Stevens Forest Elementary School
PROFILE

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The entire Stevens Forest Elementary School (SFES) community is committed to providing a rich and rigorous education for our children in a safe and engaging environment. As one of the smallest and most beloved schools in the Howard County Public School System, we pride ourselves on being a true community school where nearly 100 percent of our students live close enough to walk to school. As a result, our staff has built a strong bond with parents and community members because of how frequently we see one another during arrival, dismissal, and during school-related events. We place a premium on partnering with parents and our community members to make our school the very best place for learning.

In pursuit of academic achievement, our dynamic classroom teachers provide high-quality first instruction and host family nights supporting academic achievement. Every effort is made to meet the diverse needs of our students by using research-based instruction that fosters academic and social-emotional growth, acceleration through the Gifted and Talented Program, and inclusion of students with special needs. We strive to intervene academically for all children and focus on differentiation of instruction so that all students are on the path to college and career readiness. Grade-level teams constantly monitor student progress so they can proactively plan the next steps to increase student achievement.

Our motivated, hard-working, and caring staff continue to maintain high expectations for every student. Related arts teachers develop talent and interest in the arts, physical education, technology, and literature. Paraeducators are dedicated and valued members of our staff who support teachers and students throughout the school day. Our front office staff welcomes parents, students, and visitors each day. We expect great things from our children and provide them with the necessary support so students are successful in their future college and career experiences. Our dedicated staff and outstanding community strive to ensure Success For Every Student!

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1972

Additions/Renovations
1995 (R/A), 2013 (R/A)

School Capacity: 380
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 5 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment (PreK–5): 328
Official count 9/30/23

Ethnicity FY24

American Indian/Alaskan	<5.0%
Asian	6.7%
Black/African American	39.6%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	<5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	25.3%
White	17.7%
Two or more races	10.4%

Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced Meals	55.4%
English Learners	14.0%
Special Education	15.0%

Title I School

Administrators:
Kathleen Carter, Principal
Casey Schurman, Assistant Principal

Accomplishments
- PTA National PTA School of Excellence
- Board Certified Teachers (4)
- Rube Goldberg Challenge Participants and Category Winners
- Battle of the Books Winners and Participants
- Council of Elders Recognition for Academic Excellence
- Student participation in GT/Enrichment Orchestra and Elementary Honors Choir
- Bright Minds Grant Recipient Recognition 2023

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Academic Achievement

SFES Performance on State Tests*		
Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	48.1%	57.1%
Percent Proficient Mathematics	40.4%	45.9%
Percent Proficient Science	29.5%	40.4%

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

Special Programs

- AAA Safety Patrol
- A-OK Mentoring Program
- Academic Intervention Summer School Program
- Alternative Education Program
- Band and Strings
- Before and After School Academic Intervention
- Before and After School Program – Columbia Assn.
- Bridges
- Black Student Achievement Program Liaison
- Just One Kid
- Career Day
- Chorus
- Columbia Association Points Program
- Community School
- Community Celebration Days
- Concert Band
- Concert Orchestra
- Cross-Age Buddies
- Family Involvement Liaison
- Field Day
- Full-Day Prekindergarten Prog.
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Girls on the Run Program
- Hispanic Interpreter
- Hour of Code
- Howard County Library programs: Battle of the Books, Spelling Bee
- Instructional Intervention Team
- Literacy Coach
- Intervention Teachers
- Math and Reading Night
- Math Coach
- Morning News Show
- Mystery Readers
- Parent Workshops
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Program
- PTA Reflections Program
- Restaurant Nights
- School Counselor
- School Psychologist
- Schoolwide Free Breakfast Program
- Simulated Congressional Hearing
- Social Emotional Learning
- Spirit Days
- Student Art Exhibits
- Student Support Team
- Thrive
- Title I
- Yearbook

Educational Partnerships

- A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring
- Bike HoCo
- City on a Hill Community Church
- Columbia Association
- Free Bikes 4 Kidz Maryland
- Howard Community College, Arts and Humanities Division, Center for Service Learning
- Howard County Library, East Columbia Branch
- Howard County Local Children's Board
- Howard County Office of Children and Families
- Jewish Federation of Howard County
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Zeta Alpha Sigma Alumni Chapter
- Prepare for Success, Community Action Council of Howard County
- St John Baptist Church
- The Birthday Books Project
- The Kindness Pantry
- The Savoy Team of Keller Williams Integrity

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