Waterloo Elementary was one of six schools statewide to earn the 2018 Blue Ribbon School designation and award from the Maryland State Department of Education! Waterloo was also recognized as a 2018 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. Waterloo has proudly served our community for more than 55 years. The students, staff, and families of Waterloo are proud of our rich tradition of excellence, dedication, creativity, and compassion. In our dedicated efforts to provide meaningful and targeted instruction that meets the individual needs of each child, our teachers and school improvement efforts adhere to the following cyclical philosophy: Continuous Reflection – Intentional Implementations – Analytical Results.

Collaborative team planning is instrumental in providing differentiated instruction for our students. Our Literacy and Math Coaches assist teachers with accessing the latest instructional strategies and implementing lessons that are aligned with curriculum standards.

We are committed to fostering an environment conducive to teaching and learning. Waterloo students are engaged learners who strive daily to represent themselves, intellectually, behaviorally, and socially, in a positive manner. Student efforts are recognized and celebrated by staff members and explicit lessons are taught throughout the year that introduce and reinforce those leadership, interpersonal, and perseverance skills so instrumental for success.

Waterloo Elementary is also proud of our strong and active partnership with our dedicated PTA. Family involvement is encouraged through volunteerism, PTA participation, or attending school/PTA sponsored functions. The commitment demonstrated by our staff, students, and supportive community enhances the school experience for all.
**Academic Achievement**

### Waterloo ES Performance on State Tests*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Measure</th>
<th>FY18 Results</th>
<th>FY19 Results</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Percent Proficient Mathematics</td>
<td>59.5%</td>
<td>59.0%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Percent Proficient English Language Arts</td>
<td>61.7%</td>
<td>64.4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Percent Proficient Science</td>
<td>---</td>
<td>37.4%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*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/)

### Special Programs

- After School Programming – Howard County Recreation and Parks
- Girls on the Run Program
- Grants:
  - Ongoing, Multi-Year Recipient of the IBM Volunteerism Grant – Technology Focus
  - Ongoing, Multi-Year Recipient of the Northrop Grumman STEM Grant
- Gifted and Talented Programming: Interest-Based and Criteria-Based Extension Opportunities
- Let Me Run Boys Program
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Professional Development School – Partnerships with University of Maryland, Loyola College, and Towson University
- Regional Early Childhood Center
- Regional Program for Students with Emotional/Social Disabilities
- Simulated Congressional Hearing – 5th Grade

### Accomplishments

- 2018 National Blue Ribbon School
- 2017–18 Maryland State Blue Ribbon School
- Honor Roll Distinction for Intermediate Level Students
- Representation on GT and Honors Band/Orchestra/Chorus Programs – 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019