

# Dr. Howard Elementary



**Dr. Howard Elementary**  
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**Hours:** 7:35 am - 2:00 pm  
**Enrollment:** 430

## Special Features

- Air-Conditioning in all Classrooms
- America Reads/Counts
- Book Nook
- Character Education & Social Skills Lessons
- Dedicated PTA
- Enrichment Program
- Extended Learning Tutoring Opportunities
- Family Math & Reading Nights
- Gifted Education (2nd –5th Grades)
- Kids Plus After-School Program
- Math and Science Focus
- Math Olympiad
- Mentoring Programs
- Reading Buddies
- Reading Recovery Services
- Saturday Academy
- School Business Partnership with Carle
- Science Share
- Title I Services

*At Dr. Howard School, we strive to challenge our diverse learning community. We are committed to success through exploration, cooperation, and meaningful opportunities for all.*

## School Information

- Colors: Blue & Gold
- Mascot: Eagle
- Motto: Soaring to New Heights
- Eagles Creed: Today is a new day at Dr. Howard. I will respect myself, others, and school property. I know I am smart and capable of learning. I am a Dr. Howard Eagle, so I will soar to new heights today.

*Dr. Howard is a proud learning community that is soaring to new heights.*

## Math and Science Focus

Dr. Howard's choice theme is math and science. This theme was chosen because the staff felt this was their area of expertise. The faculty uses the math and science focus to enrich the basic skills curriculum and engage students in hands-on active learning. The staff also utilizes the resources of the community, the University of Illinois, Parkland College, and the Champaign County Farm Bureau Extension Services.

## School Climate

Dr. Howard has a dedicated staff that collaborates frequently to create meaningful and fun lessons for students. Teachers are committed to seeing each child reach their highest potential. We use "Soared Today" slips as rewards for children who follow our school-wide expectations: respect yourself, others and property. Our students also focus on a "Cool Tool" character education concept each week.

## Mentoring

Reading Buddies between the upper and lower grades helps the self-esteem of all the children involved. We also participate in the C-U One-to-One Program where adult mentors work one hour per week during the school day with an assigned student. This is an esteem-building program where they may read together, play games, walk outside, and talk or work on special school assignments.

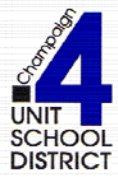


## Self-Contained Gifted Program

Dr. Howard has offered a self-contained gifted program for second through fifth graders since its inception over twenty years ago. Our accelerated curriculum affords opportunities to delve deeper and approach subject matter in novel ways.

## Enrichment Opportunities

Enrichment topics are chosen to extend academic curricula in mathematics, science, and language arts. Lessons are designed to give students challenging experiences with interesting concepts and familiar ideas in unfamiliar applications. Most of the lessons are grounded in mathematical concepts. All topics emphasize reasoning and logical thinking whether with traditional materials or new technology.



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## History

Dr. Howard Elementary School was built as a four-room school in 1910 on land donated by Dr. Hartwell C. Howard, one of Champaign County's first doctors. Four rooms were added in 1920 followed by additions in 1931, 1953, and 1959. Dr. Howard was one of the first schools in Champaign to offer special classes for disabled children. The school was also one of the first schools to have classes for gifted children in grades 2-5. Dr. Howard is situated in a central Champaign neighborhood. The school draws students from all areas of Champaign. Dr. Howard currently serves 430 students in grades K-5.

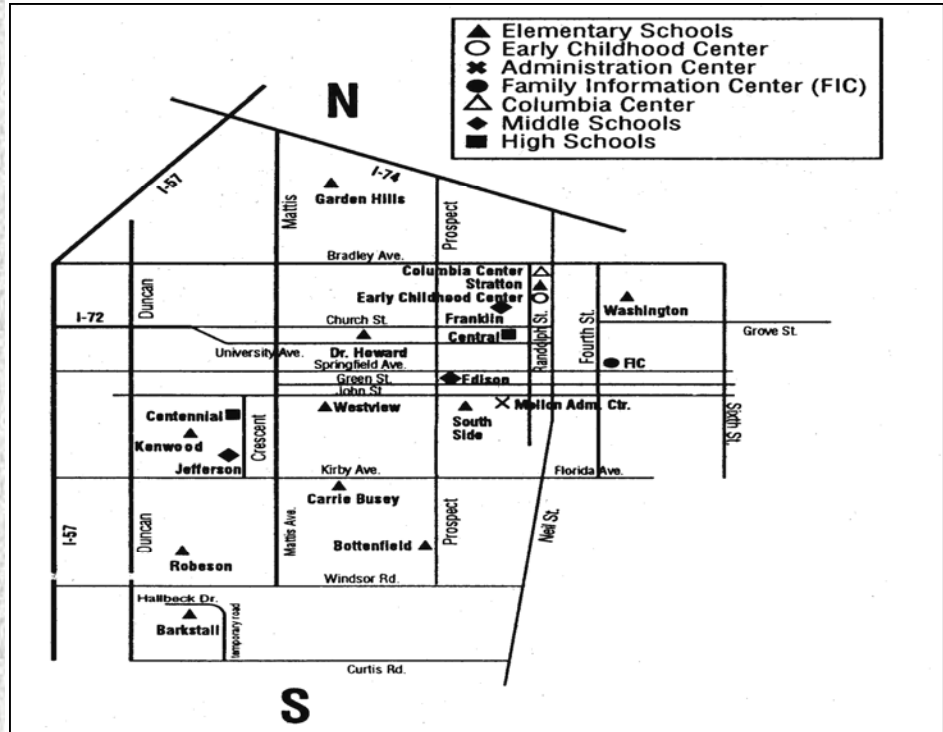
## PTA Activities & Events

- Reading Incentive Month
- Celebrity Reading Night/Book Fair
- New Parent Social
- Library Night
- Welcome to School Picnic
- Teacher Mini-Grants
- Pizza/Movie Night
- Reflection Competition
- Turn Off the TV Week
- School T-Shirts & Yearbook Free to Each Student
- Ice Cream Social at Open House
- Weekly Newsletter, *The Flash*



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## Tutoring & Mentoring

- Administrators as Teachers
- America Reads/Counts
- C-U One-to-One Mentoring Program
- Champions are Readers Tutoring (3rd Grade)
- Check and Connect Mentoring
- Extended Day
- Reading Buddies
- TALKS Mentoring
- Saturday Academy

## Dr. Howard PTA

In collaboration with teachers and staff, the volunteer parents of the PTA work to achieve a quality education and a nurturing environment for every child at our school.

Our workforce of parents—our greatest asset—assists families during registration, volunteers in the school library, reads to children in the classrooms, provides healthy snacks, helps with school tours and gives each child a school t-shirt and yearbook with the goal of promoting school spirit.

A few PTA activities and events are listed in the left margin column.

## Technology

Dr. Howard has at least one computer in every classroom. A committee of faculty and parents designed a comprehensive technology plan for the building. Dr. Howard is proud of its integration of technology across the curriculum.

## Awards and Recognition

- Excellence in Education National Award
- Tepper Grants
- C-U Foundation Grants
- Illinois Power Grant