

Ellicott Mills Middle School

PROFILE

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Ellicott Mills Middle School continues its dedication and commitment to provide a world class education to a vibrant and diverse community of students, staff, and community members. Our mission “to make great things happen” acknowledges the importance of a middle school culture that balances students’ academic growth with their social and emotional growth. Ellicott Mills beliefs are rooted in equity and inclusion in order to eliminate opportunity and achievement gaps. EMMS Staff work hard to provide students with a culturally-responsive teacher practices and curriculum. To that end, all members of the community work to provide opportunities for our children that engage, challenge, and support them in their preparation for an ever-changing world.

Ellicott Mills Middle School believes deeply in the power of student voice and agency in curricula, classroom instruction and school community. Students have the opportunity to exercise their agency through a myriad of school and after-school activities. Student participation ranges from Council of Student Voices, Visual and Performing Arts, Media Center Internships Program, Student Government, Gender Sexuality Alliance, MathCounts, Girls on the Run, and a host of seminars.

As partners in our children’s education, the staff of Ellicott Mills Middle School welcomes the participation and collaboration of parents, volunteers, community members, which include PTA, Music Boosters, and other various mentorship groups and businesses.

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Fast Facts

Facility opened

Original building: 1939

Replacement building: 2001

School Capacity: 701

(This does not include additional capacity provided by 4 portable classrooms.)

Total Enrollment: 721

Official count 9/30/23

Ethnicity FY24

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	39.4%
Black/African American	16.8%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	6.2%
White	31.4%
Two or more races	6.0%

Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced Meals	18.1%
English Learners	≤5.0%
Special Education	8.2%

PTA members: 473

Administrators:

Peter Gaylord, Principal

Christine Johnson, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships

- A-OK Mentoring-Tutoring
- Athletes Serving Athletes
- Barnes and Noble, Long Gate
- Equitable Advisors
- Grassroots Day Resource Center
- Horace Mann Educators Corporation
- Howard Co. Library, Miller Branch
- Howard Co. Recreation and Parks
- Jack and Jill of America, Columbia, Maryland Chapter
- Long and Foster Real Estate
- Okinawan Karate Dojo
- Restorative Justice Partnership
- Robinson Nature Center, Howard County Recreation and Parks
- Scientific Minds of America
- The Kindness Pantry
- WEngineer

Achievement Data

EMMS Performance on State Tests*		
Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	70.1%	74.2%
Percent Proficient Mathematics	43.1%	44.8%
Percent Proficient Science	67.9%	52.9%

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

Special Programs

- Academic Intervention Program
- Academic Life Skills
- Best Buddies Program
- Classroom-Focused Improvement Process (CFIP)
- Donations and Fundraising
- Educational Partnerships
 - Peabody Institute
 - Towson University
- Grants
- Gifted and Talented Program
- Healthy Howard Award
- Howard County Middle School:
 - GT Band
 - GT Chorus
 - GT Orchestra
- Howard County Middle School School Fine Arts / Additional Pilot Program:
 - General Music I & II
 - Inquiry and Innovation Reading Modules
 - Music Performance Ensemble I & II
 - Project Lead The Way (PLTW)
 - Visual Arts I & II
 - World Language Programs
- Making Great Things Happen
- MD/DC Stock Market Game
- Memory Book
- Music Programs
 - **Band:** Concert, Symphonic, Symphonic Winds, Wind Ensemble
 - **Choir:** Concert (All 6th grade), Bella Voce (Girls), Nova Voce (Boys)
 - **Orchestra:** Concert, String, String Ensemble
- National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT)
- National History Day
- National Geography Bee
- National Spelling Bee
- PBIS positive behavior program
 - Check In / Check Out Mentoring
 - Eagle Eyes
- Outdoor Education (6th grade)
- Restorative Practices/Circles
- School Programs:
 - **Before/After School:** Art, Basketball, CodeHer, Drama, Flag Football, Girls on the Run (GOTR), Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Labs, Lego Robotics League, MathCounts, Percussion Ensemble, Science Olympiad, STEM Committee, Symphonic Orchestra, Young Author's, Volleyball
 - **During School:** Student Club Days, Student Council
- Schoolwide Breakfast Program
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math (STEAM) Fair
- Spirit Days
- Student of the Month
- Student Voice Advisory Panel
- Student Art Exhibits
- Student Government Assoc.
- Student Service Learning Program
- Technology Integration
- TV Studio and Broadcast

Accomplishments

- 6th Grade GT Honors Chorus Participants
- AFCEA CMD Education Foundation Grant recipient, 2017, 2018
- Baltimore Science Fair winners in Biological Sciences and Physical Sciences
- Carson Scholars Fund Award Recipients
- Certificates of Appreciation from Grassroots Homeless Shelter and other charitable foundations
- Council of Elders special recognition of student achievement
- Donations and Fundraising
- Energy Star Certified Building, 2018
- Howard County Library Summer Reading Program
- Howard County Middle School GT Band, Chorus and Orchestra Participants
- Howard County Public School System STEM Fair winners and Awards of Excellence recipients
- Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth Certificate of Recognition
- Maryland History Day Special Prize in Legal and Constitutional History
- Maryland Junior All State Choir and Orchestra participants
- Maryland Young Authors Contest winners and Honorable Mention recipients
- Music in the Parks Competition Superior Ratings
- State and County History Day Competition winners and runners-up
- State Science Fair winners and honorable mentions in Physics, Biological Science, Engineering, Creative Problem Solving
- National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award, 2010
- EMMS recognizes and celebrates student excellence throughout the school year:
 - Monthly PBIS Theme Student Awards
 - Bi-Weekly Eagle Eye Drawing Awards