

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 activities, Gifted and Talented seminars, Beyond the School Hours, Academic and Athletic intramurals, and partnerships supporting mentoring for our students and parents. PBIS and our advisory program provides students and teachers the opportunity to establish relationships, student voice, as well as 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: 578
Official count 9/30/18

Ethnicity

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	9.5%
Black/African American	51.2%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	18.2%
White	13.8%
Two or more races	7.3%

Students Receiving Special Services FY18

Free/Reduced Lunch	50.7%
Ltd. English Proficient	≤5.0%
Special Education	14.2%

PTSA members: 135

Administrators:

Lynnette Moore, Principal
Kelli Nitsch, Assistant Principal
Michelle Hewitt, Assistant Principal
Ron Capurso, Leadership Intern

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Achievement Data

LEMS Performance on State Tests – FY18

Measure	Results
Percent Proficient Mathematics	29.4%
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	37.1%

State accountability information for LEMS can be accessed at
<https://hcpssne.ws/lems-reportcd>

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
- Gifted and Talented Research and Seminar opportunities
- Girls on the Run
- Jazz Band
- Ladies First Mentoring Program
- Maryland Engineering Challenges Team
- 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
- Restorative Practices
- School-wide Wellness Program
- Science Olympiad
- 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) –Gold Award, 2018
- Healthy Howard School – Gold Award, 2015
- Chorus, Orchestra and Band - Excellent and Superior ratings, First place at Music in the Parks Festival, 2018
- All-county Band, Chorus and Orchestra participants
- Junior Achievement Personal Finance Challenge – First and Second Place, 2016
- Maryland Letters About Literature – First and Second Place Winners, 2016

Educational Partnerships

- A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring, Inc.
- Continental Societies, Inc., Columbia, Maryland Chapter
- Good Life Wellness
- Howard Community College, Center for Service Learning
- Howard Community College, Financial Aid Services
- Howard County Library, East Columbia Branch
- Howard County MultiService Center
- Launch Trampoline Park
- Smile Savers Dentistry
- Smoothie King, Columbia
- St. Johns Baptist Church, Mentoring Program
- SECU
- Trout Unlimited, Trout in the Classroom
- Unitarian Universalist Congregation