

Gorman Crossing Elementary School

PROFILE

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Welcome to Gorman Crossing Elementary School! This school year, the school has a total enrollment of 877 students in grades PreK through five, and staff members are excited to see the school's population grow.

Gorman Crossing students' needs and interests are met through Gifted and Talented programs, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), and Special Education services provided at each grade level. All students have the opportunity to participate in the school's flourishing Related Arts programs, which include Chorus, Band, Strings, Art, and Physical Education. At Gorman Crossing, there is a place for every student to shine!

Over the past 20 years, Gorman Crossing Elementary has developed a strong collaborative relationship between staff, students, and parents. Staff believe they must maintain a partnership among all parties to enable all students to reach their fullest potential. Staff work with the school's PTA to host Family Nights and Cultural Arts events. The GCES community works together to develop a sound educational program that promotes academic excellence.

Gorman Crossing embraces the vision of HCPSS. Here, every student and staff member embraces diversity and possesses the skills, knowledge and confidence to positively influence the larger community.

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1998

Additions/Renovations
2007 (R/A), 2013 (A)

School Capacity: 735
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 2 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment (PreK–5): 877
Official count 9/30/18

Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	27.6%
Black/African American	32.8%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	11.7%
White	20.4%
Two or more races	7.3%

Students Receiving Special Services FY18

Free/Reduced Lunch	20.0%
Ltd. English Proficient	6.8%
Special Education	11.2%
Title I	0.0%

PTA members: 300

Administrators:

Deborah Holmes, Principal
Gillian Spivey, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships

- Chick-fil-A, Johns Hopkins Road
- Gales' Violin Shop, Inc.
- Howard County Library, Savage Branch & STEM Education Center
- Howard County Multi-Service Center
- National Security Agency

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Academic Achievement

GCES Performance on State Tests – FY18

Measure	Results
Percent Proficient Mathematics	57.7%
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	54.8%

State accountability information for GCES can be accessed at <https://hcpsne.ws/gces-reportcd>

Special Programs

- Regional Early Childhood Center
- Multiple Intense Needs Classes for Toddlers and Preschoolers
- Academic Life Skills Classes for Grades 1–5
- Drama Program
- Hour of Code
- Howard County Library Battle of the Books
- Maker Space
- PTA Restaurant Nights
- Safety Patrol
- Simulated Congressional Hearing
- Spelling Bee
- Turkey Trot
- Yearbook

Accomplishments

- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) School, since 2010
- Maryland Silver Recognition Award for implementation of PBIS, 2013, 2015 - Present
- Safety Patrol, 2013–present
- Battle of the Books Teams (Grade 5), 2008–present
- Math Night For Families. 2009–present
- Howard County Enrichment and Honor Ensembles for band, chorus and orchestra, 1998 to present
- Simulated Congressional Hearing, 2008–present
- Reading Mentors, 2009–present
- Healthy Howard Awards, 2013–2015
- Gorman Go Getters, 2015 Presentation Champion, 2015 - Present

Mission Statement

At Gorman Crossing, we cultivate a vibrant learning community that prepares students to thrive in a dynamic world.