

Laurel Woods Elementary School

PROFILE

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LWES – Looking Within Every Student encompasses the essence of our vision statement. Laurel Woods is a community school who builds relationships to create a successful learning environment where students will excel. It is our mission to develop productive and responsible citizens in a positive and challenging environment that accelerates achievement, and encourages enthusiasm for lifelong learning.

Our students benefit from the many programs and resources available within our school. Literacy and math coaches offer continuous assistance to students and staff. The teaching staff provides daily instruction that is specific to individual student needs. Our Student Support Team works with families to access resources and supports to ensure the well-being of our students and families.

Laurel Woods continues to implement restorative justice practices to support our students, families and staff. We believe that all people in our LWES community are worthy and relational. We have committed to our Success Factors to ensure we are providing opportunities for everyone to be successful. Our Success Factors include Honesty, Kindness, Empathy, Creativity and Accountability. We remain committed as a school community to provide our children with the opportunity to excel with academics while learning essential social skills that will lead to success in the years ahead.

Our PTO, community, volunteers and business partners come together to provide a positive, exciting and joy-filled school community. We recognize our responsibility to develop students who are competent with essential skills, able to use information to solve real-world problems and capable of working together in a rapidly changing and diverse world.

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1973

Additions/Renovations

1987 (A), 2005 (roof), 2006 (R), 2008 (A); 2015 (A)

School Capacity: 609

(This does not include additional capacity provided by a portable classroom.)

Total Enrollment (PreK–5): 596

Official count 9/30/23

Ethnicity FY24

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	8.9%
Black/African American	44.0%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	34.6%
White	7.1%
Two or more races	5.2%

Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced Meals	63.5%
English Learners	20.3%
Special Education	11.6%

Title I School

Administrators:

Connie Stahler, Principal

Khalilah Braxton, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships

- Crossroads Church of the Nazarene
- Free Bikes 4 Kidz Maryland
- Grace Community Church
- Howard County Library, Savage Branch & STEM Education Center
- Howard County MultiService Center
- Kids in Need Foundation
- Sheehy Toyota of Laurel
- The Kindness Pantry

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Academic Achievement

LWES Performance on State Tests*

Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	29.6%	38.8%
Percent Proficient Mathematics	24.1%	27.8%
Percent Proficient Science	27.1%	23.1%

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

Special Programs

- AAA Safety Patrol
- After-School Academic Support Programs
- After School Program- Howard County Recreation and Parks
- Alternative Education Program
- Boys and Girls Club Pilot Program
- BRIDGES Program
- BSAP Community Liaison Coordinator
- Chorus
- Community Circles
- Concert Band/Orchestra Programs
- ESOL
- Family Involvement Contact
- Family Math and Reading Nights
- Full Day Prekindergarten
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Girls on the Run Program
- Hispanic Achievement Community Liaison
- Hour of Code
- Howard County Library Battle of the Books
- Howard County Library Spelling Bee
- Instructional Intervention Team
- Literacy Coach
- Math Intervention Teacher
- Math Specialists
- Math Coach
- Musical Theatre Program
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program
- Reading Specialists
- Ready at Five Partnership Sponsored Learning Parties
- RECC MINC- EL Program
- RECC 3-year old Program
- RECC MINC-Preschool Program
- Restorative Justice Practices
- Schoolwide Free Breakfast and Lunch Program
- Schoolwide Title I
- Simulated Congressional Hearings

Accomplishments

- Gold PBIS Award
- Student recognition by the Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County
- Student participation in HCL Battle of the Books
- Student participation in HCL/HCPSS Spelling Bee Competition
- Student participation in Girls on the Run 5K races in winter and spring
- Student participation in the Unheard Perspectives Showcase