Veterans Elementary School opened in August, 2007 as Howard County’s 39th elementary school. The school mascot is the eagle and the school colors are red, white and blue.

The goal of VES’s school program is to support the county’s Learning and Leading with Equity initiative. The School Improvement Team determines the focus of the school program based on relevant data.

The staff at Veterans Elementary is committed to providing many learning opportunities for children. They create an environment that encourages in all students high self-esteem, development of effective and creative problem-solving skills, and a challenge to reach their fullest potential.

Veterans Elementary School has a large number of ESOL students and is very proud of its diverse student population. Staff members are also proud of the extensive extracurricular programs offered to students. VES has one of the largest elementary band and orchestra programs in the county.

Veterans Elementary is fortunate to have an active PTA that provides many additional programs and services to students. Parent volunteers assist staff in a number of different ways to help ensure success for every student. Veterans Elementary School and its vibrant community are creating an inclusive educational environment where all students can learn and be successful.
### Academic Achievement

**VES Performance on State Tests – FY18**

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State accountability information for VES can be accessed at [https://hcpssne.md/ves-reportcd](https://hcpssne.md/ves-reportcd)

### Special Programs

- AAA Safety Patrol
- Academic Life Skills
  - Classes
- After School Program – HC Recreation and Parks
- After School PTA-Sponsored Programs:
  - Art Club, Chess, Drama, Karate, LEGOS, Science
- Community Circles
- Concert Band
- Concert Orchestra
- Daily 5 Reading Program (K–2)
- Enrichment Fair
- ESOL
- Family Fit Night
- Family Math and Reading Nights
- Field Day
- Gifted and Talented (G/T) Program
- Girls on the Run Program
- Girls Who Code
- Green School Initiative
- Hour of Code
- Howard County Children’s Chorus
- Howard County Elementary
  - GT Band
- Howard County Elementary
  - GT Orchestra
- Howard County Library
  - Battle of the Books, Bumble Bee
- Instructional Intervention
  - Team
- International Community
  - Liaison
- International Night
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Math Intervention
  - Teachers
- Math Olympiad
- MD/DC Stock Market
  - Game
- Peer Helpers
- Peer Mediation
- Peer Mentors
- Positive Behavioral
  - Interventions and
  - Supports (PBIS) Program
- Professional Development
  - School
- PTA Cultural Arts
  - Program
- PTA Reflections Program
- PTA Restaurant Nights
- Reading Recovery
- Science, Technology,
  - Engineering, Math
  - (STEM) Fair
- Simulated Congressional
  - Hearing
- Terrapins in the
  - Classroom Program
- Veterans Academy
  - Scholars Program
- Yearbook

### Accomplishments

- PBIS Gold Award Recognition, 2010–17
- National Network of Partnership
  - Schools – Johns Hopkins
  - University
- Professional Development School, Early Childhood – Towson
  - University
- Battle of the Books 2018 – 1st and
  - 3rd Place; 2017 – 3rd Place; 2016
  - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place