

Our Vision

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

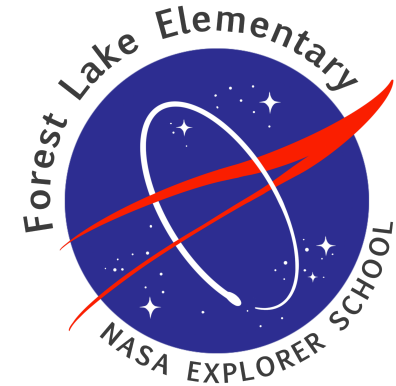
Our Goals

- 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 STEM curriculum.
- Assess students authentically in order to maximize academic growth.

Highlights

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 scientist, and Spheros to support and enrich both teaching and learning. The NASA Lab, Project Lead the Way, News Production Studio, and Yamaha Keyboarding Lab offer school-wide opportunities for cutting edge experiences. Our technology-infused programs engage students as they are inspired and motivated through work that is personally relevant.

School Improvement Council Annual Report

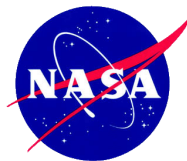


Our Mission

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 by Magnet Schools of America
- Dual Magnet Program School (NASA Explorer School and Elementary Learning Collaborative)
- NASA Partnership, including video-conferencing with NASA specialist
- NASA Explorer Lab for integration of NASA resources and expertise to enrich core content STEM
- 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 Robotics teams
- Forest Lake Today's state-of-the-art broadcast production news studio
- International school partnerships
- Forest Lake Fiesta
- Run Forest, Run Community 5K/10K/1-mile

Parent Teacher Organization

Lila Todd-President

Educational Foundation

John Todd-Chairperson

2024-2025-SIC

Kendra Miles-Chairperson

Benjamin Jackson-Ex-Officio

Stephanie Newton-Ex-Officio

Brandon Davis-Ex-Officio

Tamara Dukes-Community Member

Michelle Cockfield-Community Member

Jasmine Sanders-Parent

Stephanie Shah-Parent

Tonya Williams-Staff Member

Keighley George-Teacher Representative

Student Information

Enrollment: 655

Student Percentages

African American- 55.7%

White- 16.5%

Hispanic- 18.5%

Bi-Racial- 6.1%

Asian- 3.1%

2023-2024 Student Achievement

SC Ready English Language Arts and Mathematics

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

School 57.3% (168 / 293)



District 50.7% (6248 / 12312)



State 54.1% (184228 / 340256)

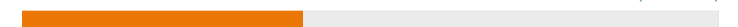


Mathematics - [Percent Met or Exceeding](#)

School 52.2% (153 / 293)



District 40.4% (4982 / 12319)



State 42.8% (145531 / 340271)

