

Ludlow Independent Schools

Business Engagement Tour

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OUR MISSION

The Ludlow Independent School District is committed to fostering a culture of rigor, excellence, and personal accountability by developing meaningful relationships with students, families, and community members to support and empower students to graduate with college and career readiness skills.

Who are We?

- Ludlow Independent Schools was named a PROFICIENT DISTRICT because of the 2013 test scores. Ludlow ranked at the 79th percentile statewide.
- Our district is made up of 850 students, P-12.
- Twenty-six percent of our faculty and staff are Ludlow High School graduates.
- Over 65% of our students participate in the Free/Reduced Meal Program.
- On average 60-65% of our graduates attend either a 2- or 4-year college each fall.

Projects & Programs

- Positive Behavior Interventions & Support Program (PBIS) implemented districtwide this year
- RTI & PAICE time allow for students to receive remediation and enrichment.
- PAWS & Clubs rotate in the high school
- MAP Testing takes place three times each year; scores used to build individualized learning paths for students
- Collaboration with Children, Inc. to increase participation in Service Learning
- PIE Grant funded a STEM Project in elementary that fosters collaboration with NKU's College of Informatics
- Recent recipient of the Physical Education Grant, increasing health and nutrition
- Recent recipient of 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant, establishing a center with Children, Inc. onsite for before and after school activities, as well as summer camps, activities, clubs, and field trips
- Increasing enrollment in the Gateway Regional Academy
- Participating in NKU's Pilot Hybrid ENG 101 Course in the spring
- High school students work with and mentor elementary students through the Peer Tutor and Little Panther, Big Panther Programs

Connecting to Our Community

- We use our website, e-communication, mobile app, Facebook, our marquee and the monthly Ludlow Community Connection newspaper to communicate to families and community members.
- Mr. Borchers hosts a monthly *Coffee with the Community* meeting at Smitty's on Elm; open to any community member to talk and give feedback.

How Can YOU Help Support Ludlow in Its Mission?

There are many ways to help support our district. You can give your **time**, your **talent**, or your **treasure**. Please consider one of the following ways listed here.

- 1. Become a One-to-One Reading Mentor for an Elementary Student.** (TIME)
Attend the training for the program, then commit to meet with a young student once a week to read aloud with them and mentor them. This is a great way to make a big impact!
- 2. Assist with Summer Programs.** (TIME, TALENT, or TREASURE)
We offer free summer lunches daily to anyone under the age of 19. While students are at school during this time, we want to make that time rich, adding creative ways to get them to practice reading or math skills more. This may mean checking out library books, participating in games or crafts, or other activities. We're open to suggestions – if you have a talent you'd like to share, let us know! Any monetary or materials donation could help supply students with what they need to stay academically active and involved over the summer.
- 3. Sponsor a Dual Credit Student.** (TREASURE)
One barrier for many of our students is the financial aspect of college tuition. Sponsoring a student means you would help pay their tuition, fees, or textbooks for their dual credit work. In return, the student volunteers his/her time at a school or community event.
- 4. Become a Career Day Speaker and/or Operation Preparation Volunteer.** (TIME)
Volunteer your time and visit our schools! Spend time in classrooms talking to students about the various aspects of your career or related jobs in your profession. Discuss with them what they can do *now* to prepare for a future career in your profession.
- 5. Sponsor Student Awards, Recognizing Outstanding Behavior, Attendance, Grades, or Citizenship.** (TREASURE)
Sponsor awards to recognize students for their strong work ethic skills in the areas of behavior, attendance, grades, or citizenship. Our elementary also runs a Panther Store, which is always looking for donated items. Students receive Panther Bucks from their teachers to reward them for the positive skills listed above, then they get to “shop” at the store spending the Panther Bucks they've earned.
- 6. Host a Job Shadowing Experience or Field Trip to Your Office, Business, or Organization.** (TIME)
Be willing to host a few students for a job shadowing experience, or maybe a whole class or grade level group for a field trip. Either way, students will learn more about your career / business / organization. We hope to increase the number of these hands-on activities for our students.
- 7. Communicate with Us About Job or Internship Opportunities.** (TIME)
We love posting information about jobs or internships on our JOBS Board, website, and announcements! Please think of us when these openings arise in your business or organization. We would love for our students to participate in these programs.