The entire Stevens Forest Elementary School (SFES) community is committed to providing a rich and rigorous education for our children in a safe and engaging environment. As one of the smallest and most beloved schools in the Howard County Public School System, we pride ourselves on being a true community school where nearly 100 percent of our students live close enough to walk to school. As a result, our staff has built a strong bond with parents and community members because of how frequently we see one another during arrival, dismissal, and during school-related events. We place a premium on partnering with parents and our community members to make our school the very best place for learning.

Pursuing academic achievement, our dynamic classroom teachers implement Stevens Forest standards as we teach “Reading Across the Curriculum” and utilize multi-group math instruction. SFES hosts family nights that also support academic achievement. Every effort is made to meet the diverse needs of our students by using research-based instruction that fosters both academic and social-emotional growth, acceleration through the Gifted and Talented Program, and inclusion of students with special needs. We strive to intervene academically for all children and have focused on differentiation of instruction so that all students are on the path for college and career readiness. Grade level teams constantly monitor student progress so they can proactively plan the next steps to increase student achievement.

Our motivated, hard-working, and caring staff continue to maintain high expectations for each and every student. Related arts teachers develop talent and interest in the arts, physical education, technology and literature. Paraeducators are dedicated and valued members of our staff who support teachers and students by providing interventions, organizing materials of instruction and sharing thoughtful ideas. Our front office staff welcomes parents, students and visitors each day. We truly expect great things from our children and provide them with the necessary supports so students are successful in their future college and career experience. Our dedicated staff and great community strive to ensure Success For Every Student!
## Academic Achievement

### SFES Performance on State Tests*

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*State tests were not administered in FY20 due to the pandemic.

State accountability information can be accessed at [https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/](https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/)

## Accomplishments

- SFES PTA once again named a "National PTA School of Excellence," making it the only school in Howard County and one of four across Maryland to earn that distinction.
- 2016 Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Gold Recognition School
- Board Certified Teachers (2)
- Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver School
- Home of the 2017–18 Maryland Arts Education Association District Recognition Award for Career Elementary School Teacher
- 2020 MSEA ESP of the Year Awardee

## Special Programs

- AAA Safety Patrol
- Academic Intervention Summer School Program
- After School Program – HC Recreation and Parks
- Alternative Education Program
- Art Extravaganza Day
- Artist in Residence Program
- Band and Strings
- Before and After School Academic Intervention
- Before and After School Program – Columbia Assn.
- Black Student Achievement Program Liaison
- Blessings in a Backpack®
- Chorus
- Columbia Association Points Program
- Community Circles
- Daily 5 Reading Program
- Dogs Educating and Assisting Readers (DEAR)
- DreamBox Learning Online Math Program
- Family Involvement Liaison
- Field Day
- Full-Day Prekindergarten Program
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Girls on the Run Program
- Hispanic Achievement Liaison
- Hour of Code