

# Kentucky Department of Education

## Priority Schools Kentucky's Success Stories

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# Priority Schools Under Unbridled Learning

**Current Total** – Three schools exited Priority status with the release of 13-14 data, 36 exist for the 14-15 school year.

# List of Priority Schools Under Unbridled Learning

Caverna High School\*

Leslie County High School\*

Lawrence County High School

Metcalfe County High School

Fern Creek High School

Valley High School

Shawnee High School

Western High School

Western Middle School

Frost Middle School

Fairdale High School

Dayton Middle & High Schools

Stuart Middle School

Monticello Independent\*\*

East Carter High School\*

Greenup County High School

Knox County High School

Sheldon Clark High School\*

Newport High School

Christian County High School

Doss High School

Seneca High School

Waggener High School

Iroquois High School

Southern High School

Olmstead North Middle

Westport Middle School

Fleming County High School

Hopkins County Central High

Lee County High School

Livingston Central High

Pulaski County High School

Perry Central High School

Franklin-Simpson High

Bryan Station High School

Trimble County High School

Lincoln County High School

Knight Middle School

Myers Middle School

Thomas Jefferson Middle

\*Exited by meeting regulatory criteria

\*\*Merged with Wayne County Schools in 2012 -13

# Highlights of Progress from 2013-2014 Testing

- Of the 39 Priority Schools that were assessed during the 2013-2014 school year
  - 5 schools scored in the Distinguished category
  - 5 schools scored in the Proficient category
  - 21 schools were categorized as Progressing (met annual measurable objective (AMO), student participation rate for all groups, and graduation rate goal) in addition to their classification as Distinguished, Proficient or Needs Improvement

# Highlights of Progress from 2013-2014 Testing

- 31 of 39 schools had increases in their overall score
- 12 of 39 schools had Overall Scores at or above the state average
- 30 of 39 schools met their Annual Measurable Objective (AMO)
- 22 of 30 high schools achieved their College and Career Ready (CCR) targets
- 28 of 30 high schools showed gains in excess of 20 points in CCR over the last four years
- 2 schools made the Rewards category of High Progress, which requires a school to be in the top 10% of improvement in all schools

# Highlights of Progress from 2013-2014 Testing

- Of the 5 Proficient schools, 4 were also identified as Progressing
- Of the 29 schools categorized as Needs Improvement, 11 were also identified as Progressing
- 7 schools had achievement scores above the state average
- 13 schools had Gap scores above the state average

# Highlights of Progress from 2013-2014 Testing

- 9 schools had Growth scores above the state average
- 21 schools had 10 point or greater increases in their percentile rank than the previous year
- 24 of 39 schools had a 5 percentage point or less difference in the combined reading/math score between the Gap group and all students

# Hub Schools

- Three Hub Schools – Franklin-Simpson, Pulaski County High School, and East Carter High School
- These schools have made extremely high levels of progress; all are rated Distinguished/Progressing (top 10%) in the last state assessment
- Hub schools are
  - Regional models that showcase best or promising practices based on data and results to share with other schools in their region.
  - Recognized for their work in improving student learning and building core processes for sustainability
  - Producing exponentially more students that are college and career ready
  - Hubs of learning activity for teachers, leaders and students



# Hub Schools

- Hub Schools were initially intended to provide assistance to Focus Schools, who have greater numbers of students in the achievement gap, but are serving as resources for all schools in the region.
- Hub schools have taken a systems approach to their work, putting systems in place that will assure that the positive changes being implemented are lasting
- During the 2013-14 school 625 people from 89 districts visited.

# Additional Results from 2013-2014 Testing

- While we celebrate the successes of these schools, we continue to have schools that are in need of continued assistance:
  - 8 of 30 high schools failed to meet their CCR targets
  - 9 of 39 schools did not meet their AMO
  - 34 of 39 schools did not meet their Gap targets

# Next Steps

- Implement intentional strategies to reduce Novice
- Continue to collaborate with Priority Schools and Districts in the implementation of PGES
- Continue to implement the LEAD-KY curriculum to strengthen the capacity of leadership in Priority Schools and Districts
- Continue to review data quarterly and develop sustainability plans for exiting schools.