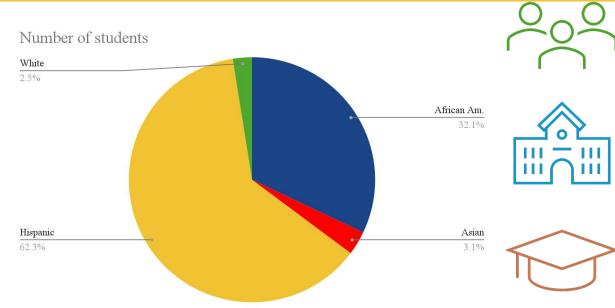
Oaklands Elementary School Community School







483 Enrollment



36.0% Math Student Growth



91.6% Attendance Rate



45.0% English Language Arts Student Growth



N/A Graduation Rate



51.8% English Learners Making Progress Towards Learning English

Students by the Numbers

353 FARMs/Economically Disadvantaged

248 Multilingual Learners

42 Students with Disabilities

Current partners engaged with the community...

25 Partners and Growing

- Bowie State University
- First Generation College Bound
- Top Ladies of Distinction Patuxent River Chapter
 - Pearl Elegance Foundation / Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc./Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter
- New Life Church
- Woodstream Church
- Canital Area Food Rank



Who participated in our Assets and Needs Assessment?

Oaklands Elementary School Community School



108 Students 81 Families

59 Staff



What did we learn?





- Students shared that they are able to get help when they need it—whether it's with schoolwork, attendance, behavior, or their emotions.
- Many said they feel supported by adults at school and can talk to them when something's wrong.
- Students told us they feel included, and that their culture and experiences are reflected in what they learn.
- Some students said they need help with basic needs—like seeing a doctor or dentist, getting clothes, or accessing food.
- Most feel that the school is preparing them for the future, and they appreciate the after-school activities and field trips available.
- Many students also said they can do their schoolwork at home using the internet, though a few still face challenges with access.

Staff Feedback

- Staff reported that the school has systems to identify students who are struggling with learning, attendance, behavior, or mental health.
- Educators use a mix of schoolwide, small group, and individual supports to help students succeed.
- Staff noted that many students need more support in reading, writing, and math.
- Staff also see that some students need help with basic needs like food, health care, and clothing.
- They believe the school creates a welcoming environment for families and encourages participation in events and activities.
- Staff see opportunities to grow family leadership and strengthen connections to community resources.

Family Feedback

- Families shared that they can access important information like their child's grades, attendance, and behavior.
- Many families said they know how to get academic and emotional support for their children.
- Some families said they need support with essentials—like food, clothing, health care, or help learning English.
- Families appreciate communication that's clear, personal, and in their home language—many prefer phone calls and in-person updates.
- Families feel welcomed and included at school events and recognize that the school staff are helpful and supportive.
- Some families would like more opportunities to participate in decision-making and leadership at the school.



Community Feedback

- Families and staff shared that community members are involved in the school—especially through volunteering and events.
- The school community sees value in deeper partnerships to help meet needs like food access, health care, legal support, and language instruction.
- There's strong interest in connecting families to services that promote wellness, education, and stability.
- The school is viewed as a hub where families feel welcomed and where partnerships can grow to benefit all students.

Priorities and Opportunities

Rigorous, Community-Connected Classroom Instruction and Expanded, Enriched Learning Opportunities



- Enhance instructional support in reading, writing, and math through targeted small-group and one-on-one interventions.
- Integrate student voice and lived experiences into lesson content to build cultural relevance and engagement.
- Provide professional learning for staff on culturally responsive and trauma-informed teaching practices.
- Collaborate with families to identify local topics, careers, and traditions that can be connected
 to classroom learning.
- Expand the use of hands-on, project-based learning that reflects students' lives and promotes critical thinking.
- Increase access to after-school and summer programs that offer academic reinforcement, arts, STEM, and sports.
- Partner with community organizations, colleges, and businesses to bring in guest speakers, mentors, and real-world learning experiences.
- Create more opportunities for field trips and service-learning projects that connect classroom topics with the wider world.
- Offer enrichment clubs and activities during and after school to develop student interests and talents
- Involve students in planning and leading enrichment opportunities to strengthen engagement and leadership.

Collaborative Leadership, Shared Power, and Voice



- Increase opportunities for families to participate in decision-making.
- Strengthen parent leadership groups and invite more family input.
- Include student voice in planning and school decisions.
- Build staff and family partnerships through regular, two-way communication.

Integrated Systems of Support



- Strengthen systems to identify students needing help with academics, behavior, attendance, or mental health.
- Expand access to wraparound services like counseling, health care, food, and clothing.
- Coordinate support through partnerships with community organizations.
- Ensure students and families know how to access available services.

Culture of Belonging, Safety, and Care



- Foster a welcoming school environment for all students and families.
 Reflect student cultures and identities in classrooms and school events.
- Ensure students feel safe, seen, and supported by trusted adults.
- Promote positive relationships through social-emotional learning and schoolwide care practices.

Powerful Student and Family Engagement



- Offer more ways for families to be involved in school events and leadership.
- Communicate in families' home languages using personal, trusted methods.
- Invite student voice in planning activities, programs, and decisions.
- Build strong school-home partnerships through consistent outreach and two-way communication.