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Bluegrass Middle 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?

Bluegrass Middle School is seated on a large campus between one of our feeder schools-New Highland Elementary and the school we feed to-John Hardin High School. This unique setting allows vertical programs to work between the schools such as tutoring programs, access to higher-level courses both for the elementary to access the middle school curriculum and for middle school students to take high school courses. We have students who come to Bluegrass from four elementary schools, three of which are not situated on the same campus. This blending of schools creates lots of diversity which is our strength. The meshing of a variety of cultures makes us a unique school. Our population is around 640 students-65% free/reduced lunch and 44.8% minority. Even though Bluegrass is located in Elizabethtown, Ky, close to Fort Knox, it still has a rural feel, but with the advantages of a very diverse population. Bluegrass has a wide variety of programs that students may access such as band, art, pe, careers, agriculture, enrichment courses, financial literacy, and more. Over the last few years, we have made technology integration a priority. This past year, we became a 1:1 school, with each student receiving their own Chromebook with the option of being a daytime user or a take-home user. Teachers are equipped with devices such as Active Boards, wireless slates, webcams, wireless microphones, and document cameras to assist them in teaching. A new initiative at Bluegrass this year is our sixth-grade team partnering with New Tech Network to implement project-based learning instructional practices. This allows for the teacher to become more of a facilitator while the students engage with the content and one another for their learning.

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.

The mission of Bluegrass Middle School is to transform our youth into responsible citizens by providing academic, emotional, and social standards of excellence. Our core values are respect, responsibility, and safety which supports our culture of accepting all students as Bluegrass students. Serving a diverse population of learners, we operate within a departmental setting to allow for flexibility in meeting student needs. Bluegrass Middle School offers a challenging curriculum grounded

in the standards for math, science, social studies, reading, and writing.

Extracurricular programs offer a wide range of opportunities outside the classroom because our campus is adjacent to John Hardin High School. Our students are able to participate in JHHS athletic programs easily and are welcomed by the coaches at Joh Hardin. Our students contribute to the community through our canned food drive, angel tree program, Beta club and various other activities.

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.

Bluegrass Middle School has many areas in which to be proud. Bluegrass offers a variety of extracurricular activities during the school day, including STLP, Beta, Yearbook, Academic Team, Student Council, Chess, FCA, FFA, Spirit Club, Kindness Club, Girls Who Code, football, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, and more. Students also have the opportunity to participate in sports programs at JHHS. Students are encouraged to participate in sports, clubs, or other team activities as a part of the Bluegrass Middle School experience. Honor Roll, Young Achievers, and Quarterly Academic Achievement Celebrations are three ways students are recognized for academic achievement throughout the year. The Academic Team, STLP, and Beta students compete annually in local, regional, and state competitions. The Academic Team recently won the local and region championships. We have fully implemented the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports program which has reduced our referral and suspension rates significantly. It is our goal to continue to provide opportunities for students, support them in social-emotional learning, prepare them for college and career, and provide them with access to challenging curricula. We would like to continue to provide opportunities like an intramural sports program to help foster more of a belonging with the Bluegrass community.

Additional Information

CSI/TSI Schools (including ATSI) Only: Describe the procedures used to create the school's improvement plan and briefly state the specific efforts to address the causes of low student performance and resource inequities.

N/A

Additional Information

Provide any additional information you would like to share with the public and community that were not prompted in the previous sections.

N/A

Attachment Summary

Attachment Name	Description	Associated Item(s)
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