

# 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 classroom.)*

**Total Enrollment:** 622  
*Official count 9/30/23*

**Ethnicity FY24**

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	7.2%
Black/African American	48.6%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	21.5%
White	14.5%
Two or more races	8.0%

**Students Receiving Special Services FY23**

Free/Reduced Meals	58.4%
English Learners	6.6%
Special Education	12.5%

**Administrators:**

Brian Wallace, Principal  
Nicholas Cometa, Assistant Principal  
Melissa Mack, Assistant Principal  
Catina Evans, Leadership Intern

**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

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## Achievement Data

### LEMS Performance on State Tests\*

Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	33.0%	36.7%
Percent Proficient Mathematics	11.7%	15.0%
Percent Proficient Science	32.8%	17.9%

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

## Special Programs

- Academic Mentors
- Alternative Education Program
- Athletic intramurals
- Actors Guild
- BEAR Trax
- Be Proud mentoring program
- Black Student Achievement Program
- Candy for the Courageous
- Drama Club
- CARES Program
- Emerging Leaders 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
- MESA (Math Engineering Science Achievement)
- National Board certified teachers
- Outdoor Education
- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)
- Reading and Math support teachers
- Recycling Program
- Restorative Practices
- Schoolwide Wellness Program
- Science Olympiad
- Service Learning
- Shakespeare Residency
- Spelling Bee
- Student Government Association
- Student Lifeguards
- Student Recognition: Principal's, Gold and Silver Honor Roll
- Student Service Learning program
- Television Production Program

## Educational Partnerships

- A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring
- African American Community Roundtable
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Iota Lambda Omega Chapter
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Kappa Phi Lambda Chapter
- BlueVoyant
- Building Families for Children
- Christ Episcopal Church, Columbia
- Columbia Association
- Columbia Community Care
- Continental Societies, Inc., Columbia, MD Chapter
- Emmanuel-Brinklow Seventh-day Adventist Church
- Families for Education Improvement
- Foundation PlusOne
- Glenelg United Methodist Church
- Grace Community Church
- HCAR Cares
- HCC, Center for Service Learning
- Howard County Health Department
- HCLS, East Columbia Branch
- Howard County MultiService Center
- Jack and Jill of America, Inc. Columbia, MD Chapter
- Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory
- Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City
- Maryland MESA
- Mediation & Conflict Resolution Center
- Oakland Mills United
- Owen Brown Community Assn.
- Pearl Foundation
- People Who Need People
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Zeta Alpha Sigma Alumni Chapter, Inc.
- SECU, Columbia
- Smoothie King, McGaw Road
- St John Baptist Church
- The Joy of Living Women and Children's Center
- The Kindness Pantry
- The Links, Inc., Columbia, MD Chapter
- The Society, Inc., Howard Co. Chapter
- Union Church
- Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Columbia
- Valley Brook Community Church
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Lambda Gamma Zeta Chapter