



KENTUCKY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Building a **GROUNDWELL**

in partnership with the Prichard Committee

"Jefferson County schools and communities are safe and students learn at a high level."

Jefferson County Public Schools

The Academy @ Shawnee Community School Action Plan Snapshot

1. Population, Desired Results, and Indicators

The Academy @ Shawnee strives to ensure that all students are healthy, prepared for their future paths, and supported by stable environments. The school emphasizes strong partnerships between school, family, and community and prioritizes academic success, including transition into adulthood. Progress toward these goals will be monitored through indicators such as attendance, behavior, and academic performance.

2. What is the story behind the curve?

The Academy @ Shawnee is a magnet middle school and high school in the Jefferson County Public School District in Louisville, Kentucky. It is one of five West Louisville schools selected as part of the Signature Partnership initiative with the University of Louisville. Academies offer a new kind of educational experience, shifting from traditional techniques to deeper learning that better prepares graduates for college, career, and life. The school offers several academies for students: Aviation, JROTC, Nursing, and Early Childhood. There is an active Black Student Union, and several local churches surrounding the school are also invested in the students, staff and families. Shawnee has an Alumni Association that meets regularly and is interested in supporting the students and staff. Shawnee's neighborhood has a JCPS Satellite Office, Neighborhood Place, Boys and Girls Club, Community Center, and a Neighborhood Association. It is a historic community with a lot of pride.

The Academy at Shawnee's student attendance rate has decreased, and the number of students who have missed 10% or more has increased. The number of behavior incidents at school has increased, as have the number of students involved in behavior events and bullying, and the number of events involving legal sanctions. Recruitment of teachers and more adult support for students are needed.

While the graduation rate has increased through the years, it is still at 83.8%. There is concern for the college going and career readiness rates. Students report a need for mental health support for students and safe spaces to grow and share. Only 65.53% of students reported on the comprehensive school survey that they feel part of the school community. Residents in the community desire more access to the Shawnee pool. There is an ongoing need for diverse summer and out of school opportunities for students.

3. Locally Set Indicators (based on Areas of Concern)

- #/% of classroom teachers who report that students' non-academic barriers are met allowing them to be more effective inside the classroom
- % of students reporting on the comprehensive school survey that they feel part of the school community

Strategies for Active Family and Community Engagement

- We will collaborate with ECHO, Shawnee Alumni Association, Shawnee Christian Health Center and other community members to offer an ongoing series of parent cafes, family engagement events, and family education opportunities from August 2024 through May 2025.
- The PTSA will continue to grow and engage more families to become an integral part of The Academy @ Shawnee. (July 2024 - June 2025)

Strategies for Integrated Student Supports

- Peace Education, Evolve 502 and other area health practitioners and providers will collaborate with existing school partners to offer mental health, conflict resolution and peer mediation training throughout the school year to increase student capacity in social and emotional learning. (Aug 2024 - May 2025)

Strategies for Expanded and Enriched Learning Time and Opportunities

- Elevate Louisville, Peace Ed, Evolve 502, and other collaborative partners will work with school programs to expand mental health, mentoring, conflict resolution and peer mediation services. (Sept 2024-Apr 2025)
- City Life, Beautiful As You Are and Young Life, will collaborate with neighborhood partners to offer diverse opportunities during the summer and throughout the school year. (July 2024-June 2025)

Strategies for Collaborative Leadership and Practices to Support High-Quality Teaching

- PD and travel opportunities will be offered to all stakeholders, including school staff, community partners, and families to increase capacity within the Community Schools Framework. (July 2024 - June 2025)
- The community schools coordinator will work within the community and region to build partnerships and enhance collaboration to increase access and improve outcomes for students and families including the expansion of The Academy @ Shawnee PTSA with assistance of the District 15 PTA president. (July 2024-June 2025)

Be a part of the change by attending an upcoming Community School Team meeting.

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- Full School Action Plan [Shawnee Action Plan](#)