

Lake Elkhorn Middle School

PROFILE

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Lake Elkhorn Middle School originally opened its doors in 1976, serving the community as Owen Brown Middle School. In August 2011, Lake Elkhorn Middle opened its doors as the LEMS Eagles.

At Lake Elkhorn Middle School, students are inspired to persevere and empowered to reach their full potential. As a community school, Lake Elkhorn Middle School provides a supportive learning environment, builds positive relationships, and engages students in rigorous instruction to ensure college and career readiness. Our vision parallels the Howard County Public School System's Strategic Call to Action, Learning and Leading with Equity, as we embrace diversity and ensure the academic successes and social-emotional well-being of each of our students.

Our students are challenged every day with classroom experiences and a variety of other opportunities, including performing arts, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) activities, Gifted and Talented seminars, Beyond the School Hours, Academic and Athletic intramurals, and partnerships that support mentoring for our students and parents. The PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program and our advisory program provide students and teachers the opportunity to establish relationships, encourage student voice, and collaborate on academic goal setting. Lake Elkhorn students are recognized for academic achievement and positive behaviors through our PRIDE (Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, Excellence) program.

We believe collaborative partnerships with staff, students, parents and community members are critical to student achievement. We invite parents, family members and mentors to partner with us to support our school community.

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1976

Additions/Renovations
2002 (R)

School Capacity: 643
(This does not include additional capacity provided by a portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 565
Official count 9/30/19

Ethnicity FY20

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	8.7%
Black/African American	51.9%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	18.8%
White	12.6%
Two or more races	8.1%

Students Receiving Special Services FY19

Free/Reduced Meals	52.9%
English Learners	≤5.0%
Special Education	11.9%

Administrators:

Melissa Shindel, Principal
Kelli Nitsch, Assistant Principal
Kamille Guinn, Assistant Principal
Nicholas Cometa, Leadership Intern

Updated December 2019

Achievement Data

LEMS Performance on State Tests

Measure	FY18 Results	FY19 Results
Percent Proficient Mathematics	29.4%	27.8%
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	37.1%	37.7%
Percent Proficient Science	---	31.9%

State accountability information can be accessed at <https://reportcard.msde.maryland.gov/>

Special Programs

- Academic Mentors
- Alternative Education Program
- Athletic intramurals: lacrosse, basketball, flag football and soccer
- Actors Guild
- BEAR Trax
- Black Student Achievement Program
- Enrichment Fair
- Exploravision competition
- Gifted and Talented Research and Seminar opportunities
- Girls on the Run
- Green Team
- Hour of Code
- Jazz Band
- Ladies First Mentoring Program
- Maryland Meals For Achievement breakfast program
- Math tutor partnership with Applied Physics Lab
- MESA (Math Engineering Science Achievement)
- National Board certified teachers
- Outdoor Education
- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)
- Reading and Math support teachers
- Recycling Program
- Regal Eagles
- Restorative Practices
- School-wide Wellness Program
- Science Olympiad
- Service Learning
- Spelling Bee
- Student Council/Student Member of the Board
- Student Lifeguards
- Student Recognition: Principal's, Gold and Silver Honor Roll
- Student Service Learning program
- Television Production Program

Accomplishments

- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) – Bronze Award, 2019
- Chorus, Orchestra and Band – Excellent and Superior ratings, and Best Overall Orchestra at Music in the Parks Festival, 2019
- All-county Band, Chorus and Orchestra participants
- Exploravision Competition - Honorable Mention
- Several students published in the "Our Voice" literary magazine

Educational Partnerships

- African American Community Roundtable
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Iota Lambda Omega Chapter
- A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
- Blessings in a Backpack
- Building Families for Children
- Christ Episcopal Church, Columbia
- Continental Societies, Inc., Columbia, Maryland Chapter
- Howard Community College, Center for Service Learning
- Howard County Library, East Columbia Branch
- Howard Co. MultiService Center
- Launch Trampoline Park
- Mediation & Conflict Resolution Center (MCRC)
- Owen Brown Community Assn.
- SECU, Columbia
- Smile Savers Dentistry
- Smoothie King, McGaw Road
- St John Baptist Church
- The Face Place
- The Society, Incorporated, Howard County Chapter
- Trout Unlimited, Trout in the Classroom
- Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia