

Waterloo Elementary School

PROFILE

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Waterloo Elementary has been recognized as a Maryland Blue Ribbon School by the Maryland Department of Education and was designated a National Blue Ribbon School Waterloo by the U.S. Department of Education.

Waterloo has proudly served our community for 60 years. The students, staff, and families of Waterloo are proud of our rich tradition of excellence, dedication, creativity, and compassion. In our dedicated efforts to provide meaningful and targeted instruction that meets the individual needs of each child, our teachers and school improvement efforts adhere to the following cyclical philosophy: Continuous Reflection – Intentional Implementations – Analytical of Results.

Collaborative team planning is instrumental in providing differentiated instruction for our students. Our Literacy and Math Coaches assist teachers with accessing instructional strategies and implementing lessons that are aligned with curriculum standards, differentiated to individual student learning needs, and reflect the focus areas outlined in Waterloo's school improvement plan.

The staff at Waterloo are committed to fostering an environment conducive to teaching, learning and being. Waterloo students are engaged learners who strive daily to represent themselves (intellectually, behaviorally, and socially) in a positive manner. Student efforts are recognized and celebrated by staff members and explicit lessons are taught throughout the year that introduce and reinforce those leadership, interpersonal, academic and perseverance skills so instrumental for success.

Waterloo Elementary is also proud of the strong and active partnership with our dedicated PTA. Family involvement is encouraged through volunteerism, PTA participation, or attending school/PTA sponsored functions. The commitment demonstrated by the staff, students, and supportive community at Waterloo enhances the school experience for all.

Fast Facts

Facility opened: 1964

Additions/Renovations: 1987 (R/A), 1998 (A), 2007 (A), 2010 (R)

School Capacity: 603
(This does not include additional capacity provided by 4 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment (PreK–5): 626
Official count 9/30/23

Ethnicity FY24

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	15.0%
Black/African American	28.8%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	14.1%
White	35.0%
Two or more races	7.0%

Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced Meals	34.2%
English Learners	10.2%
Special Education	18.2%

Administrators:

Sean Martin, Principal
Janet Yarn, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships

- Giant Food – Distribution Operations
- Howard Community College, Arts and Humanities Division
- Howard County Library, Miller Br.
- Howard County Police Department, Youth Division
- Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education, Green Schools Program
- Prepare for Success, Community Action Council of Howard County
- St. John Lutheran Church
- The First Tee of Howard County
- The Kindness Pantry
- Toys for Tots, Howard County

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Academic Achievement

Waterloo ES Performance on State Tests*

Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	69.3%	70.3%
Percent Proficient Mathematics	45.0%	53.5%
Percent Proficient Science	44.4%	49.5%

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

Special Programs

- After School Programming – Howard County Recreation and Parks
- After School Programming - PTA Sponsored Programs
- BSAP Evening of Excellence
- Concert Chorus (4th & 5th)
- Girls on the Run Program
- Gifted and Talented Programming: Interest-Based and Criteria-Based Extension Opportunities
- Howard County Library Programs: Spelling Bee, Battle of the Books, Rube Goldberg competitions
- Howard County Reading Council Young Authors Contest
- Instrumental Music: Band (4th & 5th) and Strings (3rd, 4th, & 5th)
- Jump Rope for Heart
- My Inspired Journey - Writing Competition
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Professional Development School – Partnerships with University of Maryland, Loyola College, and Towson University
- Regional Early Childhood Center
- Regional Program for Students with Emotional/Social Disabilities
- Safety Patrol Program - 5th Grade Student Volunteers
- Simulated Congressional Hearing – 5th Grade
- STEAM Fair
- Week (Hour) of Code Programs

Accomplishments

- National Blue Ribbon School
- Maryland State Blue Ribbon School
- Honor Roll Distinction for Intermediate Level Students
- Green School Recognition and Designation
- PBIS Gold School
- Participant and Award Winners in Baltimore Museum of Industry STEM Competition: Safe Racer Challenge
- Representation on GT and Honors Band/Orchestra/Chorus Programs
- Battle of The Books Annual Participant
- Council of Elders Celebration of Academic Achievement
- Professional Development School - Towson University