

Wilde Lake Middle School

PROFILE

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In January, 2017, our school community transitioned into the new Wilde Lake Middle, Maryland's First Net Zero School. The school is designed as a LEED Platinum building with solar panels and a geothermal heat pump system. We are proud to share that we consistently surpass the "Net Zero" goal of producing as much energy as we use in a year's time. Positioned to be the most energy conscious and efficient school in the state, staff embrace the awesome learning opportunities that our new facility affords students, staff, and community. Our staff continues working intentionally as a school community to improve the "Wilde Lake Way" so that all of our students and families feel the pride in being part of a top-notch middle school in a state-of-the-art facility.

Students at Wilde Lake Middle School are challenged by rigorous academic standards and supported by a variety of programs from GT instructional seminars, full-year Art and technology courses, Dance and Theater classes, World Language classes to academic intervention and an after school program. The talented staff recognizes the unique needs of adolescents and is dedicated to providing learning opportunities that foster the intellectual, social, emotional and physical development of our students. To ensure a well-balanced educational experience, WLMS Staff provide a number of extracurricular activities including Bridges After School Program (JAWS). Dance Team, Jazz Band, MESA, Tiger Shark Theatre Company, Art Club and Memory Book Club.

The PTSA is very supportive and passionate about serving all students. We are proud of the business partnerships we have established. WLMS staff is grateful for all the support we receive from the Columbia community. Together, the WLMS community is working to ensure the success of all our students by instilling the "Wilde Lake Way" of being respectful, responsible, ready and safe. The doors of Wilde Lake Middle are always open to new learning opportunities that enhance the richness of our diverse cultural blend of students.

Fast Facts

Facility opened

Original building: 1969

Replacement building: 2017

School Capacity: 740

Total Enrollment: 618

Official count 9/30/23

Ethnicity FY24

American Indian/Alaskan	≤5.0%
Asian	6.3%
Black/African American	43.0%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	≤5.0%
Hispanic/Latino	11.3%
White	28.5%
Two or more races	10.5%

Students Receiving Special Services FY23

Free/Reduced Meals	42.1%
English Learners	≤5.0%
Special Education	12.9%

Administrators:

Christopher Rattay, Principal

Andrea Harmon, Assistant Principal

Kathleen Keck, Assistant Principal

Educational Partnerships

- BGE
- Columbia Association
- Columbia Community Care
- Howard County Library, East Columbia Branch, Savage Branch & STEM Education Center
- Lowe's
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Sunfish and Students
- Maryland State Dept. of Education
- Mission19
- Planet Aid
- Prepare for Success, Community Action Council of Howard County
- The Kindness Pantry
- University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science
- Wilde Lake Community Association

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Achievement Data

WLMS Performance on State Tests*

Measure	2022 Results	2023 Results
Percent Proficient English Language Arts	56.4%	58.4%
Percent Proficient Mathematics	17.2%	22.9%
Percent Proficient Science	45.0%	22.4%

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

Special Programs

- Alternative Education Program
- Black Student Achievement Program (BSAP)
- Bridges Grant (After-School Program)
- Dance Team
- Evening of Excellence
- Global Equity / International Night
- Green School Initiative
- GT Workshops (Book Club, Writer's Guild, Debate, Environmental/Green Team, Shakespeare, TV production, STEM I, STEM II, Film Seminar, Beginning Photography, Intermediate Photography, Forensics I, Forensics II)
- Jazz Band
- Jr. Thespian Honor Society
- Memory Book Club
- National History Day
- Performing Arts Boosters
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Service Learning Projects I
- Tiger Shark Theatre Company
- Writer in Residence Workshops
- Youth Leadership Advisory Board

Accomplishments

- Platinum LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification
- BGE Green Grant Recipient
- Chorus, Orchestra and Band – Superior and Excellent ratings, Music in the Parks Festival
- HCPSS Gifted and Talented Educator Awards
- Howard County Arts Council Grant Recipient – Chesapeake Shakespeare Company Residency
- Howard County Office of Children and Families, Celebrating Successes Award Recipient
- Bright Minds Grant for Photography
- Piedmont Environmental Grant
- Hess Grant
- Exelon Energy Grant
- MD Council of Teachers of Mathematics Honoree
- Student Artwork showcased at The Walters Art Museum

