

Ballard County Schools Executive Summary for Districts 18-19

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Description of the District

Describe the district size, community/communities, location, and changes it has experienced in the last three years. Include demographic information about the students, staff, and community at large. What unique features and challenges are associated with the community/communities the district serves?

The Ballard County School System consist of Ballard Memorial High, Ballard County Middle, and Ballard County Elementary Schools located on a common campus west of La Center, Kentucky highway 60. Total enrollment of the district is approximately 1300 students. Staff members, certified and classified, all work toward sustaining a positive learning environment with high expectations for all students. Faculty receives extensive professional development based on the needs of each instructor as requested or determined by the Teacher Professional Growth Effectiveness System evaluation. District and school staffs collaborate to analyze needs and develop plans of improvement through Comprehensive School Improvement and Comprehensive District Improvement Plans. Ballard County is a small rural county with a population of 8,212, located on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers in far western Kentucky. With 218 employees, Ballard County Schools became the largest employer in a county of 8,212 people when our last major industry closed earlier this year. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the June 2016 unemployment rate was 9.5%, almost twice the national average of 4.9%. The county's current poverty rate is 16.8%, more than three full points higher than national average or 13.5%. However, Phoenix Paper has recently reopened a large paper manufacturing plant, and plans to fully operational in 2019.

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District's Purpose

Provide the district's purpose statement and ancillary content such as mission, vision, values, and/or beliefs.

Describe how the district embodies its purpose through its program offerings and expectations for students.

Ballard County's educational mission is "In partnership with and in service to our community, the mission of Ballard County Schools is to prepare every student to be a successful individual." The Ballard County School district is located in Ballard County between McCracken and Carlisle Counties. Ballard County is located at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers in the Jackson Purchase region. The district serves over 1,300 hundred students in grades K-12. The interconnected preschool and elementary school and interconnected high school and middle school as well as the board office, transportation and maintenance facilities are located on campus just west of La Center.

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Notable Achievements and Areas of Improvement

Describe the district's notable achievements and areas of improvement in the last three years. Additionally, describe areas for improvement that the district is striving to achieve in the next three years.

In the 2017-18 school year, BCMS ranked in the top ten percent for Separate Academic Indicator and 24th in the state for KPREP writing. BMHS ranked in the top 25 percent in the state for ACT scores and achieved the highest composite score in the schools history, 19.9. In the 2018-19 school year BCES has become a Leader in Me School, BCMS is working to become a Leader in Me Lighthouse School. BCMS was listed as a TSI school for 2017-18 and is working diligently to close the achievement gap for special education students.

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Additional Information

Provide any additional information you would like to share with the public and community that were not prompted in the previous sections.

The Ballard County School District will continue to focus on the individual needs of the learner in order to ensure all students graduate and are college and career ready by concentrating on curriculum (what we teach), instruction (how we teach it), and assessment (how we know if the student has learned it).

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