Arlington Elementary School #243 is a traditional neighborhood Title I Community School located in the Northwest area of Baltimore City. Arlington Elementary School serve 407 diverse learners in grades pre-kindergarten through 5 on the recently renovated 21st Century campus. The school day begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 3:40 p.m. The school sits in the Arlington community. The student demographics is 94% African American, 5% Latino and 1% White.

The school’s mission is, Full Steam Ahead-We are a student-centered environment where students will be empowered and challenged to develop skills, attitudes and values which enable them to meet the challenges of the 21st Century through science technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics

The school’s vision is to prepare students, through vigorous and relevant content and instruction, to be productive and successful citizens by developing a strong work ethic, robust conflict resolution skills, recognizing the importance of self-care, as well as fostering higher-level critical thinking skills needed to be successful in the various situations, they face navigating in the world. The Community School strategy align with the school’s academic rigor and emphasis on placement in highly competitive middle schools that help place students in highly competitive high schools preparing all students to improve on standardize test performance while complementing the intensive STEAM curriculum.

Park Heights Renaissance serves as the Lead Agency of the Community School strategy and leads the strategy with an emphasis on enhanced academics, family engagement, mental health and social supports, school culture, and college and career readiness. Arlington Elementary is now partnered with Smart Steps, The Judy Center, Catholic Charities, Maryland Food Bank, Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital, Port Discovery, Baltimore Aquarium, Maryland Legal Aid, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, One more One Less Mentoring and several other Community partners. These partnerships are directly aligned to the school community’s needs which are addressed through the implementation of their Community School Action Plan. Priorities from the Community School Action Plan includes:

**Enhanced Academics & Enrichment**
- Increase school attendance and decrease chronic absenteeism.
- Increasing student academic achievement.
- Enhancing student life in the school community with intentionality

**Health & Social Supports**
- To provide health and mental health supports that directly impact students and families.
- Provide health and wellness initiatives to support students and families.
- Creating healthy school climate for student success

**Youth Development**
- Youth mentoring
- Enhance opportunities for students to participate in extracurricular activities.
- Out of School Time programming
Community Development

- Serve community members through intentional outreach.
- Strengthening partnerships
- Address food access through community outreach

College & Career

- Bringing College and Career readiness to life for all students
- Engage students through career exploration opportunities.

Family Engagement

- Host family engagement events that celebrate the diversity of the students and families
- Increase adult education opportunities for parents

*Sources: Baltimore City Public Schools Profiles, FUNDINGtrack® database*