

# Pointers Run Elementary School

## PROFILE

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The mission of Pointers Run Elementary School: The PRES community collaborates to develop responsible lifelong learners in a climate of empathy and respect. Our vision is that every student strives to reach academic, social and personal excellence.

The Pointers Run community includes children enrolled in the Regional Early Childhood Program (ages 3–5), and students in kindergarten through fifth grade. We value our diverse students who come to us from many cultures and with many talents. Therefore, we strive to meet the needs of our students by acknowledging multiple intelligences, respect for self and others through Developmental Assets, inclusion of students with special needs, and acceleration through the Gifted and Talented program, as well as differentiated classroom instruction.

At Pointers Run, we welcome and encourage our community to become involved in their student's education. The PTA actively participates in our educational program, helping to create the best possible learning experiences for our children. Volunteers play a key role in supporting our instructional program and are encouraged to participate in school activities on a regular basis. We also encourage local businesses to develop partnerships with our school to strengthen our program.

Involved parents, motivated students, and a dynamic staff have facilitated our school's accomplishments. The staff is committed to developing knowledge and skills in our students so that they will form the foundation of their education in order for them to be college and career ready. It is essential that the education being provided at PRES be rigorous at every level to meet the needs of our students and prepare them for a bright future.

### Fast Facts

**Facility opened:** 1991

**Additions/Renovations**

2002 (A), 2006 (A), 2008 (A), 2020 HVAC

**School Capacity:** 744

*(This does not include additional capacity provided by 9 portable classrooms.)*

**Total Enrollment (PreK–5):** 830

*Official count 9/30/23*

**Ethnicity FY24**

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	34.6%
Black/African American	12.9%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	6.1%
White	37.8%
Two or more races	8.1%

**Students Receiving Special Services FY23**

Free/Reduced Meals	7.6%
English Learners	≤5.0%
Special Education	14.0%

**Administrators:**

Shawna Holden, Principal  
 Mariah Carr, Assistant Principal

**Educational Partnerships**

- Chick-fil-A, Clarksville
- Harris Teeter
- Howard County Library, Central Branch
- Howard Co. Recreation and Parks
- Jason's Deli
- Kid's Time Out Drop-In Child Care
- King Solutions
- Kona Ice of Howard County
- Planet Aid
- The Council of Elders of the Black Community of Howard County
- Travelin' Tom's Coffee of Columbia

*Updated December 2023*

## Academic Achievement

### PRES Performance on State Tests\*

Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	70.8%	71.6%
Percent Proficient Mathematics	72.5%	74.1%
Percent Proficient Science	56.9%	65.4%

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

## Special Programs

- AAA Safety Patrol
- Academic Intervention Program
- Academic Life Skills Classes
- Asset All Stars Program – Development Assets Program
- Art Extravaganza Day in collaboration with area high schools
- Battle of the Books – 23 PRES teams, involving more than 123 students and 20 parents/staff
- Before and After School Programs-HC Recreation and Parks
- Before School Academic Intervention School Program
- Black Student Achievement Program Liaison
- BSAP Evening of Excellence
- Chess Program
- Chorus
- Concert Band
- Concert Orchestra
- Family Reading Night
- Family Math Night
- Food Collection for Howard County and Baltimore City Food Pantries.
- Girls and Boys Night Out
- Girls on the Run Program
- G/T Program
- Hour of Code
- Jump Rope for Heart
- LEGO Robotics
- Math Olympiads
- Monarch Butterfly Buddies
- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) School
- Pre-Kindergarten
- Primary Learner Program
- Professional Development School: the Peabody Institute, UMBC, University of Maryland – interns and teachers
- PTA Cultural Arts Program
- PTA International Night
- PTA Reflections Program
- PTA Restaurant Nights
- 5th grade Student Government Association
- Highlighted on MPT: <http://video.mpt.tv/video/2365129034>
- Hour of Code
- Read Across America Day
- Regional Early Childhood Center (RECC)
- Simulated Congressional Hearing
- Spirit Days
- STEAM Day – introduces students to science, technology, and engineering careers
- Stock Market Game
- Student Art Exhibits
- Students from Atholton High School work at PRES to help them determine if education is a career they might consider.
- Talent Show
- Toys for Tots
- Turkey Trot
- Wellness Initiative
- Young Authors

## Accomplishments

- Recognized as 4th best school in Maryland by Niche.com
- Maryland Green School Recertification (2015) awarded after two years of implementing improvements in habitat restoration, energy conservation, waste management and water conservation, and pollution prevention on school grounds and in the community
- Developmental Asset school of the year award, 2017
- Howard County Enrichment Band participants
- Howard County Children’s Chorus participants
- Student artwork selected for exhibit in Maryland State office buildings as well as used as bookmarks for Howard County Public Libraries
- Young Authors Contest award winners
- Mathematical Olympiads High Achievement Award
- Regional winners of Stock Market Game
- 1st and 6th national winners in Investwrite Essay Contest
- Participation in Howard County Spelling Bee

