West Friendship Elementary School's mission is for every student to be inspired to learn and empowered to excel. WFES offers an inspiring, engaging and supportive environment to cultivate a learning community that prepares children to thrive in a dynamic and diverse world.

"I am respectful, I am responsible, I am ready to learn. I will always be a friend at West Friendship!" These are the ideals students proudly demonstrate on a daily basis, creating a close community of learners. WFES staff provides personal attention, encouragement, and consistent support to foster perseverance and creative/critical thinking. Staff work to develop risk-taking, stamina, and deep-thinking that successful students demonstrate when encountering challenges or unfamiliar topics. In addition to rigorous and engaging academic activities, staff are committed to educating the whole child and ensuring that every child feels a sense of belonging at WFES. Students participate in daily social-emotional learning, which includes community building activities and class meetings. Staff teach and positively reinforce students to be respectful, responsible, caring and to show integrity.

The WFES PTA is a collaborative partner, providing support to school programs. Parents serve on committees and support cultural arts, parent education workshops, family fun nights, green school awareness, community drives, staff appreciation, and much more.

WFES is committed to ensuring the academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student in an inclusive and nurturing school environment that embraces diversity.

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1925

Additions/Renovations
1950 (A), 1962 (A), 1971 (R/A), 1978 (R/A), 2004 (R), 2005 (R)

School Capacity: 414
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 1 portable classroom.)

Total Enrollment (K–5): 366
Official count 9/30/22

Ethnicity FY23
American Indian/Alaskan ≤5.0%
Asian 20.2%
Black/African American 5.7%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino 5.7%
White 60.1%
Two or more races 7.9%

Students Receiving Special Services FY22
Free/Reduced Meals ≤5.0%
English Learners ≤5.0%
Special Education 7.3%

Administrators:
Debra O’Byrne, Principal
Sara Cox, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships
- Howard County Library, Glenwood Branch
- Trout Unlimited, Trout in the classroom
- West Friendship Volunteer Fire Department
- Ellicott City Subway

Updated December 2022
### Academic Achievement

#### WFES 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/)

### Special Programs

- 3rd Grade Publishers Parties
- 4th Grade Colonial Day
- 4th and 5th Grade Chorus
- 5th/2nd Grade Native Plant and Pollinator Unit
- 5th Simulated Congressional Hearings
- After School Programs provided by Howard County Recreation and Parks
- Art Exhibits
- Career Day – 5th Grade
- Chess Club
- Community Circles
- PTA Cultural Arts Program
- Family Informational Nights
- Field Day
- Fitness Fridays
- Girls on the Run
- Hour of Code
- Howard County Library Programs – Battle of the Book, Spelling Bee, Summer Reading Program
- Inclusive School Week
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Maker Space – Media
- Night of Excellence
- Peer Mentor Program
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- PTA After-school Enrichment Programs
- Read-a-thon – school-wide
- Restaurant Nights – PTA
- Rainbow Run - PTA
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Schoolwide Community Outreach Programs
- Spring Festival – PTA
- Spirit Days
- Student Leadership Team
- Tiger Cub Club – incoming kindergarten students
- Toys for Tots Drop Off Location
- Trout in the Classroom
- Unheard Perspectives
- WFES Night at the Glenwood Branch of the Howard County Public Library - PTA
- Yearbook

### Accomplishments

- PBIS Recognition
- Healthy Howard Gold School
- Maryland Green School Certified
- Certified Monarch Waystation
- Community Outreach recognition
- The Council of Elders Celebration of Academic Achievement
- Participation in Howard County Library programs: Battle of the Books, Spelling Bee
- Recognized for funds raised through Hoops for Heart and Jump Rope for Heart
- Participation in GT/Enrichment Band and Orchestra
- Participation in Howard County Children’s Chorus
- Participation in Music Solo and Ensemble Festival
- Participation in Unheard Perspectives

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