

Northfield Elementary School

PROFILE

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Northfield Elementary is a positive and happy learning community where all stakeholders are valued, supported, and loved.

Since opening in 1968, Northfield Elementary has been committed to excellence. It is our mission to have a community where we create a positive and happy learning environment and all stakeholders feel valued, supported, and loved. Our goal is that every day, all students are engaged in rigorous learning tasks that give them the opportunity to explore, ask questions, discuss, think critically, and problem solve. We hope Northfield students end each day excited about what they learned. Northfield teachers find innovative ways to support students' natural curiosity and make learning fun and engaging.

Northfield is committed to ensuring the academic success and social-emotional well-being for each student in an inclusive and nurturing school environment that embraces diversity. We support each child to reach individual milestones for success. Therefore, we focus on teaching and modeling a growth mindset in order for students to know that productive struggle and taking healthy risks are a natural part of learning. These practices are valuable when we need to encourage our students to engage in productive struggle while learning to build perseverance.

Northfield has a strong PTA partnership that enables us to provide our students with many additional programs, such as STEM, wellness, family fun, resident artist, and cultural arts events. Our PTA is invested in partnering with the school to enhance our wonderful learning environment.

At Northfield we are respectful, responsible, ready to learn, and act with integrity at all times. We emphasize working hard and being kind.

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1968

Additions/Renovations

1986 (R/A), 2007 (A), 2011 (R/A)

School Capacity: 700

(This does not include additional capacity provided by 2 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment (K-5): 749

Official count 9/30/23

Ethnicity FY24

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	30.0%
Black/African American	8.4%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	8.1%
White	43.9%
Two or more races	9.2%

Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced Meals	16.1%
English Learners	6.4%
Special Education	7.4%

Administrators:

Cathleen Lopez, Principal

Christine Hyun, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships

- A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring
- Dirt Rooster Bicycles
- FISH of Howard County
- Free Bikes 4 Kidz Maryland
- Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center
- Healthy Little Cooks
- Howard County Library, Miller Branch
- Howard County Youth Program
- Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education, Green Schools Program
- Okinawan Karate Dojo
- Sport Clips Haircuts of Turf Valley

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Academic Achievement

NES Performance on State Tests*

Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	73.0%	76.7%
Percent Proficient Mathematics	60.9%	62.8%
Percent Proficient Science	58.1%	65.1%

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

Special Programs

- Artist Residencies
- African American Read-In
- After School Program – Columbia Association
- Annual Food Drive
- Battle of the Books
- Bus helpers
- Caring School Community
- 4th and 5th Grade Chorus
- Family Fitness Night
- Girls on the Run
- Green School Initiative
- Howard County Reading Council Young Author’s Contest
- Howard County Recreation and Parks After School Activities
- Howard County Solo and Ensemble Festival
- Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble, Northfield Symphony Orchestra
- Kids Ambassador Program
- Let Me Run
- Organic and Sensory Gardens
- PBIS
- Peer Mentors
- PTA Programs, including:
 - Cultural Arts Program
 - Drama Club
 - International Night
 - Fitness Fridays
 - Reflections Program
 - Talent Show
- PTA Restaurant Nights
- STEM Fair
- Start with Hello
- Unheard Perspectives

Accomplishments

- Eco-School USA Green School Flag Award
- EPA Energy Star Award
- Green Seal Certification for Cleaning
- Howard County Library Summer Reading Award
- Maryland Green School - Sustainable Certification
- Silver LEED Certification

Grants

- Association of American Educators Grant for Sensory Garden, 2019
- Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association STEM Kickstarter Grant, 2013, 2015–2021