

2018-19 Phase Three: Executive Summary for Districts

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Hardin County Schools
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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 14,928 students, grades preschool through 12, in Hardin County, Kentucky. The district employees approximately 1,050 certified employees and approximately 1,400 classified employees. HCS is currently the 5th 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 33%. The Early College & Career Center has provided opportunities for students to expand their knowledge and skill set for transitioning to the real world. The district continues to look for ways to create opportunities for students to accelerate learning as well as provide opportunities for students to be prepared for life, whether that is college or career oriented.

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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 by supportive parents

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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 support all students with a multitude of opportunities. The goal for every student in Hardin County is to successfully transition to the next level (college and/or career). Hardin County Schools Early College and Career Center strives to offer students individualized career exploration opportunities. Students can participate in health science, engineering, Air and Space Academy, automotive technology, welding, informational technology, and culinary arts. Work ethic certifications are a direct link for graduating seniors to prepare for college and/or careers. The Academy at EC3 provides a partnership with ECTC to allow students to earn an Associate's Degree along with their high school diploma. The district had a new approach to its annual Summer Feeding Program this past year. The program allows any child 18 years of age and younger to eat a free lunch during the summer at several sites. This year, The Cruisin' Café – a refurbished school bus – traveled daily to four areas around the county and provided a free lunch to children who may not have had an opportunity to go to a summer feeding program site. It was an incredible success and district officials are working on possibly expanding

the program in 2019. Hardin County Schools has a partnership with UPS that lands currently enrolled students to work at its Louisville, Kentucky hub. Students from Central Hardin High School, John Hardin High School, North Hardin High School and College View Campus can work at UPS approximately four hours a day (20 hours per week) and more during peak seasons like the holidays. The work hours include time during the school day. HCS will provides bus transportation to and from UPS each day and is reimbursed for those transportation costs by UPS. The district instituted a Safe School Helpline to allow anyone to report concerns regarding unsafe or potentially disruptive activities or situations at any time. Hardin County Schools was able to open two early childhood daycare centers (north and south end) for employees to have affordable daycare options (birth-school age). Board approval (bonding) was given to build 2 new schools, Lincoln Trail Elementary and East Hardin Middle 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.

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