

Longfellow Elementary School

PROFILE

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It's always a great day to **SOAR** at Longfellow Elementary School! As **SOAR**ing eagles, LoES students strive each day to be **safe, organized, accountable and respectful** with peers and staff members. The staff, parents, community members, and business partners continuously seek ways to add value, build relationships, and create opportunities for all students. The school takes great pride in its diverse student population and rich school history. Longfellow was one of the first schools built in Columbia and continues to be a school where staff seek ways to have a meaningful impact on young people and their families' lives. The students thrive in knowing that their voices are heard and that a committed and dedicated staff member is here to support, guide, and nurture them each day. Through a warm and welcoming atmosphere, parents and community members are encouraged to participate in all aspects of the school. The PTA provides cultural arts programs, charity drives, fun family events, and volunteer opportunities within the school community.

Longfellow has much to offer its students and community. Longfellow is also able to offer numerous instructional opportunities through a variety of programs such as the Regional Early Childhood Center with Multiple Intense Needs classes for early intervention, Title I Services in Grades K–5, the Bridges after-school program, numerous enrichment opportunities, and Academic Intervention available before school and during the summer months.

Through academic excellence, social and emotional learning, restorative practices, trauma informed practices and Positive Behavioral Supports and Interventions (PBIS), Longfellow has become a school where they genuinely work to nurture and develop well-rounded young people to become productive global citizens.

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1970

Additions/Renovations

1986 (R), 1994 (A), 2008 (A), 2015 (R)

School Capacity: 512

Total Enrollment (PreK–5): 423

Official count 9/30/23

Ethnicity FY24

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	6.6%
Black/African American	33.3%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	26.2%
White	22.5%
Two or more races	11.1%

Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced Meals	47.6%
English Learners	8.7%
Special Education	12.6%

Title I School

Administrators:

Vanya Jackson, Principal

Cherilyn Brown, Assistant Principal

Accomplishments

- PBIS State Exemplar Gold Status, 2012–present
- Student recognition for academic performance by the Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County, 2011–present
- 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

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Academic Achievement

Longfellow ES Performance on State Tests*

Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	40.9%	37.4%
Percent Proficient Mathematics	31.3%	31.1%
Percent Proficient Science	32.1%	29.9%

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

Special Programs

- Achieving Academic Excellence & Equity for Black Boys pilot school (MSDE)
- Alternative Education
- Artist in Residency Programs
- Battle of the Books
- Blessings in a Backpack
- Birthday Books Project
- Bridges After School Program
- Choirchime Ensemble – Grade 5
- Chorus – Grades 4 and 5
- Columbia Association Points Program
- Feathered Friends Mentoring Program
- Girls on the Run
- Howard County Spelling Bee
- Peer Helpers
- Professional Development School with Towson University; University of Maryland, College Park
- Title I Family Night Events
- Umoja Leaders
- 5th-Grade Student Council

Educational Partnerships

- A-OK Mentoring–Tutoring
- Always Reading
- Blessings in a Backpack
- Columbia (MD) Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity
- Columbia Association
- Equitable Advisors
- Free Bikes 4 Kidz Maryland
- Howard Community College, Academic/Student Support and Career Services
- Howard County Library, Central Branch
- LindaBen Foundation
- Mission19
- Okinawan Karate Dojo
- Prepare for Success, Community Action Council of Howard County
- Rotary Club of Columbia Town Center
- Sri Sathya Sai South Bethesda Center
- The Birthday Books Project
- The Children's Gift Foundation
- The Kindness Pantry
- Towson University College of Education