

Veterans Elementary School

PROFILE

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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.

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 2007

School Capacity: 799

(This does not include additional capacity provided by 5 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment (PreK-5): 932

Official count 9/30/18

Ethnicity FY19

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	51.3%
Black/African American	14.0%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	6.7%
White	24.7%
Two or more races	≤5.0%

Students Receiving Special Services FY18

Free/Reduced Lunch	21.0%
Ltd. English Proficient	9.7%
Special Education	12.3%
Title I	0.0%

PTA members: 344

Administrators:

Robert Bruce, Principal
Katie Carter, Assistant Principal
Amy Green, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. – Greater Howard County Pearls
- Bethel Baptist Church
- Brunswick Zone Normandy
- Howard Co. Library, Miller Branch
- Okinawan Karate Dojo
- Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Yingling-Ridgely Post 7472
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- YMCA of Central Maryland, Dancel Family Center

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Academic Achievement

VES Performance on State Tests – FY18

Measure	Results
Percent Proficient Mathematics	59.1%
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	55.2%

State accountability information for VES can be accessed at <https://hcpssne.ws/ves-reported>

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