

June 2024

Student Learning

Academic Updates

Progress Toward EIS Goals

The district has officially completed our instructional calendar and our teachers are done for the school year. We took advantage of our last contract day to work with teachers exposing them to a process of identifying Essential Standards. This is important work that will be tied directly to our RTI process to help our teachers “ensure” student mastery of key standards/skills. This process will be repeated throughout the school year next year. The district had the opportunity in the first week of June to work with our school and district level leaders to plan and prepare for next school year. We worked on continuing our work on the Leadership Challenge, we had a workshop with KDE to introduce lesson and unit internalization processes and completed a day of required evaluation training. One of the most important training that we experienced was the continuation of our work on Profile of a Panther. We have partnered with UKNextGen and they are supporting us in our work. We determined that we will host our first community meeting on August 27th as we dig into this process. More information will be coming soon and we look forward to your support and participation in this process.

The lab and TK Stone is moving forward and we will receive a 15 station career and pathway exploration lab from Paxton and Patterson. This lab was made possible with the utilization of our Supplemental CTE funds from the 25-26 and 26-27 school year along with a portion of board funding. These lab experiences are tied directly to our existing pathways that our students will be able to access once they are in high school. This early exposure will give students hands-on activities to investigate and learn more about the pathways while still in middle school. This lab will be operational prior to the start of the school year and Mr. Valentine will receive training in mid June to prepare him to lead students through this course.

The district has secured training in July and Early August to onboard our new teachers to our Reading and Math programs at the Elementary and

	Middle School. These opportunities will give existing and new teachers the support they will need to successfully deliver high quality instruction. This is part of a cycle that we are building with anticipation that we will have the capacity in the near future to provide those trainings utilizing our own staff. This process is necessary to ensure the consistency and quality of our instructional practices over time as our staff changes. The High School ELA department will begin training on their new ELA curriculum through HMH in early July.
Upcoming Events & Additional Information	New Teacher Training- July 21,22 District PD Day- August 6th District INSPIRE Day-August 5th Portrait of a Panther- August 27th

Personnel Highlights - June 2026

- ❖ Attended Franklin Covey Leadership training on May 28 with the district Admin team. They discussed the 4 Essential Roles of Leadership (Inspire Trust, Create Vision, Execute Strategy, Coach Potential)
- ❖ Led and participated in the EIS Admin Training week:
 - June 1st - Co-facilitated The Challenge Continues (part of The Leadership Challenge) focused on the principle "Challenge the Process" and participated in Unit/Lesson Internalization training through KDE
 - June 3rd - Participated in annual Certified Evaluation recertification training (required 6 hours)
 - June 4th - Participated in training on local accountability/profile of a graduate through UK Next Gen. This is the work we will begin as we build our Profile of a Panther.
- ❖ Participated in the Patriots to Education Virtual Job Fair on June 10th from 4:00 to 5:30pm. Patriots to Education is a national, non-profit organization that works specifically to connect veterans, retirees and military spouses to school districts. I met one service member who may be interested in teaching Social Studies upon his retirement in March 2027. His son attends EIS.
- ❖ Continuing to onboard new employees for the 2026-27 school year.
- ❖ Planning New Teacher Orientation for July 21 - 22nd. This is required for all teachers new to the district as we orient them to our Panther Nation.

Operational Updates	- We are continuing to move to School Status Boost for our evaluations for the 26-27 school year. We plan to include our classified staff in our electronic evaluation system. - We are also switching our compliance training (previously utilizing Vector Training) to Public SchoolWorks. This system is able to provide the appropriate, mandatory training in a more succinct way and maintain multi-year cycles (as allowed now through recent legislative bills).
Staffing Updates	Please see the Board Personnel Report
Staff Recognition	None until August
Progress Toward EIS Goals	- Staff Absences - this is a change in information due to the switch to Red Rover which tracks ALL absences, not just certified teachers. - May (May 11-Jun 10) absences - 416 total (including classified & admin) 115 filled, 25 unfilled, 276 no sub required - Fill rate - 82.14%
Upcoming Priorities	- We continue planning our Professional Learning for the summer. This includes New Teacher Orientation, KASA Admin Retreat, and staff PD for the 26-27 school year. - Attending The Leadership Challenge Rally in Chicago on Jun 16-19 as a guest of KASA

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Special Programs

Current # of students with IEPs	408	Current # of English Language Learners	121
Current # of gifted students	490	Current # of students in Pre-K	90

Department Highlights

We continue to redefine our intervention programming. Principals have a better understanding of the grade-level and off-grade-level interventions we will be providing. The principals have done a great job of creating master schedules that support intervention times.

We have once again elected to participate in Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services, through participation funding is opened up to improve our intervention systems. Monthly I update [THIS SHEET](#). As you will see, we are compliant in all areas, and we always want to improve our practices.

Operational Updates	Continued review of MTSS procedures and practices to enhance interventions across the district. I am beginning preparations for staff training on IDEA compliance and supports to allow teachers to focus more of their time on instruction.
Staffing Updates	We currently have one teacher opening at Morningside interviews for that position have begun. Further, we have one special education instructional assistant position open also at MES.
Collaboration	I have worked closely with the Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent, and Director of Student Services to ensure our systems and processes align to the work of others, and ensure our interventions and supports allow students to increase their ability to access the general education curriculum.
Progress Toward EIS Goals	We are continuing our work in ensuring our instruction in the special education setting and through co-teaching meets Kentucky Academic Standards. Staff are contributing a shared document to provide instructional resources for students with disabilities to enhance standards based instruction.
Upcoming Priorities	We will continue to find instructional resources that support access to the general education curriculum for students with disabilities.

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Communications Department

Important Data

Our views on Facebook totaled 308.3K the last 30 days, which is up 15.3 percent from the previous 30 days.

Important Data

We've climbed to 8.5K followers on Facebook. We've added more than 1,200 followers this school year, which is up from the previous two years.

Department Highlights

The Communications Department continues to expand the reach and visibility of Elizabethtown Independent Schools through strategic storytelling, video content, and community-focused communications. While overall views and interactions were lower than the previous reporting period due to seasonal declines associated with the end of the school year, several indicators point to growing audience awareness and content effectiveness.

Operational Updates

Throughout the reporting period, the Communications Department continued to highlight the people and accomplishments that make Elizabethtown Independent Schools special. Content celebrated end-of-year student and staff achievements across all schools while recognizing Inspire Award recipients, Students of the Month, and other outstanding accomplishments. Efforts also included Teacher Appreciation Week coverage and ongoing staff recognition initiatives that showcased the dedication of EIS employees.

Staffing Updates

We haven't added anyone to the department.

Collaboration

The Communications Department continues to collaborate closely with departments and schools across the district to ensure the EIS story is being told in a meaningful and consistent way. The department also maintains regular communication with building principals and school leaders to identify student achievements, classroom innovations, special events, and staff accomplishments worthy of recognition.

Progress Toward EIS Goals

The Communications Department continues to support district goals by increasing community awareness, strengthening stakeholder engagement, and enhancing the visibility of student and staff accomplishments. Throughout the 2025-26 school year, EIS social media platforms delivered exceptional results and expanded the district's digital footprint across the community and beyond.

Upcoming Priorities

Looking ahead, the Communications Department will focus on several strategic priorities designed to strengthen engagement, expand storytelling efforts, and support district goals. The department will also support the implementation of the **Profile of a Panther** communications campaign, helping define and communicate the knowledge, skills, and characteristics EIS graduates should possess. Additional priorities include increasing reach among non-followers through a video-first content strategy.

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Nutrition Services

Important Data	DC information: Free & Reduced: 41.85% Paid: 58.15%	Important Data	May 2026 Participation: Breakfast - 51% Lunch - 71% 16,118 Breakfasts Served 24,720 Lunches Served
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Department Highlights

In May, as expected, participation numbers were down due to end of year ceremonies, field trips, etc. I am very proud of the efforts of our teams across the district this school year in all 4 cafeterias. We have seen increases in participation and USDA reimbursement year over year and have also implemented quite a bit of modernization in how our program operates. Although there won't be many large-scale changes for next year, we do hope to continue innovating and making our student experiences better throughout the year!

Operational Updates	- Summer Feeding (SFSP) 2026 kicked off on June 1 for our regular sites and our first distribution of multi-day meal boxes at Quality Inn Suites was a success! We handed out over 4,000 breakfasts and lunches and are currently still adding families to our registry. - We are also serving meals at EHS and MES for congregate meal walk-ins and any students participating in summer programming at those locations. Panther Academy's Get Ready Camp began on June 3rd. Participation was pretty low at the school sites, so we will continue to monitor.
Staffing Updates	Vacancies have been posted and we will begin interviews at the end of June to fill holes in our roster. We entered the summer with 1 vacancy at HHES for a Nutrition Assistant, 1 Monitor at HHES and 1 monitor at MES. We currently have 29 active employees in Nutrition Services. This number includes Director and Asst. Director.
Collaboration	- Thankful for the Transportation Dept. and Maintenance Dept. for helping our summer feeding program this year. The maintenance crew helped us move our freezer trailer to our distribution location on Wednesdays and transportation will provide us with the Prowler when it's available. It truly took a community to accomplish our first week of distribution! Special thanks to the EPD for providing support as well!
Progress Toward EIS Goals	
Upcoming Priorities	BTS Training is on the horizon and we are also preparing for professional development opportunities at our Annual KSNA State Conference with several Nutrition Services employees. We're very excited about the opportunities ahead.

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Elizabethtown High School

Enrollment

725

Average Daily
Attendance

School Highlights

Elizabethtown High School has much to celebrate as we close out another outstanding school year. During the 2025-26 school year, EHS continued to demonstrate excellence across academics, activities, and athletics, further strengthening our proud tradition as one of Kentucky's premier high schools.

Academically, Elizabethtown High School was recognized as the 7th highest academic public high school in Kentucky based on accountability results. EHS was also named a U.S. News & World Report Gold High School, a distinction that reflects the hard work of our students, staff, families, and community. These recognitions are a direct result of a shared commitment to high expectations, student achievement, and continuous improvement.

Our students also excelled in state and national competitions. EHS earned multiple awards through Kentucky Beta and FBLA, showcasing student leadership, academic talent, creativity, and career readiness. In addition, our engineering program continues to gain attention for the incredible opportunities it provides students. Most recently, EHS Engineering was represented on WLKY, highlighting the innovation and hands-on learning taking place in our classrooms.

Beyond academics, our Panthers have continued to make us proud through accomplishments in the arts, athletics, leadership, service, and extracurricular programs. From state-level recognition to local impact, Elizabethtown High School students continue to represent our school and district with pride, character, and excellence.

We are incredibly proud of the momentum at EHS and grateful for the dedication of our students, staff, families, and community partners. Elizabethtown High School remains committed to preparing students for success while continuing our Tradition of Excellence.

Academic Updates

1. KDE is opening the procurement process again for a state college exam vendor. We will still purchase CERT for SAT, ACT, and KSA prep.
2. EHS is exploring options for an ILP platform for students to replace ACE.

Staffing Updates

New Hires: Jimmy Johnson - Chemistry, Amy South - English. Registrar, Kim Wilcox Ashley Singleton-Receptionist, Delaney Frye-Social Studies, Truman Padgett-Engineering, Alyssa Baxter-Math, Anna Diabonte- Biology, Anna Hamilton-Health Science, Chase Elmore-Instructional Asst., and Cody Maraman-English. There are a few extra service positions to hire.

Community & Family Engagement	All after-school events are posted on Eventlink, and athletic schedules can be found on the KHSAA website. Our social media accounts also list important events for our stakeholders to know.
Progress Toward EIS Goals	HQIR process for ELA completed, High Quality PD scheduled for July with teachers, Science will be exploring an HQIR option this year.
Upcoming Events & Additional Information	• <i>Registration August 3rd</i> • <i>Open House August 4th</i> • <i>Panther Fest August 6th</i> • <i>New Student Orientation August 7th</i> • <i>Student's first day August 12th</i>

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TK Stone Middle School

Enrollment

589

Average Daily
Attendance

School Highlights

Nearly every inch of T. K. Stone is under the hands of construction workers. Lots of wonderful things are happening to make TK beautiful. The 6th grade hall is completely stripped down. New HVAC, flooring and paint will make the hallway brand new and in sync with the rest of the building. The library is receiving new paint, carpeting and finishes. New rooms are being constructed. The new building is well underway and the sports fields are beginning to take shape.

Academic Updates

Administrators received a week of training in evaluations, unit and lesson internalization, implementing HQIRs, and leadership.

Scheduling is being fine tuned, including a new intervention period which will help ensure student growth.

Staffing Updates

Social Studies: Blake Wheeler
Boys Basketball Coach: hiring

Community & Family Engagement

Volleyball Open Gym June 18th
Summer Book Bash June 24th

Progress Toward EIS Goals

A new Intervention Period will provide a targeted approach in Math and ELA intervention, 7th grade Science enrichment, 8th grade Social Studies enrichment, special ed interventions.

Upcoming Events & Additional Information

Open House August 4th 5:00-7:00

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Helmwood Heights

School Highlights

- We have 4 students participating in the National Beta Club Convention in Nashville, TN next week. They are Merrick Owens, Parker Richards, Macy Cecil and Hallie Cecil

Academic Updates

- Our staff has already completed 6 hours of PD on May 27th. During this time, our staff had vertical conversations, made curriculum adjustments and pacing guide updates.

Staffing Updates

- Kevin McDaniel is retiring - effective June 30th
- Darian Parker has resigned - effective June 30th - she has taken an assistant principal job in Bullitt Co.
- We hired Marisa Thomas Santilli as an instructional assistant - she served as a lunchroom monitor this past year

Community & Family Engagement

- We have partnered with EPD for a couple of lunch dates this summer. They are just wanting to come in, grill some burgers and dogs and feed kids. They are using Helmwood as one of their sites.

Upcoming Events & Additional Information

- August 10th - Open House
- July 27th - 1st Grade Camp
- July 4th - Independence Day!

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Morningside Elementary

Enrollment

Average Daily
Attendance

School Highlights

- The front of our building is currently being painted and the dead landscaping has been removed; this is giving a fresh look to visitors as they come to our school.
- Great progress is being made on classroom floors and most rooms are ready for teachers.
- We have 9 new AC units being installed right now.

Academic Updates

- We have professional development dates planned so that teachers are ready to implement our curriculum when school starts. We have new teacher training for all new staff.

Staffing Updates

- We have all certified positions filled.
- We currently still have a special education assistant position open. We are hoping to hire within the next two weeks.

Community & Family Engagement

- Throughout the summer we are communicating with families via Infinite Campus and School Status so that we can keep them updated on information for next school year.

Progress Toward EIS Goals

- Our admin team is currently revising our handbook and looking at things that went well last year and what adjustments need to be made for next year.

Upcoming Events & Additional Information

- 1st grade camp 8/3 8:30-11:30
- Open House 8/3 5:30-7:00

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Panther Academy

School Name

Enrollment	PS - 77 K - 185	Average Daily Attendance	92.91%
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School Highlights

Kindergarten students ended the year with a Fun Day at the Bluegrass Sports Plex on May 18. They ended the year with a great kindergarten graduation on May 21. The staff honored 2 of our retiring IAs on May 22, Patty Robinson and Brenda Gilkerson. Both of those ladies have devoted years to making a positive impact on many students.

Academic Updates	Megan Goodman, Erin Lee and Taylor Donahue participated in the District Writing Plan Meeting on May 19. The team is excited to develop a plan to increase effective writing instruction at Panther Academy and throughout the district.
Staffing Updates	The kindergarten instructional assistants recommended for hire are Brandi Hash and Gavan Young. The preschool instructional assistant recommended for hire is Mikayla Gray. We still have to hire an instructional assistant for the LI classroom.
Community & Family Engagement	We planned a career day on May 22, but the weather did not cooperate for our students to learn about various local businesses.
Progress Toward EIS Goals	The K teachers participated in Essential Standards professional learning on May 26. They rated the ELA standards and identified the 3-5 essential standards each kindergarten student needed to learn in the fall and spring semesters in kindergarten.
Upcoming Events & Additional Information	Panther Academy will host Get Ready Camp, coordinated by CKCF and Hardin County's Regional Collaborative from June 1-26 from 9 AM to 11 AM. Families with children from birth to age 5 can attend with their child and take part in developmentally appropriate activities with their child.

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Valley View

Enrollment	14 students returning to Valley View to start the 26-27 school year.	Average Daily Attendance	19.38 ADA 41.00 ADM
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School Highlights

- 10 students returning to their home schools for the 26-27 school year.
- 19 students earned their high school diploma through the PRIDE Program this year. Of those 19, 14 participated in our graduation ceremony on May 19.

Academic Updates	• All of our students (except for one who is still working on credit recovery) who were enrolled with us this school year completed the appropriate number of credits to maintain grade level status.
Staffing Updates	• We participated in an end of year meeting with Edmentum representatives to discuss new course offerings, including "MajorClarity" IEP support and "Exact Path" which offers individualized diagnostic driven personal learning for students.
Community & Family Engagement	• All of our current PRIDE students who have been enrolled for at least a month have applied for and been hired for jobs.
Progress Toward EIS Goals	• Our students now have access to courses through our online learning platform, Edmentum, that more closely align with career/technical interests and pathways.
Upcoming Events & Additional Information	• We have three current or former PRIDE students who are scheduling meetings this month to discuss enrolling at ECTC for the Fall Semester.