

## Phase III: Executive Summary for Districts\_11272017\_16:12

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**Hardin County Schools**  
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### Executive Summary

#### 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?

Hardin County Schools consists of 23 schools (3 High Schools, 1 Early College & Career Center, 5 Middle Schools, 13 Elementary Schools, and 1 Alternative School (as well as other alternative settings). The district serves approximately 14,095 students in Hardin County, Kentucky. The district employs approximately 1,060 certified employees and approximately 1,570 classified employees. HCS is currently the 6th largest district in the state, serving a diverse population of both suburban and rural populations. The current rate of minority students in the district is 32.4%. Hardin County continues to make strides on state assessments, while continuing to make every effort to improve in areas needing additional support. College and career readiness, along with work ethic certifications continue to be a priority for our high schools students. The Early College & Career Center has provided opportunities for students to expand their knowledge and skill set for transitioning to the real world. School and district staff use SMART Goals to guide the work being done in the district for continued improvement.

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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.

Vision: Schools, Parents, and Community actively involved in "Helping Children Succeed".

Mission: Success for all students by providing a high quality education through excellent teachers, support staff, and leadership embraced by supportive parents and an active community. Hardin County School District strives to provide opportunities for all students to achieve success and become productive citizens. The goal of every employee is to make decisions that are student-centered. By putting students' needs first, our district will create an environment that is conducive to learning and aligned with the district's vision.

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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.

Hardin County Schools continues to make strides on state assessment. With the passing of Senate Bill 1, the state no longer gives designations to school districts. Prior to Senate Bill 1, our district maintained a Proficient rating. All three high schools continue to perform above the state average and continues to provide programs that meet the needs for all students to transition to adult life. Technology continues to be an area of focus and STEM classes as well as coding is being implemented throughout the district. The district has several areas that need improvement, the district continues to improve writing across all grade levels. Another focus includes closing the achievement gap on reading and math assessments. Meeting the needs of all students is a priority for the district.

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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.

Hardin County Schools stands behind its commitment to "Help Children Succeed." All employees are vested in the success of each and every student.

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