

Forest Ridge Elementary School

PROFILE

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Forest Ridge Elementary School (FRES) is a school built on rich history and diversity. FRES was built on rural land in 1992, opening its doors to 550 students and 56 staff members. The school has grown over the past 31 years in both population and diversity. FRES is currently home to 100+ staff members who instruct 650+ students who speak 32 different languages.

Forest Ridge Elementary School stands out as an exceptional learning institution due to its dedicated and passionate teaching staff, who foster a nurturing environment for students to thrive academically and personally. The school's commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive community ensures that every student feels valued and supported in their educational journey. With a strong emphasis on innovative teaching methods and a comprehensive curriculum, Forest Ridge ES prepares students not only for academic success but also for lifelong learning and personal growth.

Forest Ridge Elementary School places a high priority on parent involvement and collaboration, recognizing that a strong partnership between school and home is crucial for a child's success. Regular communication channels, such as parent-teacher conferences, newsletters, and school events, actively engage parents in their child's education, fostering a sense of community. Through initiatives like PTA meetings, volunteer opportunities, and collaborative decision-making forums, Forest Ridge ES ensures that parents play an integral role in shaping the school environment and supporting the overall well-being of its students.

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1992

Additions/Renovations
2001/2 (R)/(A), 2009 (A)

School Capacity: 647
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 5 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment (K–5): 679
Official count 9/30/23

Ethnicity FY24

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	17.1%
Black/African American	40.9%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	21.2%
White	14.0%
Two or more races	6.0%

Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced Meals	38.9%
English Learners	13.1%
Special Education	14.3%

Administrators:

Trish Lannon, Principal
Ivye Pazornik, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships :

- A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring
- Restoration Church
- Celebration Church
- Chick-fil-A, Johns Hopkins Road
- Coastal Conservation Association Maryland
- Foundation PlusOne
- Howard County Library, Savage Branch & STEM Education Center
- Howard County MultiService Center
- Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education, Green Schools Program
- Mathnasium of Laurel
- Mother Nature's
- Prepare for Success, Community Action Council of Howard County
- Redemption Church
- Sunny Smiles Summer Camp
- The Kindness Pantry

Academic Achievement

FRES Performance on State Tests*

Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	45.4%	45.0%
Percent Proficient Mathematics	34.5%	33.4%
Percent Proficient Science	32.4%	36.7%

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

Special Programs

- 123 Magic
- CAPA Tutoring Program
- Chorus (grades 4 & 5)
- Family Fit Night
- Field Day
- First Tee National School Program
- Free Bikes 4 Kidz Maryland
- Gifted & Talented Programs
- Girls on the Run
- Hispanic Heritage Celebration
- Hispanic Achievement Community Liaison
- Holiday Help
- Hour of Code
- Howard County Library Battle of the Books
- Howard County Rec & Parks Before/After Care
- Instructional Intervention Team
- Howard County Spelling Bee
- Literacy & Math Coaches
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program
- PTA After-School Enrichment Programs
- PTA Cultural Arts Program
- PTA International Night
- PTA Reflections Program
- Parent Evening Workshops
- Professional Development School with University of Maryland
- Read-a-thon
- Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC)
- Safety Patrol
- School Based Mental Health Program (SBMH)
- Schoolwide Science Fair
- School Spirit Days
- Simulated Congressional Hearings
- Student Art Exhibits
- Student Leaders – Grades 3–5
- Student Support Team
- Super Squads Cheerleading
- Turkey Trot
- Ukulele Seminars Grades 2–5
- WatchDOGS (Dads of Great Students)

Accomplishments

- Healthy Howard School recognition
- The Council of Elders Student Achievement Recognition
- Re-certified as a Maryland Green School, 2021
- Howard County Children’s Chorus
- Howard County ES Honors Orchestra
- National PTA School of Excellence
- Named a PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Exemplary School
- Bright Minds Grant Winner, for desk cycles to be used in classrooms