Worthington Elementary is a school where students, staff and the community are committed to ensuring the academic success and social-emotional well-being of each student. Worthington is aligned with the HCPSS Strategic Call to Action focusing on the following outcomes:

- Curriculum is based on standards and best practices, implemented with fidelity, and aligned with meaningful assessments that provide actionable data for instructional planning.
- Each and every student receives a high-quality education through access to individualized instruction, challenges, supports and opportunities.
- Students’ mental health and social-emotional learning are nurtured through skill development, collaborative dialogue and a restorative culture in our classrooms and community.

Worthington staff implement a comprehensive, balanced language arts program emphasizing a meaning-centered learning approach through literature, comprehension, writing, phonics, spelling, vocabulary development and grammar. In mathematics, implementation of rigorous instruction emphasizes problem-based learning tasks that promote reasoning and problem-solving.

Staff use data to inform instruction and identify students’ needs for enrichment or intervention. Staff participate in ongoing data discussions to analyze student work and implement flexible groupings to address the individual strengths or needs of each student.

Our “PAWS” Program, in alignment with Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Program, encourages students to follow the expectations of Being Prepared, Always Kind, Working Hard and Safe. We strive to create a safe, nurturing and supportive environment for optimal learning.

Worthington has a strong PTA partnership. The PTA provides many additional opportunities for students, such as family events, wellness activities, after school clubs, and cultural arts programs. Worthington appreciates the contributions of the PTA, volunteers and business partners.

Worthington takes pride in preparing students to be global citizens in a diverse and changing world.
### Academic Achievement

#### WoES Performance on State Tests – FY18

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State accountability information can be accessed at [https://hcpssne.ws/woes-report](https://hcpssne.ws/woes-report)

### Special Programs

- 4th and 5th Grade Chorus
- AAA Safety Patrol
- Academic Life Skills Classes
- Columbia Association Before and After Care Program
- After School PTA Sponsored Programs: Chess, Drama, Legos, Science, Spanish
- BSAP Evening of Excellence
- Daily 5 Reading Program (K–2)
- Days of Taste Farm to Table Program
- Family Fit Night
- Family Math and Reading Night
- Field Day
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Girls On The Run Program
- Hour of Code
- Howard County Elementary Solo and Ensemble Festival
- Howard County Library Programs: Battle of the Books, Rube Goldberg Engineering Challenge, Spelling Bee, Summer Reading Program
- Howard County Reading Council Young Authors’ Contest
- Howard County Recreation and Parks After School Activities
- How Girls Code Program
- Instructional Intervention Team
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Math Olympiads
- Peer Helpers
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program
- Pre-Kindergarten
- PTA After-School Enrichment Programs
- PTA Cultural Arts Programs
- PTA International Night
- PTA Restaurant Nights
- RECC (Regional Early Childhood Center)
- Science and Enrichment Fair
- Simulated Congressional Hearings
- Spirit Days
- Student Council
- Turkey Trot

### Accomplishments

- PBIS Gold Award, 2016–18
- Student participation in GT/Enrichment Band
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- Student participation in Honors Band
- Howard County Council of Elders Recognition
- Howard County Library Battle of the Books 1st Place Award
- Howard County Library System Bumble Bee and Spelling Bee
- Math Olympiad – Recipient of Meritorious Award
- Rube Goldberg Challenge – 1st Place Team
- Special Education Community Advisory Committee Staff Award recipients
- G/T Advisory Committee recognition recipients