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Heartland Elementary School

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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?

The faculty, staff and students of Heartland Elementary strive to be successful. Heartland continues to grow and currently holds 670 students Preschool - 5th grade and approximately staffs 85 employees. Heartland is a Title 1 school with a diverse student population that is accepting of all students and abilities. The teaching staff at Heartland Elementary takes teaching seriously and will go above and beyond their professional duties to help all our children succeed. Heartland has strong parent involvement and an active PTO that works for the well-being of our students as well as our school. Heartland has a full time principal, a half time assistant principal/literacy coach and full time counselor on staff. Our school also has a Family Resource Center Coordinator that works with students, parents and teachers to help ensure student success. Heartland has an active site base council where they focus on student achievement and make quality decisions that benefit our school. Heartland Elementary is a Literacy First school where reading is one of our top priorities. Students receive instruction on phonological awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension through small groups. This allows teachers to provide explicit instruction that is directly focused on the skills of the child. Math is another subject taken very seriously at Heartland as teachers find exciting and engaging ways to challenge students to master their basic math facts. This school year our teachers are focused on various data results in order to teach students the specific skills they need in order to be proficient mathematicians. Other content areas such as writing, science and social studies are also very important and are taught daily in engaging and meaningful ways. All students at Heartland have weekly access to art, music, and physical education. There are also various extracurricular activities offered at Heartland such as Beta Club, academic team, chorus, art club, and archery to name a few. This year we have added monthly clubs where students get to participate as an incentive for being responsible and respectful students. Heartland Elementary is centrally located in Hardin County and is proud to be a part of the Hardin County School District.

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School's Purpose

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

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

Heartland Elementary is a learning community committed to individual growth and leadership. While aligning a variety of assessments and instruction with the standards, we will strive to meet the needs of all of students through the use of flexible small grouping, differentiated instruction, high order questioning and critical thinking skills while incorporating technology as much as possible.

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Notable Achievements and Areas of Improvement

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

We continue to work areas to increase our parent communication and continuous school improvement. We are working on reducing the number of novice performing students in reading and math. We are also working on moving students from the apprentice category to the proficient category. We are also working on developing students who can communicate effectively verbally and through their writing. Heartland has had a reputable academic team that has very competitive within the district and the region. Our student technology leadership program is beginning to develop and recently placed to go on to the state level. We've had students participate in Beta who have gone on to compete at the state level and then place and be able to compete at the National level. Most importantly, we have many students who like to give back to their community and provide stewardship and leadership outside of school.

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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.

While our test scores are not the best, our school IS a wonderful place to be. We welcome anyone to come into our building and just feel the positive environment from both students and staff. This has been one of our best years and we are excited about the progress we are making thus far!

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