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Description of the School

Describe the school's 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 school serves?

East Hardin Middle School serves students in grades 6-8. In the 2025-2026 school year, we have approximately 800 students. We are located in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. We continue to anticipate and prepare for an increase in enrollment as Blue Oval SK moves into the area.

School Stakeholders

Identify and describe the school's stakeholder groups. How does the school ensure stakeholder involvement and engagement in the improvement planning process?

We have various stakeholder groups, including parents and community members. We have several parents that are a part of our Site-Based Decision Making Council. In addition, we invite community members in at various times of the year to speak to our students. These topics of discussion range from agriculture to engineering. Also, we have Portrait of a Learner (defense of learning) interviews, at the end of the year for our 8th grade students. Community members come to East Hardin and interview students.

School's Purpose

Provide the school's purpose statement and supplementary content such as mission, vision, values, and/or beliefs, including the year in which they were last reviewed or revised. Describe how the school embodies its purpose through its program offerings and expectations for students and how stakeholders are involved in its development.

East Hardin's mission is to focus on student success and the ability to be a lifelong learner. Staff, parents and the community strive to create a student-centered environment by implementing the vision and mission of East Hardin Middle School:

1. All student have the ability and right to learn and experience success.
2. In the importance of working with parents and students to ensure that our learning environments have clear, consistent expectations.
3. All curriculum must be engaging, challenging and differentiated to meet the needs of all students.
4. We will provide our students with a safe environment.

5. Each staff member accepts, encourages, and challenges our students thereby making a difference in their lives.

Notable Achievements

Describe the school's notable achievements in the last three years.

At East Hardin, our students participate in a Portrait of a Learner defense program. These standards help prepare students for future endeavors.

Students have to Also, East Hardin Beta Club has over 200 members and continues to receive a plethora of awards at state and national convention.

In addition, we teach PBIS Bruin Expectations at our school. Students are able to earn Bruin Bucks and attend the PBIS store. We also have popcorn/soda for our students in which they can purchase these items with Bruin Bucks.

At East Hardin, we have club day once a quarter. All students join two clubs and attend them during the school day.

We also have three students of the month that we recognize for their leadership and kindness. These students are nominated by their teachers.

PTSA is active at East Hardin, with several fundraiser and events throughout the school year. The PTSA sponsors dances and a fall festival for our students.

Areas of Improvement

Describe areas for improvement that the school is striving to achieve in the next three years.

This year, we have promoted and incentivized good attendance. We have homeroom challenges that encourage students to attend school. We want to continue to make gains in attendance and approve the overall percentage this school year.

Additional Information

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

East Hardin is a great place for students and staff. Our culture survey distributed to parents and staff is always positive.

Attachment Summary

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