

Jeffers Hill Elementary School

PROFILE

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Jeffers Hill is located in the heart of Columbia in the Village of Long Reach and has been in existence for 48 years. It is their mission to prepare their students through dynamic opportunities in an effort to allow all students to succeed in an ever-changing world.

Jeffers Hill students are eager to enter the building each morning and former students and staff proudly return to visit. As their school population grows and changes, they renew their commitment to making Jeffers Hill a place where significant relationships are formed and everyone feels part of an "intimate and collaborative learning community." The warm and welcoming atmosphere greets visitors and encourages parent and community participation in all aspects of the school.

The teaching staff is committed to providing exemplary instruction and support for all students through the implementation of the Maryland State Common Core Standards. Student success is measured in many ways. One of the best indicators is to walk through classrooms, where students are actively engaged in rigorous instruction and are determined to learn, grow and become contributing members of their community. Staff regularly engage in collaborative planning and data analysis in order to develop high quality instruction. Staff participate in student-centered professional learning that is designed to meet the needs of the 21st century learner.

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) works tirelessly to support the success of the students and the efforts of the staff. The community responds generously with their time, talents and treasures to energetically support school initiatives and efforts. The PTA also supports and enhances the school's learning environment by sponsoring many activities, such as the Cultural Arts and After School Enrichment programs. Staff and community volunteer their time after school to support many events including STEM Events, Parent Workshops, Girls On the Run, MESA and Family Engagement Activities/Events. They also celebrate their partnership with the Howard County Chapter of the Links, Inc. through their support of the Can You Imagine Me? Program and MESA. We treasure all of our partnerships!

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1974

Additions/Renovations
1999 (R)

School Capacity: 377
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 2 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment (PreK–5): 408
Official count 9/30/22

Ethnicity FY23

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	11.0%
Black/African American	40.2%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	23.0%
White	18.9%
Two or more races	6.6%

Students Receiving Special Services FY22

Free/Reduced Meals	32.7%
English Learners	13.4%
Special Education	10.2%

Administrators:

Maisha Strong, Principal
Colleen Golden, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships

- A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
- Blessings in a Backpack
- Camp Attaway
- Gailes' Violin Shop, Inc.
- Howard County Library, East Columbia Branch
- OMEGA PSI PHI Fraternity
- Schoolhouse Theater Arts, Inc.
- St John Baptist Church
- TasteWise Kids
- The Links, Incorporated, Columbia, Maryland Chapter
- Towson University
- Vanguard Orthodontics
- Dreams to Reality

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Academic Achievement

JHES Performance on State Tests*

Measure	FY18 Results	FY19 Results
Percent Proficient Mathematics	34.9%	42.2%
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	46.7%	51.0%
Percent Proficient Science	---	37.1%

*State tests were not administered in FY20 or FY21 due to the pandemic. 2022 state assessment results have delayed reporting due to the standard setting process.

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

Special Programs

- Bumble Bee (Grades 1–3)
- Spelling Bee (Grades 4–5)
- GT Art Club
- Jump Rope for Heart
- MESA (Math Engineering and Science Achievement) Program
- OMEGA Kids
- PTA Restaurant Nights
- Reading Recovery Program – Grade 1
- Restorative Justice through Community Circles
- AAA Safety Patrol
- Unheard Perspectives
- Young Author’s Contest (Grades 2–5)
- Academic Intervention Program
- Columbia Association Points Program
- Howard County Festival Chorus
- Howard County Elementary GT Band
- Howard County Elementary GT Orchestra
- Howard County Elementary Honors Band
- Reading & Math Tutoring

Accomplishments

- MESA/STEM Day Regional Competition – team placed 1st in Wood Bridge Building Competition, 2019
- MESA Days State Competition, 2016, 2017, 2019; team placed 3rd in Basswood Bridge Challenge, 2019
- PBIS Gold Maryland Banner Award, 2008–present
- Battle of the Books Awards, 2015–19
- Young Authors County Award and State Finalists, 2019
- JHES Participant in HCPSS County Spelling Bee, 2019
- Math Olympiad Winner
- GT Orchestra Participant