LWES – Looking Within Every Student encompasses the essence of our vision statement. Laurel Woods is a community of active learners where staff, families, students and educational partners take responsibility to ensure success for each student. It is our mission to develop productive and responsible citizens in a positive and challenging environment that accelerates achievement, and encourages enthusiasm for lifelong learning. Our staff members focus on the whole child, taking into consideration the personal, cognitive and social aspects of each child.

Our students benefit from the many programs and resources available within our school. Literacy and math coaches offer continuous assistance to students and staff through intentional planning and professional development. Our dedicated teaching staff provides individualized instruction on a daily basis in an effort to meet the diverse needs of each student.

Laurel Woods has been recognized by the state of Maryland for our outstanding PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program. PBIS is a schoolwide program designed to teach and recognize excellence in student learning and citizenship. We remain committed as a school community to provide our children with the opportunity to excel academically, socially, and behaviorally. With the help of our students, staff, and families, we have created the following five success factors that are intentionally modeled and reinforced throughout the school year: kindness, honesty, creativity, accountability, and empathy. Each success factor plays a role in creating and maintaining a supportive and engaging learning environment for all.

Our PTO and surrounding community, including volunteers and business partners, work to provide a positive, exciting, and joy-filled school community. We recognize our responsibility to equip our students with the essential skills needed to problem solve and work collaboratively in the rapidly changing and diverse world that we live in today.
### Academic Achievement

#### LWES Performance on State Tests*

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*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/](https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/)

### Accomplishments

- Gold PBIS Award
- Student recognition by the Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County
- Student participation in HCL Battle of the Books
- Student participation in HCL/HCPSS Spelling Bee Competition
- Student participation in Girls on the Run 5K races in winter and spring
- Student participation in the Unheard Perspectives Showcase

### Special Programs

- AAA Safety Patrol
- After-School Academic Support Programs
- After School Program- Howard County Recreation and Parks
- Alternative Education Program
- Boys and Girls Club Pilot Program
- BSAP Community Liaison Coordinator
- Chorus
- Community Circles
- Concert Band/Orchestra Programs
- ESOL
- Family Involvement Contact
- Family Math and Reading Nights
- Full Day Prekindergarten
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Girls on the Run Program
- Hispanic Achievement Community Liaison
- Hour of Code
- Howard County Library Battle of the Books
- Howard County Library Spelling Bee
- Instructional Intervention Team
- Literacy Coach
- Math Intervention Teachers
- Math Specialists
- Math Coach
- Musical Theatre Program
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program
- Reading Specialists
- Ready at Five Partnership Sponsored Learning Parties
- RECC MINC- EL Program
- RECC 3-year old Program
- RECC MINC-Preschool Program
- Restorative Justice Cohort School
- Schoolwide Free Breakfast Program
- Schoolwide Title I
- Simulated Congressional Hearings
- UMBC Professional Development School

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