4%
English Learners	11.0%
Special Education	7.8%

Administrators:

Scott Conroy, Principal
Ivye Pazornik, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships :

- A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
- Chick-fil-A, Johns Hopkins Road
- Coastal Conservation Association Maryland
- Howard County Library, Savage Branch & STEM Education Center
- Howard County MultiService Center
- Mathnasium of Laurel
- Mother Nature's

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Academic Achievement

FRES Performance on State Tests

Measure	FY18 Results	FY19 Results
Percent Proficient Mathematics	50.8%	47.1%
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	50.0%	46.5%
Percent Proficient Science	---	34.7%

State accountability information can be accessed at <https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/>

Special Programs

- Battle of the Books sponsored by the Howard County Library
- Big Buddy, Little Buddy Mentoring Program
- Bright Minds Grant Winner, for desk cycles to be used in classrooms
- CAPA Tutoring Program
- The First Tee National School Program Participant
- Girls on the Run Program sponsored by Horizon Foundation Grant
- HERO Boys Running Program
- King's Court & Melanin Magic (Grade 5 Motivational Group)
- PTA After-School Enrichment Programs
- PTA Cultural Arts Program
- PTA International Night
- Parent Evening Workshops
- Professional Development School with Towson University
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Seminars
- Schoolwide Science Fair
- Simulated Congressional Hearings – Fifth Grade Students
- Student Leaders – Grades 2–5
- Teacher Run Drama Club
- Ukulele Seminars Grades 2–5
- WatchDOGS (Dads of Great Students)

Accomplishments

- Named a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Exemplary School – "Gold," 2011–17
- Healthy Howard School recognition
- The Council of Elders Student Achievement Recognition
- Re-certified as a Maryland Green School, 2017
- Rube Goldberg Challenge, 1st Place, 2018
- Howard County Children's Chorus
- Howard County ES Honors Orchestra