

Highlights

Our Vision

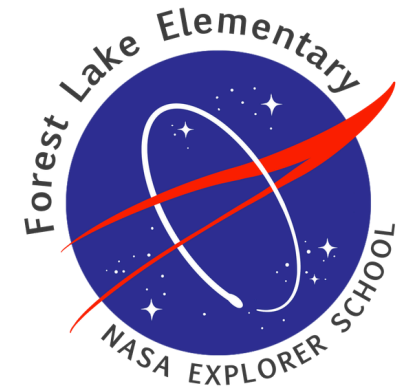
Forest Lake Elementary strives to cultivate a safe, rigorous learning environment that provides equitable access to opportunities for all students.

Our Goals

Plan collaboratively to create interdisciplinary units of study and ensure that technology is an integral tool infused in all core curricular areas. Utilize best practices and data to inform instruction, decision-making, and support learning. Improve academic performance, communication, and critical thinking. Provide project-based investigations. Engage students in the STEM curriculum. Assess students authentically in order to maximize academic growth.

Forest Lake Elementary, a NASA Explorer and Elementary Learning Collaborative school, provides a challenging curriculum that encourages students to investigate their world. Teachers plan collaboratively to develop units of study that integrate STEM, 21st-century technologies, inquiry, problem-solving strategies, critical thinking skills, and emphasize digital and information literacy. Teachers and students use 1TWO1 computing, interactive boards, distance learning with NASA and scientists, and Spheros to support and enrich both teaching and learning. The NASA Lab, Project Lead the Way, News Production Studio, and our various after-school programs offer school-wide opportunities for cutting-edge experiences. Our technology-infused programs engage students by inspiring and motivating them through work that is personally relevant. This year, our school was recognized as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence and named the Top Magnet School of Excellence Merit Award winner.

School Improvement Council Annual Report

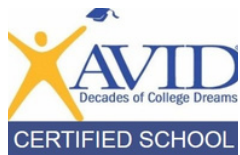


Our Mission

In partnership with our families and community, we are committed to providing students with an enriched learning experience that prepares them to lead and excel as productive, responsible, global citizens of tomorrow.

Mr. Benjamin Jackson, Principal
Ms. Stephanie Newton, Assistant Principal
Mr. Brandon Davis, Assistant Principal

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What makes Forest Lake Unique?

- Nationally Certified Demonstration Magnet School and Top School of Excellence by Magnet Schools of America
- Blue Ribbon School of Excellence
- Beta School of Merit
- Dual Magnet Program, NASA Explorer School (NES), and Elementary Learning Collaborative (ELC)
- NASA Partnership with video-conferencing with NASA specialists
- NASA Explorer Lab integrating NASA resources into core content
- AVID Certified School
- STARLAB indoor planetarium
- Project Lead the Way
- STEAM Fest school-wide celebration
- STEM Challenges with NASA
- School-wide NASA units
- STEM Career Awareness
- VEX/LEGO Robotics teams
- Forest Lake Today broadcast production news studio
- Run Forest, Run Community 5K/10K/1-mile

Parent Teacher Organization

Lila Todd-President

Educational Foundation

John Todd-Chairperson

2025-2026-SIC

Kendra Miles-Chairperson

Benjamin Jackson-Ex-Officio

Stephanie Newton-Ex-Officio

Brandon Davis-Ex-Officio

Taquita Capers-Community Member

Michelle Cockfield-Community

Member Jasmine Sanders-Parent

Stephanie Shah-Parent

Tonya Williams-Staff Member

Keighley George-Teacher

Representative

Student Information

Enrollment: 669

Student Percentages

African American- 54.4%

White- 17.8%

Hispanic- 18.4%

Bi-Racial- 6.1%

Asian- 3%

2024-2025 Student Achievement

SC Ready English Language Arts and Mathematics

English Language Arts (Reading and Writing) - [Percent Met or Exceeding](#)

School 63.5% (183 / 288)

District 55.5% (6781 / 12221)

State 60.3% (206543 / 342698)

Mathematics - [Percent Met or Exceeding](#)

School 57.6% (166 / 288)

District 42.3% (5165 / 12221)

State 44.5% (152623 / 342699)